

## **What Makes A Church**

**Matthew 16:13–20 (NIV) — (13)** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” **(14)** They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” **(15)** “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” **(16)** Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” **(17)** Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. **(18)** 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. **(19)** 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.” **(20)** Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### **I) A Church That Is United**

**Acts 4:32 (NIV) — (32)** All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

### **II) A Church That Is Evangelistic**

**Acts 1:8 (NIV) — (8)** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

**Matthew 28:18–20 (NIV) — (18)** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **(19)** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **(20)** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

### **III) A Church That Truly Believes**

**Acts 2:42 (NIV) — (42)** They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Hebrews 11:6 (NIV) — (6)** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

### **IV) A Church That Is Dedicated To Holiness**

**Leviticus 11:45 (NIV) — (45)** I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

**Hebrews 12:14 (NIV) — (14)** Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

### **V) A Church That Is Looking To Him Not Programs, Not Fads But Jesus**