

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE GREAT CHURCH

1. *The Great Confession* (Matthew 16:13–20)
2. *The Great Communion* (Matthew 26:26–29)
3. *The Great Commandment* (Matthew 22:34–40)
4. *The Great Commission* (Matthew 28:18–20)
5. *The Great Celebration* (Revelation 16:1–10)

THE GREAT CONFESSION

(Matthew 16:13–20)

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?”

14 So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

THE GREAT CONFESSION

(Matthew 16:13–20)

15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”

THE GREAT CONFESSION

(Matthew 16:13–20)

18 “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ. *(cf. Matthew 8:4; 12:16)*

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“Church” – “Ekklesia”

Assembly of the “Called–Out Ones”

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*Cornerstone
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1

***Cornerstone
of the Church***

“Coming to Him as to a living stone ... you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house ... ‘Behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.’”

(1 Peter 2:4–6)

THE GREAT CONFESSION

(Matthew 16:13–20)

2

*Constructor
of the Church*

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THE GREAT CONFESSION

(Matthew 16:13–20)

2

***Constructor
of the Church***

“So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.”

(1 Corinthians 3:7,8)

THE GREAT CONFESSION

(Matthew 16:13–20)

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*Conquest
of the Church*

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THE GREAT CONFESSION

(Matthew 16:13–20)

3

***Conquest
of the Church***

“There Christ defeated all powers and forces. He let the whole world see them being led away as prisoners when he celebrated his victory.”

(Colossians 2:15 CEV)

THE GREAT CONFESSION

(Matthew 16:13–20)

- 1. Cornerstone of the Church*
- 2. Constructor of the Church*
- 3. Conquest of the Church*

THE GREAT CONFESSION

(Matthew 16:13–20)

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9,10)

“Proclaim His Praises!”