

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

The Teachings of Jesus – Part 8

The Church

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled The Teachings of Jesus. Our topic today: The teaching of Jesus about the church.

Scripture Theme Song: “Let the word of Christ” – Colossians 3:16

- 1) What Jesus taught about His Church
 - a) Matthew 18:17
 - b) Matthew 16:18
 - i) Jesus has a church that He calls “My church.”
 - ii) Jesus builds His church.
 - iii) Jesus’ church is built on solid rock.
 - iv) Jesus’ church will be victorious.
- 2) Christ’s Church is founded upon Him
 - a) OT references to the Rock
 - i) Deuteronomy 32:3-4
 - ii) Psalm 31:1-3
 - iii) Psalm 95:1
 - b) NT references to the Rock
 - i) Matthew 7:24
 - ii) Acts 4:8-12
 - iii) 1 Peter 2:4-8
 - iv) 1 Corinthians 3:11
 - v) 1 Corinthians 10:4
- 3) Christ’s Church finds unity in Him
 - a) Christ prayed for unity in His church
 - i) John 17:11
 - ii) Mark 9:33-34
 - iii) John 17:20-23
 - iv) What hinders us from experiencing the unity as followers of Jesus that He prayed for?
 - b) Christ provided the Way to unity
 - i) How is it possible to experience the unity for which Jesus prayed?
 - ii) John 17:23 “I in them”
 - iii) John 15:1-3
 - c) In Christ we can overcome the greatest obstacle to unity.
 - i) Matthew 7:1-5
 - ii) How does keeping my eyes fixed on Jesus help me to avoid a judging and critical spirit?
 - d) Christ provided a process for restoring unity in His church
 - i) Matthew 18:15-17
 - (1) What three steps are outlined here?
 - (2) What does Jesus mean when He says, “let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector”?
- 4) Discussion questions
 - a) Why is Christ’s church so precious to Him?
 - b) How would you respond to someone who says, “I don’t need the church—I just follow Jesus”?

c) Why is it important to remember that the church is founded upon Jesus, the solid Rock?

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