

Koinonia: Upon This Rock A Church is Built

Matthew 16:13-20 - 13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Introduction:

- Jesus was not looking for a pat on the back. Why? The question about the people's perception?
- Not for Himself, but for His Disciples. Why?
- Must first understand – gates of Hades (not necessarily hell, but death) separation: God, His Person, His Promises, His Power, His Place
- Their (our) understanding of Who He Is to us (because He is Who He Is regardless of what we think about Him) is the rock that causes the gates of Hades to not be able to prevail.
- Who is Jesus to us?

I. Savior

1. Redeems from curse (Deuteronomy 28 – sickness, poverty, defeat, despair, broken families)
 - A. Galatians 3:12-14 -12 Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."
13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
 - B. Read a little from Deuteronomy 28 – we are redeemed
2. Releaser from sin
 - A. Its Effects – Romans 8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
 - B. Its Hold –
 - a. II Peter 1:3 - 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,
 - b. Romans 6:14 - For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.
3. Restorer of life
 - a. John 10:10 - The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.
 - b. Proverbs 3:2 AMP - For length of days and years of a life [worth living] and tranquility [inward and outward and continuing through old age till death], these shall they add to you.

II. Healer

1. If He did, then He does
 - A. Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

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- B. Acts 10:38 - how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.
- 2. If He can, then He will
 - A. Matthew 8:2-3 - 2 And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." 3 Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
 - B. II Corinthians 1:19-21 AMP - 19For the Son of God, Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who has been preached among you by us, by myself, Silvanus, and Timothy, was not Yes and No; but in Him it is [always the divine] Yes. 20For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes [answer] in Him [Christ]. For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him [in His Person and by His agency] to the glory of God. 21But it is God Who confirms and makes us steadfast and establishes us [in joint fellowship] with you in Christ, and has consecrated and anointed us [enduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit];
- 3. If one part, then whole being
 - A. Sin, Healing –
 - a. Isaiah 53:5 - 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
 - b. Psalm 103:2-5- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
 - c. Matthew 9:4-6 - 4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? 5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? 6 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."
 - d. James 5:14-15 - 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

III. Baptizer with Holy Spirit

- 1. Fulfillment of Prophecy –
 - A. Acts 2:16-22 - 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 ' And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'
 - B. Errors:
 - a. Singular Purpose – establish church or empower church
 - b. Season of Time – scripture written or scripture fulfilled

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2. Weight of Priority

- a. Weight of Wait (If you are not willing to wait, you are not qualified to preach) – Acts 1:4-5 - 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
- b. Weight of Mention – Not mentioning OT: baptism Holy Spirit, tongues, Promise of Father, Filled with Spirit, praying in the Spirit

3. Source of Power

- A. Acts 1:8 - But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- B. I Corinthians 2:4-5 - 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human[a] wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

- IV. Soon Coming King – John 14:1-3 - 1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions;[a] if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.[b] 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

1. Prepared Place
2. Promised Event
3. Personal Mission

Conclusion:

- The greater the revelation of Who He is, the greater the revelation of who you are
- As He is, so are you in this world