

# The Church That Jesus Built

*“And upon this rock, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it...”*

**Matthew 16:18**

God is amazing. Since the fall of man as recorded in Genesis 3, God set in motion a plan to redeem man back to himself and, ultimately, destroy his, and our, adversary, the devil. From the call of Abram and the patriarchs to the establishment of Israel and the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, every aspect of God’s plan is falling into place. Now, in these last days, God has established the final piece of his plan of redemption. This final piece is comprised of those who God has called out from the world to focus on and carry out His will around the world so that mankind has the opportunity to be saved. They are his holy nation, his peculiar people and his chosen generation. This final piece was prophesied about by the prophets of Israel and promised by the Savior of the world. This final piece is the spiritual group to which all of those who are saved are added to by Christ himself and the devil will never be able to overcome it. This final piece of God’s plan to redeem man and destroy the adversary is none other than the church that Jesus built...the church of Christ.

Do you truly understand the purpose, promise and power of the church that Jesus built? Well, from June until the end of August, we will be discovering some important truths about the new testament church and its role and relevance to all of our lives. It is my hope and prayer that this understanding will help us develop a greater appreciation for the church that Jesus built as well as the One who built it and motivate us to reach and teach others so that they too can be added to it.

It is vitally important that we know the truth about the church that Jesus built because our adversary, through his false teachers and false teachings, has established many false churches when Christ only promised to build one. Therefore, I encourage you, whether you have been a member of the church of Christ for years or someone who is not a member but is seeking the truth, don’t miss these lessons that will be shared over the next few weeks. Make sure you are here and invite those who you care about to come as well. *“And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free”*