

# VOLUME 12, UNIT 34, SESSION 4 (CSB)

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## **THE CHURCH EXISTS TO PROCLAIM THE NAME OF CHRIST**

(MATTHEW 16:13-16; 2 CORINTHIANS 5:20).

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> “But you,” he asked them, “who do you say that I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

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<sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ’s behalf, “Be reconciled to God.”

## **THE CHURCH EXISTS TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST**

(MATTHEW 16:17-20; EPHESIANS 4:11-12).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus responded, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he gave the disciples orders to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

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<sup>11</sup> And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ.

## **THE CHURCH EXISTS TO GROW IN THE FAITH OF CHRIST**

(EPHESIANS 4:13-16).

<sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, growing into maturity with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head — Christ. <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part.

