

10-25-2026 Sunday Sermon Message
This week's meditation: Psalm 91; 1-16
Text: Matthew 16:13-18
Scripture Title: **The Church as the
Body of Christ, prevail against the
Gates of Hell**

Jesus said, "On **this rock I will build
my church**." The Apostle Paul testified
about what the rock is:

**"Moreover, brethren, I would not that
ye should be ignorant, how that all
our fathers were under the cloud, and
all passed through the sea;
² And were all baptized unto Moses in
the cloud and in the sea;
³ And did all eat the same spiritual
meat;
⁴ And did all drink the same spiritual
drink: for they drank of that spiritual
Rock that followed them: and that
Rock was Christ. "(1 Corinthians
10:1-4)**

Those who did not understand what
this rock was, mistakenly believed that
Jesus had built His church on Peter's
confession, so they established the
church on Peter and established the
doctrine that Peter was the first pope,
thus founding the Roman Catholic
Church. They believe the Pope is
infallible and place the Pope's words
above the Scriptures. Moreover, they
claim that Mary, whom they serve, was
born without sin, ascended to heaven to
become the Queen of Heaven, and that

Mary is the mediator between God and
them. The Apostle Paul testified about
the mediator between the church and
God:

**"For there is one God, and one
mediator between God and men, the
man Christ Jesus;"(1 Timothy 2:5)**

Jesus built His church on Himself,
who is the rock. He also said that the
gates of hell shall not prevail against the
church He had built.

He said the gates of hell are the
gates that lead people into hell. The
largest gate of hell in this world is the
Roman Catholic Church built on Peter.
The Roman Catholic Church persecuted
the Church of God during the dark ages
of the Middle Ages, killing countless
Christians. However, the gates of hell
could not prevail against the church.

We need to know how many gates
of hell there are in this age. Satan the
devil creates countless religions such as
Islam and Buddhism to let people into
the hell where he will go, opening his
mouth. Moreover, through heresies that
are imitations of God's church, he keeps
the gates of hell open.

Moreover, the Roman Catholic
Church has created religious pluralism,
believing that salvation exists in all
religions besides the Church of God,

drawing God's churches into the WCC, WEA, and NCCCK.

However, Jesus clearly stated that the churches built on Christ, the rock, cannot be overcome by the gates of hell.

Also, Satan the Devil uses Principalities, Powers, the rulers of darkness of this world', and evil spirits to test and tempt God's churches in order to drag people to hell.

The church of God wears a belt with the truth God has given us, wears the breastplate of righteousness, puts on shoes that preach the gospel of peace, holds the shield of faith to block all fiery arrows shot by Satan, holds fast to the assurance of salvation given through the Holy Spirit, and resists the devil with God's word, the sword of the Spirit, thereby fighting and winning the gates of hell.

When Jesus woke up and began to tell His disciples that He would go to Jerusalem, suffer much from the elders, senior priests, and scribes, be put to death, and rise again on the third day, Peter began to hold the Lord and stop him, saying, "Lord, it cannot be. Such things should never happen to You." The Lord spoke to Peter, who was saying.

"Satan, step back from me. You are a hindrance to me. This is because you think of human matters instead of God's works. "

Satan is always tempting people to think about God's works, so that they cannot think about God's work. Satan creates philosophies in the world through philosophers and judges everything with human reason, deceiving them so they cannot do God's work. The Apostle Paul delivered a warning message about this:

"⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

⁹ For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

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The church of God established upon Christ can overcome the gates of hell set by the devil by thinking and acting only in the Word of God, which is the only way, truth, and life.

Amen! Hallelujah!