

WHAT IS THE CHURCH BUILT UPON?

In response to Peter's confession, Jesus declares truths concerning the nature of His Church in seed form
Matthew 16:18 part 1

- I. **THE CHURCH IS BUILT UPON A SOLID FOUNDATION: As Jesus declares truth concerning Peter, He reveals truth in seed form concerning the Foundation of the Church (18)**
 - A. **Preliminary questions** concerning the Church (ekklesia)

 - B. (Review) **The occasion** for Jesus' declaration: Peter's blessed confession, "You art the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (13-17)

 - C. **The Foundation of the Church revealed as Jesus declares truth concerning Peter (18a)**
 - 1. Jesus reminds Peter of the name he gave him: Petros or Rock (18a)

 - 2. Upon this "Petra" or Rock, Jesus will build His Church (18b)

- II. **WHAT or WHOM IS THIS FOUNDATION (Petra)?** Is it Peter (Petros), his confession, the Apostles Jesus or something else?
 - A. Is Peter himself the foundation of the church?

 - B. Is Peter's confession the foundation of the church?

 - C. Are the disciples the foundation of the church?

 - D. Is Jesus the foundation of the church?

 - E. **Scripture reveals the Church is built upon Christ through His Word which was brought forth by means of His disciples, more prominently, first through Peter (misc. passages)**