

Introduction

- I. Christ builds the church, which is compared to a temple building.
- II. Why does God use this figure of building?

I Will Build My Church

I. **Whose Church?**

- A. Christ says in Matt. 16:18, I will build **my church**. The church belongs to Christ.

- B. Because the church belongs to Christ, we trust in Him, not the church.

II. **How Is It Built?**

- A. Christ gathers, defends, and preserves His church **by His Word and Spirit**.

- B. By the Word and Spirit, Christ brings together a church agreeing in true faith.

III. **What Assurance Do We Have?**

- A. We need assurance personally that we belong to this church for two reasons:

- B. We have the assurance that we belong because it is not about worthiness, but the work of God.