



"THE CHRISTIAN AND THE CHURCH"

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SIX IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT THE CHURCH

1ST – THE DEFINITION OF THE CHURCH

Matthew 16:18 (NKJV) **"I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."**

2ND THE METAPHORS OF THE CHURCH

Acts 22:4 **"And I persecuted the followers of the Way, hounding some to death, arresting both men and women and throwing them in prison."**

3RD THE BUILDER OF THE CHURCH

Matthew 16:18 **"I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."**

1 Timothy 2:4 **"He wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth."**

4TH THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

Matthew 16:18 (NKJV) **"You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church,"**

Matthew 16:16 **"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."**

1 Corinthians 3:11 **"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ."**

5TH THE INVINCIBILITY OF THE CHURCH

John 16:33 **"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."**

6TH THE DEVOTIONS OF THE CHURCH

Acts 2:42-47 **"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved."**

A – APOSTOLIC TEACHING

"There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth." John 16:12-13

C – CARING FELLOWSHIP

"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

T – TRANSFORMING WORSHIP

"I walked among the crowds of worshipers, leading a great procession to the house of God, singing for joy and giving thanks amid the sound of a great celebration!" Psalm 42:4

S – SPIRIT EMPOWERED PRAYER

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." James 5:16