

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

A Revelation to the Church

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Jesus Turned to Peter and Said:

Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded [permission] to sift you like wheat;

Luke 22:32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

- Why did satan demand to sift Peter like wheat?

He was the one whom the Father gave the revelation of the Christ to:

Matthew 16:13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **14** And they said, "Some [say] John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal [this] to you, but My Father who is in heaven. **18** "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

- Upon this Rock, is the same rock mentioned 9 chapters earlier
- In Matt Chapter 7, the rock is revealed as those who hear the word of God and act upon it

Matthew 7:24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. **25** "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and [yet] it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

This is the Rock that Jesus Builds His Church Upon...

Jesus Goes on to Say:

Luke 6:46 KJV - And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

And James Says:

James 1:22 KJV -But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Head the Warning of Jesus:

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven [will enter.]

- Peter heard the word and acted upon it, confessing the Christ
- This is the Rock the true church will be built upon
- This is the church the gates of hell will not be able to prevail against

In chapter 7 the winds, the rain, the waves all speaking of demonic attacks will not be able to prevail against that rock

- God's true church hears the word and immediately acts upon it, in whatever fashion the Spirit requires

Matthew 16:18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. **19** "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

- The authority of the true church
- Whatever we permit shall be permitted
- Whatever we forbid shall be forbidden
- It is the Church that is holding the Antichrist back...

From the Very Moment Peter received the Revelation from the Father of the Christ, he became a Prophetic representation of the Church:

1. Peter heard the revelation of the Christ from the Father
2. Peter acted upon that revelation immediately
3. At that moment Peter became a piece of the Rock that Christ would build His church upon

Here is the Undeniable Truth, Agree with it or not, that will not Change the Truth:

- Immediately after Jesus reveals His Church for the First time
- And declares What His church shall be Built Upon
- He tells them not to tell anyone Who He is

Matthew 16:20 Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

Why?

John 6:44 "*No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.*

John 6:65 *And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."*

For this Reason, The True Church is Indestructible:

John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; **28** and I give eternal life to them, ***and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.***

John 10:29 "My Father, who has given [them] to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch [them] out of the Father's hand.

Jesus Confirms this in His Great Prayer of John 17:

John 17:12 "While I was with them, I was keeping them in Your name which You have given Me; and I guarded them and not one of them perished but the son of perdition, so that the Scripture would be fulfilled.

Remember, Peter after receiving the Revelation from the Father of the Christ, from that moment on represents the church

➤ And, right after receiving this revelation then gets deceived by satan and tries to talk Jesus out of going to the cross:

Matthew 16:21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day. **22** Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid [it,] Lord! This shall never happen to You." **23** But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

- Peter, who now represents the church, was deceived by satan
- The church today is being deceived by multiple different heresies and corrupted doctrines
- All of these heresies find they're origins from the devil
- And, they are intended to stop the progress of Christ in and through the church

Jesus said it, "***Many will come to Me in that day and say, Lord, Lord, didn't we do this and didn't we do that. And He will say depart from me, I never knew you.***"

Paul Prophesied at the End of his Ministry:

Acts 20:29-30 NASB95 - **29** "I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; **30** and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

Judas, the Betrayer, was an Apostle:

John 6:70 Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and [yet] one of you is a devil?" **71** Now He meant Judas [the son] of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

When Mary Anointed Jesus with the Costly Perfume, Judas was Exposed:

John 12:5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor [people?]" **6** Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it.

John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have [it] abundantly.

Jesus Declared His Standard for the Church, You Just aren't listening:

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven [will enter.]

1. The devil then went and brought deception upon Peter
2. The devil has brought great deception upon the modern day church
3. Much that passes for the church today, is not the church at all
4. Peter then denied Jesus three times

Deny: To Refuse to Acknowledge...

But Peter recovers from this deception and from his denial of Christ and In Acts Chapter Two is used of God to Usher in the greatest revival the world had ever witnessed...

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Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

We are Born of the Spirit, this is the true church. These are the ones who hear the word and act upon and receive the Holy Spirit as a pledge

The gates of hell, the wind , the rain, the waves, all these works of darkness will not be able to destroy this church

John 6:38 "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. **39** "This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

The true church is born of the Spirit, and like Peter even though at this time much of the church is in a deception, or as Jesus put it in the Parable of the Ten Virgins, sleeping, there are voices being released by the Spirit pf God that will wake up the true church and make it ready to meet the Coming Christ.

Matthew 25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** "Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. **3** "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. **5** "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and [began] to sleep. **6** "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet [him.]'