

“Jesus Builds the Church”

*Matthew 16:18
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“I will build My Church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it”

1. Jesus owns the Church

“My Church”

- A. He designed the Church before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4-12)
- B. He purchased the Church with His own blood (Acts 20:28)
- C. He is the Head of the Church (Ephesians 5:23)

2. Jesus grows the Church

“I will build”

- A. Through the Person of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8)

- B. Through the Truth of His Word (Romans 1:16; Hebrews 4:12)

- C. Through the Service of His people (Ephesians 3:20-21)

3. Jesus sustains the Church

“the gates of death will not prevail”

- A. He guarantees His ongoing presence (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5)
- B. He guarantees ultimate victory over our enemies (Romans 8:31-39)
- C. He guarantees our ultimate completion and perfection (Ephesians 5:25-27)