

SERMON SERIES: A BIBLE BELIEVING CHURCH
DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CHURCH (Part 3)
(Matt 16:13-18)

INTRODUCTION:

The church is a called-out people. The church is a who, not a what. It is a living organism Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. The church is not a building, it is a Body of Believers, it is not a business, it is the Bride of Christ, chosen by the Father.

- **“¹⁵ He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? ¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matt 16:15-16).**

I. The Church is Described as “The Whole Family in Heaven and Earth” (Eph 3:15)

- A. The family of God consist of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Ps 90:2; Heb 2:10).**
- B. The family of God consist of all the Believers in Heaven and on Earth – past, present and in the future (Rom 8:16-17; 1 John 3:1-2; Gal 3:26).**
- C. The family of God consist of Angels (Matt 16:27; Luke 4:10; Rev 8:2).**

II. The Church is Described as “Children of Light” (Eph 5:8)

- A. The walk of “Darkness” (v. 8a; Gal 5:19-21; 1 John 1:5-6)**
- B. The walk of “Light” (v. 8b; Eph 5:9-10; Gal 5:22-23, 25)**
- C. Believers through union with Christ have become light – Believers are in Him –**
- D. Believers should have no fellowship with the unfruitful work of darkness**

III. The Church is Described as “A Glorious Church” (Eph 5:27)

- A. Glorious means held in honor, highly esteemed, splendid, distinguished, honorable, being bright.**
- B. In time past, Christ’s love was revealed in the Believer’s redemption. In the present, it’s seen in our sanctification. In the future, it will be exhibited in our glorification.**
- C. Jesus Christ Himself will present the church (Body of Believers) to himself a glorious church “not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be Holy and without blemish.”**
- D. Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it.**

IV. The Church is Described as “My Brethren” (Eph 6:10, 23)

- A. When Paul used the term “My Brethren,” He is referring to Believers in Christ Jesus – The Church.**
- B. As Paul is closing this letter – “Finally” – (v. 10).**
- C. Paul’s charge to Believers experiencing spiritual warfare (v 10b-c; Luke 1:37; Eph 3:16; 2 Tim 1:7)**
- D. Believers are to make use of “The Whole Armor of God” during spiritual warfare (v. 11, 13-18).**

V. The Church is Described as “Them that Love our Lord Jesus Christ in Sincerity” (Eph 6:24; Matt 22:37-38)

CONCLUSION:

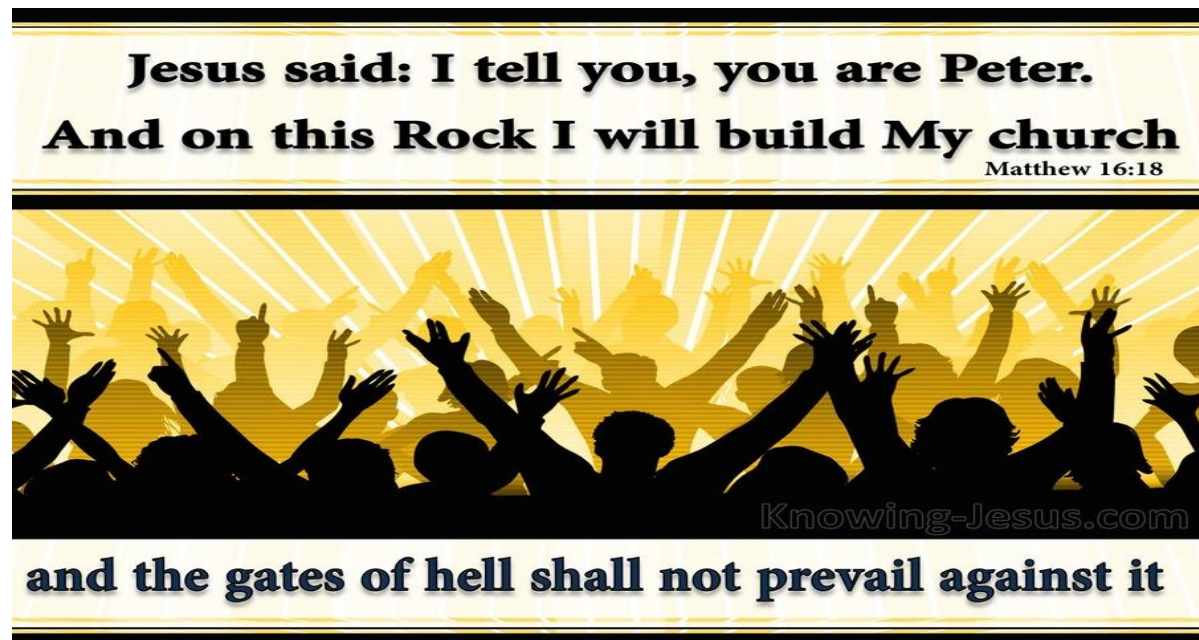
A. The church is described as: “The Whole Family in Heaven and Earth,” “Children of Light,” “A Glorious Church,” “My Brethren,” and “Them that Love our Lord Jesus Christ in Sincerity”

B. I’m So Glad I’m a Part of the Family of God

I’m so glad I’m a part of the Family of God,
I’ve been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His Blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod,
For I’m part of the family, The Family of God

C. A-B-C of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you’re a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).