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## How the Church is Built

Matthew 16:13-20

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## Matthew

- **The Messiah is Jesus**
- **The community He formed is the continuation and completion of true Judaism**

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### **Matthew 16:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,  
 “Who do people say the **Son of Man** is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied,  
 “Some say John the Baptist;  
 others say Elijah;  
 and still others, Jeremiah  
 or one of the prophets.”

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**Matthew 16:15-16**

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you [all]?” he asked.

“Who do you [all] say **I** am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered,

“You are the **Messiah**, the **Son of the living God.**”

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**Matthew 16:17-19**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but **by my Father in heaven.**

<sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are **Peter**, and on **this rock** I will build **my church**, and the **gates of Hades** will not overcome it.

<sup>19</sup> I will give you the **keys of the kingdom of heaven**; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

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## **Peter and the early church**

### **Peter opened the church to...**

- **Jewish** people: Pentecost and 3,000 new people
- **Samaritans**: confirming them, Spirit given
- **Gentiles**: opening the way to Cornelius

### **Peter closed the church to...**

- Ananias and Sapphira
- Simon the Sorcerer

**...by effectually declaring God's Word**

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## **Matthew 16:20**

<sup>20</sup> Then he [Jesus] ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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## **Ephesians 2:19-20**

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

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## **1 Peter 2:4-5**

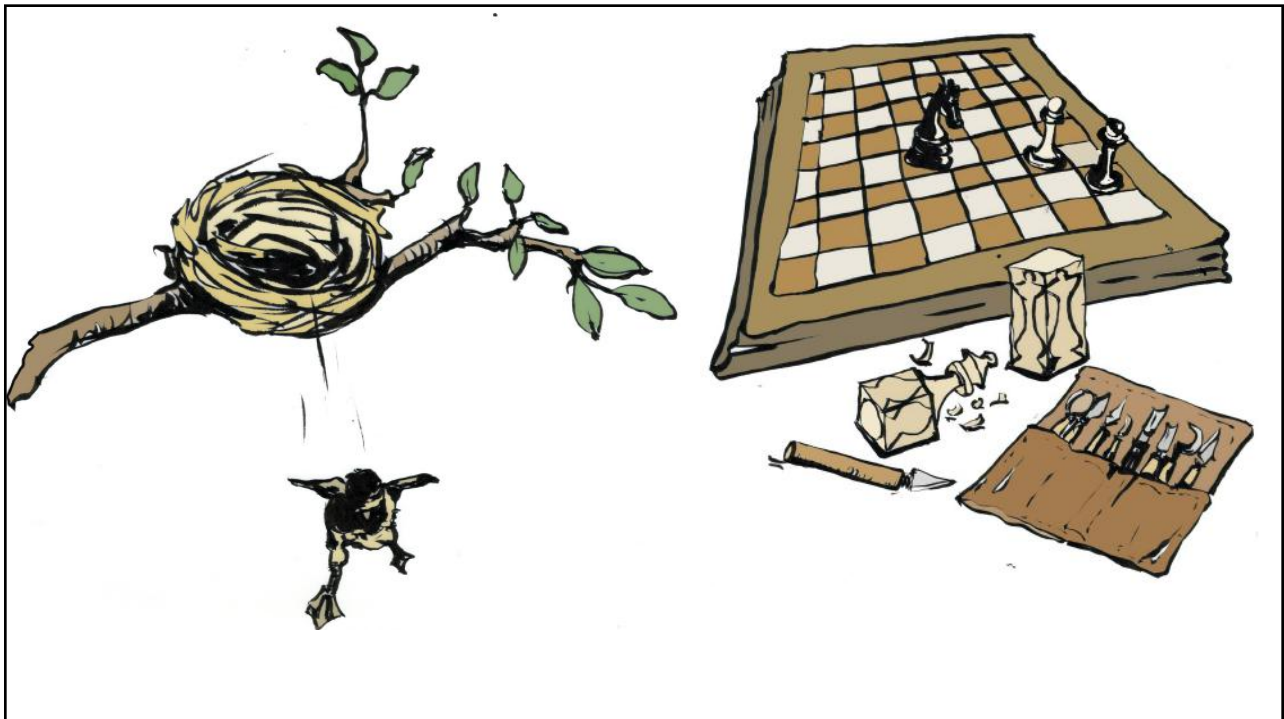
As you come to **him, the living Stone**—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—**you also, like living stones**, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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## **What are we to do?**

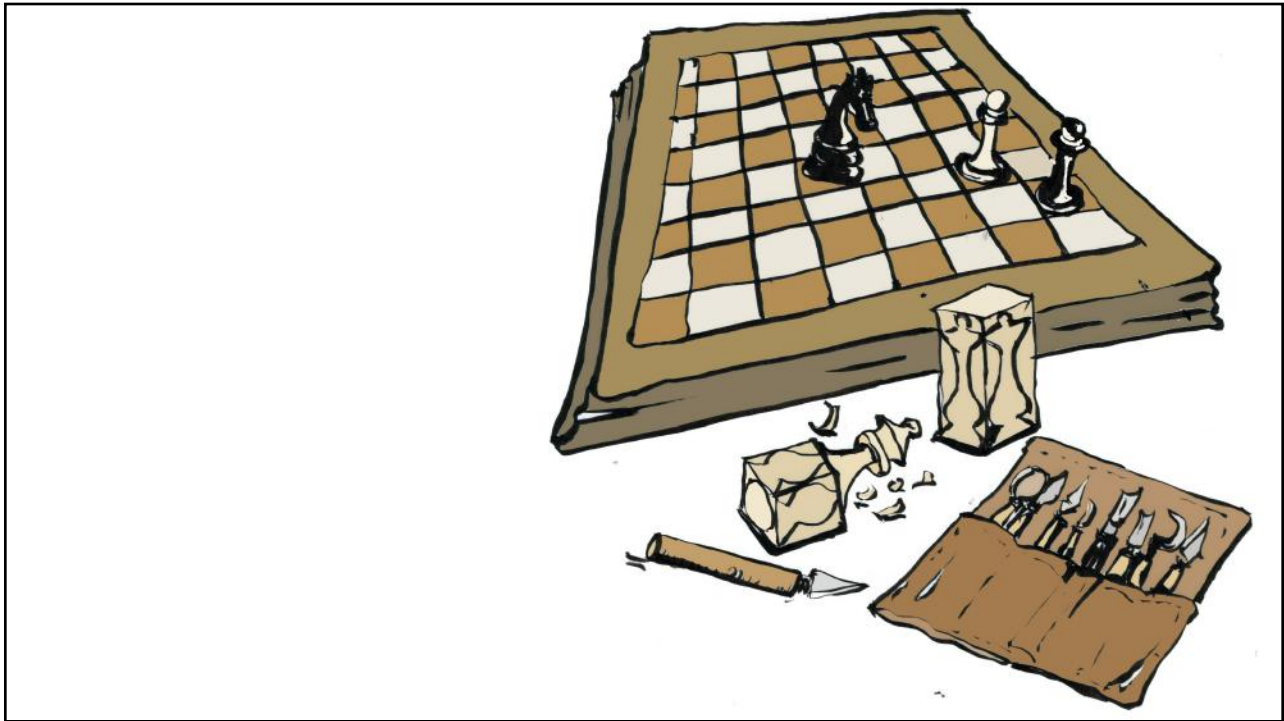
**Recognize Jesus as builder-on-people  
of the Church**

- Confidence and peace

**Boldly do the work of the church as God calls**

- "As each part does its part"
- Value your part
- Value the other parts
- Because our parts really matter!
- **What a privilege!**

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*And I tell you that you are Peter,  
and on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.  
Matthew 16:18*

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