

# THIS IS THE HOUSE THAT JESUS BUILT

## INTRODUCTION

1. Text: Matthew 16:13-19.
2. The New Testament church is spoken of in two different senses — Universal and Local.
3. It is also spoken of in different figures (Ephesians 6:10ff; Matthew 21:28; Ephesians 5:22ff; 1 Corinthians 12:13ff.
4. None of these figures is as sweet and affectionate as the “family of God” (Ephesians 2:20; 1 Timothy 3:15).
5. **LEAD STATEMENT:** THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT HAS...

## **I. A SAVING CONFESSION**

- A. The Public Conception (v. 13,14).
- B. The Personal Confession (v. 16-18).

## **II. A SOVREIGN CONSTRUCTION**

- A. Jesus did not say:
  1. “You will build my church.”
  2. “I will build you a church.”
- B. 1 Corinthians 3:11.
- C. Petros vs Petra.

## **III. A SPIRITUAL COMPOSITION**

- A. 1 Peter 2:5 – “you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”
- B. 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Ephesians 4:3; Matthew 18:20 + Hebrews 10:25.

## **IV. A SINGULAR COMMISSION**

- A. “Key” = knowledge, truth.
- B. Luke 11:52; Isaiah 22:22 + Revelations 3:7; 1 Timothy 3:15; Proverbs 11:30.

## **V. A SETTLED CONSUMMATION**

- A. “...the gates of hades will not overpower it...”
- B. Death cannot contain those who are in the church (Hebrew 2:14 + John 11:25-26; 1 John 3:2; 1 Corinthians 15:55; Luke 20:36).

## CONCLUSION

1. Questions to ask:
  - a. What is its name?

- b. What are its identifying features? (worship, organization)
- c. What do they teach in regard to salvation? (cf. Acts 2:47)
- 2. L.O. Sanderson – “God’s family is His church divine—Begun, sustained by His wise design...Redeemed by His blood—what a purchase price! The kingdom of God and the saints’ abode; The realm of life for the sons of God.” (“The Church of God”; Christian Hymns II; pg. 372)
- 3. This congregation is the church of God in this place, and as such has a:
  - a. Saving Confession.
  - b. Sovereign Construction.
  - c. Spiritual Composition.
  - d. Singular Commission.
  - e. Settled Consummation.
- 4. Appeal.