

The Church

Matthew 16:13-19

- I. The Belief of the Church
 - A. Who do men say that I am?
 - B. Who do you say that I am?
 - C. Startling Statistics.
 1. 35 % of Americans attend church once a week.
 2. 8 % of Americans attend church almost every week.
 3. 11 % of Americans attend church once a month.
 4. 25 % of Americans seldom attend church.
 5. 20 % of Americans never attend church.
- II. The Foundation of the Church.
 - A. You are Peter.
 1. Peter = Petros = pebble
 2. Psalm 18:2
 - B. Upon this rock I will build my church.
 1. Rock = Petra = bedrock
 2. This type is large, firm, and immovable.
 3. Jesus is the rock on whom the church is built.
 4. 1 Corinthians 3:11
- III. The Definition of the Church.
 - A. Church = Ecclesia = Assembly
 - B. The church is a local, visible, body of saved, baptized believers covenanted together to carry out the great commission.
 - C. The church is not an invisible, universal organization.
- IV. The Body of the Church.
 - A. The building process. 1 Peter 2:5
 - B. The United Body. Romans 12:4-5
- V. Keys to the Kingdom.
 - A. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.
 - B. Responsible Membership expected.
 - C. Romans 10:13-15