

THE ROCK

Matthew 16:13-18

Rock refers to:

- A. Big rock (rock climbing wall)
- B. Peter (one of the Twelve)
- C. Believers (named Jesus as Christ/Savior)

I. There is an entity called the Church.

Ekklesia = Called out ones.
= Called out assembly.

To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours. 1 Corinthians 1:2

- A. It is the Bride of Christ. Eph. 5:31-32
- B. Only entity that deals with eternity. Eph. 3:10
- C. Jesus is coming back for the Church.

John 14:3-4
1 Thess. 4:16-17

II. There will be an attack (battle).

Cf. Ephesians 6:10-13

Good news: Church will be triumphant.

*The **gates** of hell will not **prevail**. Matthew 16:18b*

God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. Daniel 2:44

III. Jesus has called you into His Church.

I will build my church... Matthew 16:18b

- A. It should be a Priority. Hebrews 10:25
- B. We're called to Participate. Eph. 4:11-16
- C. It deserves Perfect faithfulness. Rev. 2:10
- D. Are you Passionate? Eph. 5:25

The Signature of Jesus

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