

Jesus' Church

Purpose: To understand Jesus' church and His desire for us to be part of it

Matthew 16:18-19

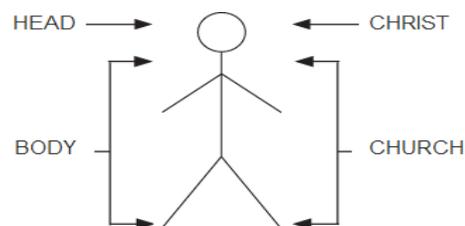
- Jesus gave Peter the keys to let all nations into His church.
- We must read the Bible to see what Peter and others taught about Jesus church.

Acts 2:36-41

- Outlines the message Peter taught when the church first began in Jerusalem.
- 3,000 were added to Jesus' church after they were cut to the heart, repented of their sin and baptized. They were baptized into Jesus' church (1 Cor.12:12-13).

Colossians 1:15-18

- Jesus' church was part of Jesus' plan. Not a human plan to change as we like.
- Who does the Bible say is the head of the church? Christ.
- Can we have a relationship with the head/Christ, if we're not part of the body?



Ephesians 2:19-21

- Jesus wants us to experience family in his church (members his household).
- Jesus wants members of His church to build their lives on the foundation of the Bible. The apostles (N.T.) & prophets (O.T.). Will you let the Bible define church?
- Jesus is the cornerstone. Are you willing to build your life to fit Jesus teachings?

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

- We're all baptized into the one body of Christ(Ephesians 4:4-6 & Romans 12:4-5).
- Every part of the body is important to Jesus. Are you willing to prioritize His body?
- We need each other in the church like we need each one of our body parts.
- If one part suffers, we all suffer. If one part rejoices, we all rejoice (relationships).

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

- God loves a cheerful giver. If you sow sparingly, you'll reap sparingly. If you sow generously, you'll reap generously. Do you believe our God is a generous God?
- Will you give a weekly offering to God, trusting, He will take care of your needs?

Hebrews 10:19-25

- Why do you think Jesus gave us His church? To encourage one another.
- The Church Jesus dreamed of would help each other make it to heaven.

Challenge: Stay connected to Jesus by staying connected to Jesus body (the church).