The church is what Jesus built.

Jesus did not say to Peter, "I will build your church". He said, "I will build my church". It is not "the church of Saint Peter". It is the church of Christ. Jesus is the true rock, and the church has "no other foundation" and no other founder. (1Co 3:11).

Many denominations exist, all built and founded by someone other than Jesus. The church is not one of these. The church existed before any of these denominations. It did not arise out of them, and they did not arise out of it. They are separate "buildings" which the Lord did not build.

The church is the bride Jesus purchased with his blood.

Only the church that Jesus built was "purchased with his own blood" (Acts 20:28), and is the bride he loves (Eph 5:25).

Christ doesn't have a harem. He doesn't have several different brides. He did not purchase any denomination with his blood, nor take any denomination as his bride.

The church is what we are baptized into.

The church, as S.J.Stone wrote, is Christ's "new creation by water and the word" (Eph 5:26).

When a person is baptized in Christ's name, what church is that person baptized into? One of the denominations? No, one is baptized into Christ and into the church of Christ. "For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body" (1Co 12:12-13).

The church is not like ice cream.

Some people talk about "the church of your choice". They think of the church like ice cream that comes in various forms and flavours. You can choose any flavour you like. You can give it up when you are tired of it and feel like trying another sort of ice cream.

But when it comes to choosing a church, what shall we choose? We can either "be tossed about by every wind of doctrine", or "build on the rock" of Christ's truth in love (Eph 4:14-15, Mtt 7:24).

This applies not only to individual life, but to the collective life of the church. There is really only one church for a Christian to choose, and only one church for any church to be: the church that Jesus loved and died for.

εκκλεσία

The word for church in the original Greek is εκκλεσία (ekklesia) meaning “called out”.

“I will build my church”

“I” marks the Lordship of Christ

Nobody else is in a position to say what follows this "I". Jesus is the only rightful founder and head of the church, not you or me or someone else no matter how eminent. It's the same "I" as in "I am the way the truth and the life" (Jhn 14:6). Who else can say that?

“Will” marks the authority of Christ.

His will is supreme except for the will of his Father. Again I shall speak somewhat harshly, yet I hope appropriately. It is surprising how many believers in Christ proceed according to what pleases them, without bothering to ask if it pleases Christ and seeking their Master's authority. We have his authority to build nothing in his name, save that which he would build. When was it ever his will to build a denomination? Whatever is not according to his will is contrary to it.

“Build” marks the work of Christ

Promoting a denomination is not the work of Christ. Only in building the church Christ died for are we doing Christ's work. In building a denomination, we are working for somebody else and doing somebody else's work, not the Lord's.