

find two interesting and powerful ideas. For one, Peter boldly replied to Jesus' question in Matthew 16:15-16 "...Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." This is one of the major saving parts of the gospel message. The second point of interest is that Jesus told him that this message was not revealed to him by flesh and blood "...but by my Father in heaven." (verse 17) Not only did Peter know who Jesus was, it was revealed to him by God Almighty through Divine inspiration. This rock Jesus was talking about was himself and his message. Peter clarifies this in 1Peter 2:4-5 "As you come to **him**, the **living Stone**—rejected by men 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..." In verse 8 Peter clarifies that disobedience to his message is what causes men to stumble and fall. (He also quotes Isaiah 8:14)

Just as God created man and gave him the breath of life, so he builds his Church through men and makes it alive. He takes this saving message of His Love for us, and loves others through us while developing and ministering to all parties. He manifests himself to the world through believers, and if we indeed do believe, we will show His Love to others by delivering to them this message and in doing so we will add stones and build on this rock solid foundation, which also testifies of His residence in us. "**By the grace God has given me**, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and **someone else is building on it**. But each one should be careful how he builds. **For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.**" (1Cor3:10-11NIV)

α 1Corinthians 11:1 and Hebrews 13:17 were quoted in KJV because they were taught in KJV. Check other translations to understand significance.

β pet'-ros(Peter Πέτρος) ε pet'-ra(Rock πέτρα) E-Sword Greek Lexicon

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WELCOME

to the
Church of Christ
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:
The purpose for Bible miracles in the
New Testament
Hebrews 2:1-4



Congregational Meeting Times:

Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship Service 10:30 am
Evening Service 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am
Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Visitors

The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.

Important dates to remember:

January:

Sun. 15th - Men's business meeting at the bldg, 4:15pm
Sun. 22nd - Last Sunday of the month singing during evening services

Fellowship Opportunities:

Sun. 15th - **Group 2** meets following evening services
Fri. 27th - Family Night Potluck at the Uptegrove's home, 6:30pm

Notes:

Teacher's meeting for all current teachers, parents of children, and any members interested in possibly helping out in the bible classes at some point. Date and Time to be announced.

The Ladies class that was planned for today has been cancelled.



Ladies House to House Fellowship

We are starting a new book, it is from the Life Principles Study Series
Lesson Book: "Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"

Next class: Sunday, **March 15th** at **Mavrey Uptegrove's** home.

Please prepare lesson 1. If you do not have a lesson book, please see Mavrey Uptegrove.

April 19th - Jennifer Stiltz

MEMBER'S CORNER

Classes

Growing Kids God's Way: Tuesdays at 6:45pm at the Stiltz home.

New Converts Class: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 5:00 at the building. See Mike for details.

Young Adults Class: Friday nights at Steve Sarff's home. See Caleb for details.

The Foundation of the Church

By Joshua Empringham

For a long time I was under the impression that the Church was built by the apostle Peter. My reasoning came from certain principles taught to me in the past, thus affecting my worldview. This idea was also supposedly confirmed by what Jesus said to Peter in Matthew chapter sixteen "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." (Matthew 16:19 NIV) this verse, along with others are popular because they render certain "pastors" with more doctrinal authority. (i.e. "Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ" (1Cor11:1 KJV a), "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves..." (Heb 13:17 KJV a), and many other verses declaring apostleship) I later realized that these verses written then, should not be used to falsely affirm one's authority now, but should be used to build our faith in God's ability to inspire words that have ever-relevant application..

"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 NIV) What **rock** was Jesus talking about? Was he really saying that he would build his church on the apostle **Peter**? (Greek word for "Peter" meaning 'a piece of rock' b) What did Jesus mean by "...and on this **rock**..." (Greek word for "rock" meaning 'a mass of rock' c) Jesus was not talking about the apostle Peter, nor was he talking about an actual literal rock or mountain. In the context of what was recently revealed we

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