

THE CHURCH CHRIST BUILT – 5
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MT. 16:18

REVIEW: Christ has preeminence; Word based, Spirit-filled; holy; praying; worshipping; soul winning; promotes unity.

CONTINUE: Triumphant, the gates of hell cannot prevail against.

INTRODUCTION: Jesus alluded to the Jews beliefs that hell has three gates. One in the wilderness, one in the sea, and one in Jerusalem. They speak of an angel with three keys that open three doors. They say “Dumah” was appointed over hell, and with him are many destroying angels. Those who keep the holy covenant can’t be brought in, those who don’t can. **IS. 14:9**

Jesus meant that all the powers of hell combined, with all their united strength will never prevail over His church. Neither will death or the grave prevail over God’s people. **1 COR. 15:55-58**

THE FOUNDATION BEING THE KEY

MT. 7:24-27

1. He contrasts two kinds of people.
 - A. Wise – Having good sense or judgment. Builds on the foundation of Christ.
 - B. Foolish – Lacking good sense or judgment. Do things their way.
2. He contrasts two kinds of responses.
 - A. Does the Word – **LUKE 5:1-7**
 - B. Doesn’t do the Word – **LUKE 6:46**
3. He contrasts two foundations.
 - A. Solid – **EPH. 2:19-22** – Three components.
 - B. Sandy – **1 COR. 3:11-15** – The crack in the wall.
4. He contrasts two kinds of results.
 - A. The wise builder’s house wasn’t damaged by the storm.

- B.** The foolish builder's house suffered great loss.
- Both answered to the same God, heard the same word, and experienced the same storm.
 - It's the foundation our life is built on that determines the results we get when life's storms come our way.
 - **2 TIM. 2:15-22**

SERMON ON THE MOUNT PERSONAL EVALUATION

5. How would we rate ourselves on a scale from 1-10, 10 being excellent?
- A.** Humility.
 - B.** Remorseful for personal sin.
 - C.** Meekness.
 - D.** Hunger and thirst.
 - E.** Merciful.
 - F.** Pure in heart.
 - G.** Being a peacemaker.
 - H.** Salt and light.
 - I.** Keeping the love commandment.
 - J.** Dealing with anger.
 - K.** Controlling the thought life.
 - L.** Honoring my marriage vows, and my word.
 - M.** Giving, praying, and fasting without fanfare.
 - N.** Storing up heavenly treasures.
 - O.** Not worrying.
 - P.** Judging myself not others.
 - Q.** Asking, seeking and knocking.
 - R.** Doing to others what I want done to me.
 - S.** Guarding against false prophets
 - T.** Doing the will of God.

CONCLUSION: In order to have a strong spiritual foundation, we must know the Word and act on the Word before the storms come. We follow the example of Peter by acting on the Word even if it's illogical. Peter went from casting down a net, to walking on water, to raising the dead. The foundation involves being strong in the Lord, not in our own strength.