



Sunday Worship 2-6-22

Sermon Series: DeConstruction or Construction? (4)

TEXT for Today:

Matthew 16:16-18 (Jesus said)

16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter (Petros), and on this rock (petra) I will build My church (ekkllesia), and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

1 Corinthians 12:24b-26

...God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

The meaning of DeConstruction:

Deconstruction is the process of questioning, doubting, and ultimately rejecting aspects of the Christian faith.

Key:

Seeking the holiness of God gives us inner strength to take steps of faith.

Supporting Scripture:

1 Timothy 3:15

(Paul giving qualifications of leaders) if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

THE CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:

1. Jesus declared; I will build My church on the _____ made.

a. Matthew 16:16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

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2. Jesus stated the church would be built on a _____ of people
_____ Him as the Christ.

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b. Petros: _____

c. Petra: _____

THE CHURCH OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:

3. Jesus used the term _____ to describe what _____ would consist of.

a. Matthew 16:18 ...I will build My church...

b. Ekklesai: _____

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH:

1. Externally to fulfill the _____.

a. Matthew 28:19-20 (Jesus said) Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to

observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH:

2. Internally to be the believer’s _____.

a. Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

b. 1 Corinthians 12:24b-26 ...God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

c. Luke 15:24 (Jesus said in this parable) For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

d. Luke 15:28 (Jesus said) “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him.

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH:

Point 2 continued:

e. We can be _____ with church.

f. We can be _____ by _____ in church.

g. We can be _____ by the church.

h. Reality: What matters is the actions of the _____.

i. Luke 15:31-32 (Jesus speaking) 31 “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32 But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

j. Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Conclusion:

Are we being Christ-like to all of our spiritual family?

It’s time for kindness to heal disappointment!

It’s time for love and compassion to heal hurt!

It's time for forgiveness to heal confusion!

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