

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

MORNING MESSAGE

"Introducing the Church of Jesus Christ"

Matthew 16:13-20

- I. THE CONFESSION OF THE CHURCH (vv.13-17)
  - A. The first question was asked publicly (v.13)
    - 1. The first question answered publicly (v.14)
  - B. The further question was asked personally (v.15)
    - 1. The further question answered personally (v.16)
- II. THE CORNERSTONE OF THE CHURCH (v.18)
  - A. The foundation of the church (v.18a)
    - 1. Deuteronomy 32:4, "He is the rock. His work is perfect"
    - 2. Psalm 18:12, "the Lord is my rock and my fortress"
    - 3. 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, "I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ"
    - 4. Ephesians 2:20, "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone"
    - 5. 1 Peter 2:5-6, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him (Jesus) shall not be confounded"
  - B. The force of the church (v.18b)
- III. THE CONVICTIONS OF THE CHURCH (vv.19-20)
  - A. The authority of the church (v.19)
  - B. The assignment of the church (v.20)