

WHY THE CHURCH?
Matthew 16:13-19

INTRODUCTION

Why the Church? This is a relevant question today!

We need the church because of...

- I. THE SAVING BELIEF OF THE CHURCH**
 - A. IT INVOLVES A PERSONAL CONVICTION ABOUT CHRIST
 - B. IT INVOLVES A PERSONAL CONFESSION OF CHRIST
 - C. IT INVOLVES A PERSONAL CONVERSION TO CHRIST

- II. THE SOVEREIGN BUILDER OF THE CHURCH**
 - A. THE CHURCH IS BUILT BY JESUS, ON JESUS, AND FOR JESUS
 - B. THE CHURCH IS BUILT OUT OF PEOPLE

- III. THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE OF THE CHURCH**
 - A. THE CHURCH IS ON THE OFFENSIVE
 - B. HELL'S GATES CAN'T STAND UP AGAINST THE CHURCH

- IV. THE SACRED BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH**
 - A. KEYS IMPLY AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY
 - B. KEYS ARE THE SAVING GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

CONCLUSION

Jesus is going to build His Church. Will you be a part of it?