

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 20, 1986

Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church
Part 2
Matthew 16:18-20
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Introduction:

What can encourage the church to keep going? This passage is a message of hope for the church; it will be built.

1. The Foundation of the Church

2. "I will build my Church" Christ is stating He is the one who will build His Church. It is His responsibility! We do have a part in the building of the church and our part is being obedient.

What should be our greatest concern as the church? To be a Church that Christ can build His Church through. To be lives that Christ can work through. To be a clean and holy vessel.

Prayer: Lord, build your church through me. For that to happen I must be clean and holy; obedient.

"The gates of Hades shall not over power it." Hades: the place of the dead. The gates of death shall not over power it. Death will not keep Christ from building His church.

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, Don't worry about the grave.

The world has tried to destroy the church by the killing of Christians. This would not destroy the Church for it is Christ's and He will build it.

"I will give the keys to the Kingdom." This is tremendous power! Authority has been given to us.

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