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"I will build my church"
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“My” marks Christ's ownership of the church

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord. There is no other foundation (1Co 3:11). Only he is the chief corner stone, no one else (Eph 2:20). Only his blood purchased the church of God, nobody else's (Act 20:28). The church is his bride whom he loves. She belongs to no other (Eph 5:25-27). Christ does not own any denomination.

“Church” marks Christ's call

Jesus calls everyone into his one true church the "called out" people. (That's the meaning of ekklesia the Greek word for church). Jesus calls nobody into any denomination (1Pe 2:9, 2Tm 1:9).

Conclusion

In every word of the statement "I will build my church" we are brought to the realization that Christ's church is what we should be restoring and establishing in the world.

We should not replace it with anything else nor join ourselves to a "church" that someone else has founded.

Let's work together in going back to the one true church of Christ. No other "church" will do.

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Marks of Christ's Church (1)

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Jesus told Peter, "I will build my church" (Mtt 16:15-19). Soon after he died and arose from the dead, he did exactly that —He built his church, and he has been building it ever since. Well then, what is this church?

The church is people.

Jesus built his church not of wood and stone, but of people. Peter was one of them, a part of the church's "foundation of the apostles and prophets" (Eph 2:20).

Peter, like the other apostles, became a part of the church's one foundation. But he did this only by preaching the truth about Jesus Christ, "the chief corner stone" (Eph 2:20) so that all who follow that truth may be a part of the church too.

The church is not a hierarchy of bishops and priests. All who make Christ the foundation of their lives, and obey him in faith, become stones in the temple of God. All such people are the church of Christ. (Eph 2:19-21, 1Pe 2:4-8).```