



Hope in Christ's Vision for the Church

Matthew 16:15-19

¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered 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 tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

- I. Our Hope is that the Church is being built on Christ, by Christ, to be all about Christ**

- II. Our Hope is that the Church is being built by Christ to be engaged in His Mission**

- III. Our Hope is that the Church is being built by Christ through His followers who exercise His authority**