

The Glorious Bride of Christ

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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. 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.

Matthew 16:18-19

And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Matthew 18:17-18

○ Church -- *Meaning*

○ Church -- *Usage*

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- The catholic or universal church, which (with respect to the internal work of the Spirit and truth of grace) may be called invisible, consists of the whole number of the elect, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ, the head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all¹.

2LCF C26 Paragraph 1

¹Hebrews 12:23; Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 1:10, 22, 23; 5:23, 27, 32

- All persons throughout the world, professing the faith of the gospel, and obedience unto God by Christ according unto it, not destroying their own profession by any errors everting the foundation, or unholiness of conversation, are and may be called visible saints;² and of such ought all particular congregations to be constituted.³

2LCF C26 Paragraph 2

²1 Corinthians 1:2; Acts 11:26

³Romans 1:7; Ephesians 1:20-22

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*but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God,
which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.*

1 Timothy 3:15

*And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,
for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

Ephesians 4:11-12

*To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church
to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places,
according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,*

Ephesians 3:10-11

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Notes/Questions