

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for July 13, 1986**

**Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church**  
**Matthew 16:18-20**  
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Introduction:

Roots: The very earliest statement Christ made about His Church. Jesus knew that Israel had rejected Him as the Messiah and knew of His pending death.

Body:

1. The foundation of the church, the good foundation.

Who is the foundation, the rock that the church is built upon? **Romans 3:11**, The Lord Jesus Christ.

But the rock of Matthew **16:18** is Peter. How can Peter be the foundation? Jesus is speaking to the disciples and Peter was the spokesman for the disciples.

**Ephesians 2:20**, “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets”

**Acts 2:37-42**, The apostles proclaim the gospel of Christ.

How are the apostles the foundation? They proclaimed the gospel and continued to proclaim it. They laid down the truth (**Hebrews 2:2-3**).

The apostles’ doctrine is the foundation we build upon. We need to understand this foundation.