



Christ Building His Church

Matthew 16:13-19

- 1) Not all will believe Jesus is the Christ (13-14)
- 2) Salvation is for those who know Jesus is *the Christ, the Son of the living God* (16)
- 3) Only God can enlighten us to who Jesus is (17)
 - a) Satan has blinded unbelievers (2 Cor. 4:4)
 - b) By grace God enables knowledge of Christ (John 6:44, 65)
 - c) God grants repentance to some (Acts 11:18)
 - d) God opens the hearts of His elect (Acts 16:14; cf. 13:48)
- 4) There is no fear of death for Christians (18)
 - a) As Christ defeated death, so too will His people
 - b) As believers, we comprise His Church
 - i) Founded on Jesus' words of promise
 - ii) Fed by Scripture written by Christ's apostles
- 5) We who possess the keys of truth must open the door for others (19)
 - a) We *bind* by forbidding actions Jesus (who is in heaven) forbade in Scripture
 - b) We *loose* by permitting what Jesus (who is in heaven) advocated in Scripture