



# **Jesus Will Build His Church**

***Matthew 16:18*** "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (NKJV)

# What is “church”?

- ⌘ The English word ‘church’ is derived from the Greek adjective *kyrialos* as used in some such phrase as *kyriakon dōma* or *kyriakē oikia*, meaning ‘the Lord’s house’, *i.e.* a Christian place of worship. (*New Bible Dictionary*)
- ⌘ ‘Church’ in the NT, however, renders Greek *ekklēsia*, which mostly designates a local congregation of Christians and never a building. (*New Bible Dictionary*)
- ⌘ Although Greek *ekklēsia* became a distinctively Christian word, it has both a Greek and an OT history.
- ⌘ In the Greek world it was used of a public assembly summoned by a herald (*ek*, “out.” and *kalein*, “to call”; cf. Acts 19:32,39f). (ISBE)
- ⌘ In the LXX, it was used for the Hebrew word *qāhāl*, which denotes the congregation or people of Israel, especially as gathered before the Lord (cf. Acts 7:38). (ISBE)

# How Does Jesus Build His Church?

⌘ *Matthew 16:18-19*

☑ He gave the Apostles authority from heaven

⌘ *Ephesians 2:19-22*

☑ It is built on Jesus and the Apostles

⌘ *1Corinthians 3:5-10*

☑ Different teachers work on building it up

⌘ *Ephesians 4:11-16*

☑ Every member plays a part in building the church

☑ How?

# Our Part In Building The Church

⌘ Personal spiritual growth

▣ 1 Peter 2:1-2; Hebrews 5:12-14

⌘ Consider, exhort and stir up each other

▣ Hebrews 10:23-25

⌘ Financially support the workers & the needy

▣ Laborer is worthy of his wages

▣ 1 Corinthians 9:7-14; 1Tim 5:17-18

▣ Sharing is a worthy sacrifice to God

▣ Philippians 4:14-18; Acts 4:34-35

▣ 1 Corinthians 16:1-3; 2 Corinthians 9:1-7