

DO WE UNDERSTAND THE TRUE NATURE OF THE CHURCH?

**In response to Peter's confession, Jesus declares truths concerning the invincible nature of His Church
Matthew 16:18 part 2**

- I. Review: **THE CHURCH IS A LIVING ORGANISM NOT AN ORGANIZATION** (Misc. Passages)

- II. Review: **JESUS IS THE HEAD OF HIS CHURCH: He says it is "My Church"** (18a)

- III. Review: **JESUS BUILDS HIS CHURCH UPON HIMSELF THROUGH HIS WORD:**
Scripture reveals the Church is built upon Christ through His Word which was brought forth by means of His disciples, more prominently, first through Peter (18a, misc. Script)

- IV. **JESUS' CHURCH IS INVINCIBLE:** Not even man's greatest enemy will overcome it (18b)
 - A. **What are the "gates of Hades"?** (18b)
 1. Is it Satan and his evil demonic forces?

 2. Is it Hell?

 3. Is it death?

 - B. **How is it the "gates of Hades" will not prevail over His Church?** (18b)

 - C. **The glorious implications revealed from Scripture**