

The Church and the Gates of Hades (Matt. 16:18) **12/6/2015**

Review

We've been looking at the ultimate question that every person must face:

_____?

Peter's answer forcefully did two things: it identified Jesus as _____, and it identified Jesus as _____.

Jesus introduces the _____ as something that He will build (*to put together*) by combining parts and materials.

The church belongs to _____.

This would be something new and _____, for in His church, Jesus Christ would unite believing _____ and _____ and form a new temple, a new body.

Jesus was praising Peter for his accurate statement about Him, and was _____ His work of building the church on _____.

The _____ of the church is the revelation of God given through His _____, and the Lord of the church is the _____ of that foundation.

Paul says in [1 Corinthians 3:11](#) – *For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

What Are the Gates of Hades?

Gates =

Hades =

Cross references on Hades/Sheol:

Hades is the _____ state between life on earth and hell, and is best represented by our word for _____. It is the place where the lost await the final _____ and being cast into Gehenna, the place of eternal _____.

Notes on [the gates of Hades](#):

The gates of Hades are a _____ from which no human has been able to break free on his own.

Why Will the Gates of Hades Be Unable to Overpower the Church?

[Will not overpower](#) =

Jesus was declaring that death has no power to hold God's redeemed people _____.

[Acts 2:24](#) – *But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.*

For the believer, to be _____ from the body is to be _____ with the Lord.

The overall meaning is that the gates of Hades stand for the ungodly forces of the underworld which cannot _____ souls from being added to the _____.

[Revelation 1:18-19](#) assures us that our Lord has the _____ to the gates of both death and _____.

Assurance a believer receives from these passages:

[Hebrews 2:9-16](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:52-57](#)