YOUTH CONFERENCE
30 November 2026 – 3 December 2026
"Hold fast what you have" Revelation 3:11

Pre-Youth Conference Special 28 November 2026
3.00pm

Title: "I will build My Church" Matthew 16:18
Texts: Matthew 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Acts 1-4

INTRODUCTION

1. What is our understanding of the Church?

2. How did the Lord Jesus describe the Church?

THE CONCEPT OF THE CHURCH

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

14 So they said, "Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 Jesus answered and said to 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 also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

Matthew 16:13-20

1. Where is Caesarea Philippi?

a) Northern part of Israel

b) Base of Mt. Hermon

c) Near one of the two Sources of the River Jordan

2. What was the old name of Caesarea Philippi?

a) Paneas

b) Named after the Greek God Pan

3. Why was it changed to Caesarea Philippi?

a) King Philip was one of the sons of King Herod

b) He was called a Tetrarch

c) He wanted to honour Caesar Augustus, the emperor of Rome

d) He added his own name after Caesar's (Caesarea Philippi)

4. What was the place famous for?

a) It was the site of a number of Temples

   i) Greek Temples

   ii) Roman Temples

b) There were a number of thriving towns in this Northern region

5. Why was this place significant?

a) Peter identified the Lord correctly

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" Matthew 16:16

b) A special word of promise was declared by the Lord Jesus concerning the building of the Church!

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Matthew 16:17-19

i) God the Father has revealed a great Truth to Peter

ii) That the Lord Jesus is indeed the Christ (The Anointed One), the Son of God

iii) The Lord Jesus Himself would be committed to building His Church

iv) The gates of Hades will not prevail against what the Lord will build

v) Special authority was given to the Apostles

vi) This authority was called "the keys of the kingdom of heaven"

THE CONCEPT OF THE CHURCH BECAME CONCRETE

4 And being assembled together with *them,* He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said,* "you have heard from Me;

5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:4-8

1. Post-Resurrection of the Lord Jesus

2. Promise of Power from the Holy Spirit

THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.

6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?

8 And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?

9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

11 Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?"

13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

Acts 2:1-13

1. The Promise of the Lord Jesus was fulfilled

2. The Person of the Holy Spirit came upon the Church in Jerusalem

3. Great Power was given to all who were filled with the Spirit of God

CONSEQUENCES OF BEING FILLED

40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

47 praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:40-47

1. The Church began with 120 founding members Acts 1:15

2. The Church added 3000 new believers at Pentecost Acts 2:41

3. The believers Continued to make good progress

   a) They gladly received the Word of God

   b) They sought Baptism

   c) They continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship

   d) In the breaking of bread and prayers

   e) They expressed great care and concern for one another

   f) There was much joy among the brethren

   g) The Lord continued to add to the growth of the Church

CHALLENGING LESSONS

1. To understand the significance of the Church

2. To desire to be part of the Lord's Design and Plan for the Church

3. To learn much concerning:

   a) The Lord Jesus Christ

   b) The Church

   c) The Holy Spirit and His filling/ empowering

   d) To be part of the vibrant Church community