

Biblical Evangelism

12 Traits of a Biblical Church, part 2 | Matthew 16:13 – 20 | David Platt, MBC Pastor-Teacher

Matthew 7:21

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven . . .”

Matthew 7:22-23

“Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name perform many miracles,’ and I will tell them, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers.’”

Matthew 16:13-20

“Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.”

The Church Is . . .

#1 – The community of people who know Jesus truly.

- Genesis 3:15 – He’s the promised seed who will defeat sin and Satan.
- Genesis 12:3 – He’s the promised offspring who will bring blessing to all the nations.
- Exodus 12 – He’s the promised Lamb who will pay the price for sinners.
- Exodus 16-17 – He’s the Promised Food from heaven and Water who gives life.
- Leviticus – He’s the great High Priest who alone can make atonement for sin.
- Deuteronomy – He’s the Prophet whose word can be trusted.
- Joshua – He’s the Lord who will save.
- Ruth – He’s the Redeemer who loves us.
- Samuel, Chronicles, & Kings – He’s the Messiah; the King who’s coming.
- Psalms – He’s the Son of Man, the Son of God who will be despised, crucified, and resurrected from the dead.
- Isaiah 7:14 – He’s the baby who will be born of a virgin as God with us.
- Isaiah 9:6 – He’s Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.
- Isaiah 53 – He’s the Suffering Servant who will pay the price for our sins.
- Isaiah 35 – He’s the Loving Savior who will heal the blind, lame, and deaf.
- Ezekiel 34 – He’s the Son of Man.
- Daniel 7 – He’s the Authoritative King.
- Hosea 3 – He’s the Faithful Husband.
- Zechariah 6 – He’s the Priest and King.
- Malachi 3 – He’s the God who will come.

The Church Is . . .

#2 – The community of people who proclaim Jesus confidently.

Matthew 16:18

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Acts 2:36

“Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Acts 2:37-41

“Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.’ And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’ So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”

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 on the third day be raised.”

Matthew 16:19

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”