

Baldwin Hills Baptist Church

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Sermon Scriptures

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Matt. 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.

Matt. 16:19 “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.”

John 1:40-42 **40** One of the two who heard John *speak* and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. **41** He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means Christ). **42** He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; **you shall be called Cephas**” (which is translated **Peter**).

Acts 2:14-16 **14** ¶ But **Peter**, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and **declared** to them: “Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words. **15** “For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day; **16** but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

Acts 2:22-24 **22** ¶ “**Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene**, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know — **23** this *Man*, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death. **24** “But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

Acts 2:32 “This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

Acts 2:36-40 **36** ¶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that **God has made Him both Lord and Christ — this Jesus whom you crucified.**” **37** ¶ Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?” **38** **Peter said to them, “Repent**, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** “For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” **40** And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!”

Acts 4:8-12 **8** Then **Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people,** **9** if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to

how this man has been made well, **10** let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.

11 “**He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, THE BUILDERS, *but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone.* **12** “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

Gal. 2:7,8 **7** But on the contrary, seeing that I had been entrusted with the gospel to the uncircumcised, **just as Peter had been** to the circumcised **8** (for He who effectually worked for Peter in *his* apostleship to the circumcised effectually worked for me also to the Gentiles),

Gal. 2:11-14 **11** ¶ But when Cephas came to Antioch, **I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.** **12** For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began* to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. **13** The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. **14** But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, **I said to Cephas in the presence of all,** “If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how *is it that* you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?”

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Matt. 16:18b . . . and upon **this rock** I will build My church; . . .

Matt. 7:24, 25 **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.**

Acts 4:11 “He is **the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, THE BUILDERS, *but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone.*

1 Cor. 3:11 For no man can lay a **foundation** other than the one which is laid, **which is Jesus Christ.**

Eph. 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is **the head of the church,** He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

1 Pet. 2:4-6 **4** ¶ And coming to Him as to a **living stone** which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God,

1 Pet. 2:5 **you also, as living stones,** are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 For *this* is contained in Scripture: “BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A **CHOICE STONE, A PRECIOUS CORNER stone**, AND HE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”

Acts 2:1-4 **1** ¶ When **the day of Pentecost** had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak **with other tongues**, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

1 Cor. 12:12, 13 **12** ¶ For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, **so also is Christ**. **13** For by one Spirit **we were all baptized into one body**, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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Matt. 16:18c ... and the **gates of Hades will not overpower it**.

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the gates of Hades. Hades is the place of punishment for the spirits of dead unbelievers. The point of entry for such is death. This, then, is a Jewish phrase referring to death. Even death, the ultimate weapon of Satan (cf. Heb 2:14, 15), has no power to stop the church. The blood of martyrs, in fact, has sped the growth of the church in size and spiritual power.

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Matt. 16:19 “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.”

John 20:23 “If you forgive the sins of any, *their sins* have been forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they have been retained.”

Acts 8:9-24 **9** ¶ Now there was **a man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city and astonishing the people of Samaria**, claiming to be someone great; **10** and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, “This man is what is called the Great Power of God.” **11** And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts.

12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

13 Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

Acts 8:14 ¶ Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, **15** who came down and prayed for them

that they might receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For He had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they *began* laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit. **18** Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, **19** saying, "Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." **20** **But Peter said to him**, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! **21** "You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before God. **22** "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. **23** "For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity." **24** But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even to those who believe in His name*,

John 3:16 ¶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him** shall not perish, but have eternal life.

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, **that you believe in Him** whom He has sent."

Acts 19:4 Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people **to believe in Him** who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

Rom. 10:14 ¶ How then will they call on Him **in whom they have not believed**? How will they **believe in Him** whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?

1 Tim. 1:16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for **those who would believe in Him for eternal life**.

1 Pet. 1:8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but **believe in Him**, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

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