

Matthew
16:13-19

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS UNIQUE

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

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“UNIQUE” DEFINED

- ▶ 1. Existing as the only one or as the sole example; single; solitary in type or characteristics
- ▶ 2. Having no like or equal; unparalleled; incomparable
- ▶ 3. Limited in occurrence to a given class, situation, or area
- ▶ 4. Limited to a single outcome or result; without alternative possibilities
- ▶ 5. Not typical; unusual

▶ [Dictionary.com](https://www.dictionary.com)

THIS UNIQUE CHURCH...

- ▶ Is the body of Christ
 - ▶ Ephesians 1:22, 23
- ▶ Is a body with many members
 - ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:12, 13
- ▶ It's members are a spiritual house & priesthood
 - ▶ 1 Peter 2:5
- ▶ It's members are a peculiar people
 - ▶ 1 Peter 2:9

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- ▶ God Purposed from Eternity
 - ▶ Ephesians 3:8-11; Daniel 2:44
- ▶ Jesus is The Builder, Head & Savior
 - ▶ Matthew 16:18; Colossians 1:18
 - ▶ Ephesians 1:22, 23, 5:23
- ▶ It Wears the Bridegroom's Name
 - ▶ John 3:29; Romans 7:4, 16:16
- ▶ Governed by Divine Authority
 - ▶ Matthew 28:18-20, 7:21-23; 1 Peter 4:11
 - ▶ 2 John 9-11; John 14:26

- ▶ The Pillar & Ground of the Truth
 - ▶ 1 Timothy 3:15; Romans 1:16
 - ▶ Galatians 1:6-9; Romans 6:3-5
- ▶ The Terms of Membership are Spirit Declared
 - ▶ John 14:26; 16:13; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:36-41
- ▶ Its Worship is Scriptural
 - ▶ John 4:23-24; Acts 2:42; 20:7; Ephesians 5:19
- ▶ It Has a Divinely Appointed Mission
 - ▶ 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 1 Peter 4:11
- ▶ Its Destiny is Heaven
 - ▶ 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS UNIQUE

- ▶ **This Church is Like No Other!**
- ▶ **It is Truly Unique!**
- ▶ **It is the Church of Christ!**

CONCLUSION

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood”

Acts 20:28