

The Message Notes

Series: Back to the Basics

Message: *Back to Church Basics*

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Objective: We want to know who Jesus and the church is, and what is the guiding principle of the church.

1. Jesus is the _____: v.16. Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Messiah: The **Anointed One** that would restore the kingdom of Israel. He is the Prophet, Priest, and King.

2. Jesus is known by _____ v.17. Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.

“The church is built on the revelation of who Jesus Christ is not a reason.”

Reference: 1 Corinthians 12:3

- **Revelation** – spiritual insight to see as God sees
- **Reason** – mental insight to see as man sees

“If it does not make Spiritual sense then it is nonsense.”

3. Jesus builds His _____ v.18. Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”

Revelation: Jesus and the Church

- Jesus is the **Messiah**
- Church is the **Ecclesia** – “**called out**” assembly by a King, so they can hear the **desires** and **decrees** of the King and **spread** it through the empire.

Church is people, not a building: **Romans 16:5.** Also give my greetings to the **church** (called assembly) that **meets** in their **homes**. (NLT)

Guiding Principle: Christ builds His church based on an **effectual call** upon all those the Heavenly Father has **chosen** by the revelation of who Jesus is by the Father’s Spirit. Reference: John 6:44

Effectual call – an act of God’s Spirit, speaking through the human proclamation of the **gospel**, in which He **calls** people to himself in such a way they **repent** and put their **faith** in Christ. Reference: Acts 2:37-40

Purpose of the church:

1 Peter 2:9. But you are not like that, for you are a **chosen** people. You are **royal priests**, a **holy nation**, God’s very **own possession**. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he **called you out** of the **darkness** into his **wonderful light**.” (NLT)

Message of the church:

Mark 16:15. And then he told them, “Go into all the **world** and preach the **Good News** to everyone. (NLT)

Authority of the church:

Ephesians 1:22. God has put all things under the **authority** of Christ and has made him **head** over all things for the benefit of the **church**. **23.** And the church is his **body**, it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself. (NLT)

Belonging to the church:

Romans 12:4. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, **5.** so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all **belong** to each other.

Assemble with the church:

Hebrews 10:25. And let us not **neglect** our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. (NLT)

Fellowship with the church:

Acts 2:46. They **worshipped** together at the **Temple** each day, met in **homes** for the Lord’s Supper, and **shared** their meals with great joy and generosity-**47.** All the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all people. And each day the **Lord added** to their fellowship those who were being saved. (NLT)

Takeaway: The church basics is Christ builds His church on the proclamation of the gospel and an effectual call upon all those the Heavenly Father has chosen by the revelation of who Jesus is by the Holy Spirit.

The **four basics** of being part of the church is to assemble for Apostle’s doctrine, fellowship, communion, and prayer. Acts 2:42