I Will Build My Church
Matthew 16:13-20
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Main Point:
You have a significant part to play in the building of Christ's church; therefore, with confidence in His promise, do your utmost to build on behalf of your Savior.

1. Despite what others believe, Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

2. As the Christ, Jesus is building a church.

3. Jesus Christ builds His church through your proclamation of His gospel.

4. Nothing can stop Jesus' church from being built.

Quotations and Cross-References

2 Samuel 7:12-14 12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son … (NKJV)

Acts 20:28 28 "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. (NKJV)

Westminster Confession of Faith 25.1 The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of Him that filleth all in all.

1 Peter 2:5 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (NKJV)

Ephesians 2:19-22 19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, 21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (NKJV)

Dan Doriani "Speaking for the Lord, we say, 'Believe in Jesus and the door to eternal life is open to you, even now. Reject him and it is closed.'"

John Legg "Hades is the place of the departed, or death itself. Death symbolizes all the powers of evil and this may be our Lord's intention. The devil will resist Christ's building, but he cannot prevail against it."

John 6:37a 37 "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me … (NKJV)

Dan Doriani "Hell's defenses will not prevail as the gospel goes on the offensive to win people to Christ, to raise the dead to life. Hell cannot thwart the advance of the gospel. The church will overcome hell's defenses and Jesus will build his church."