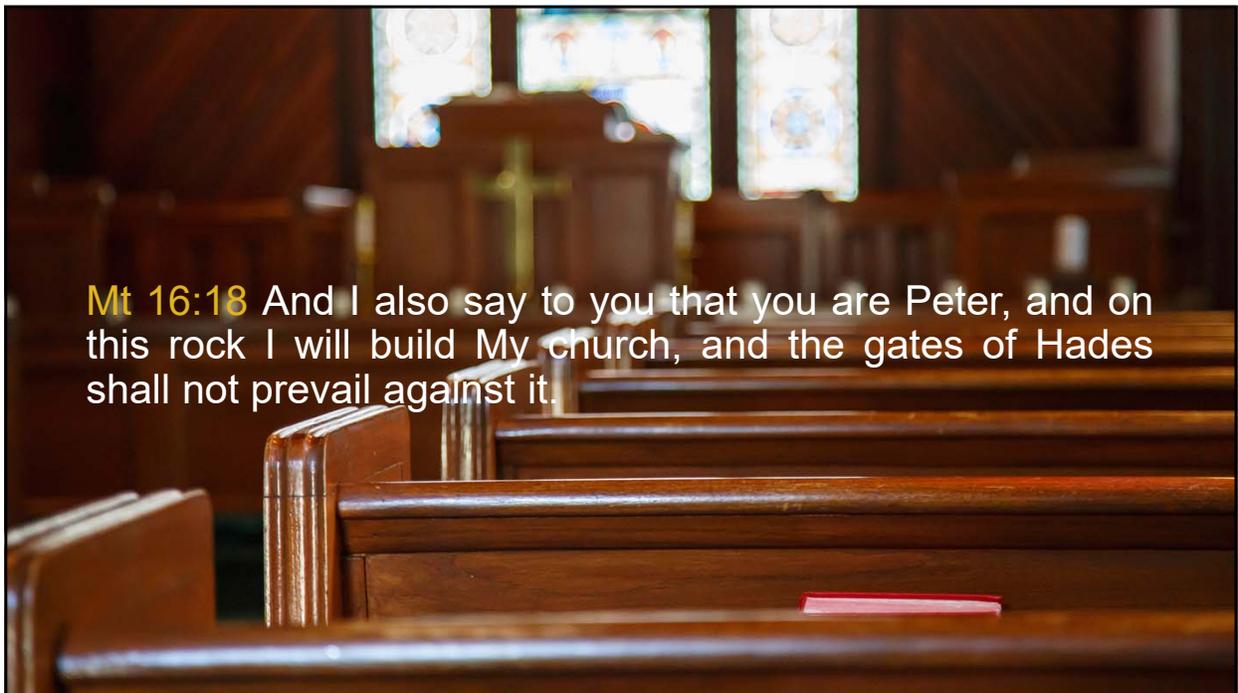
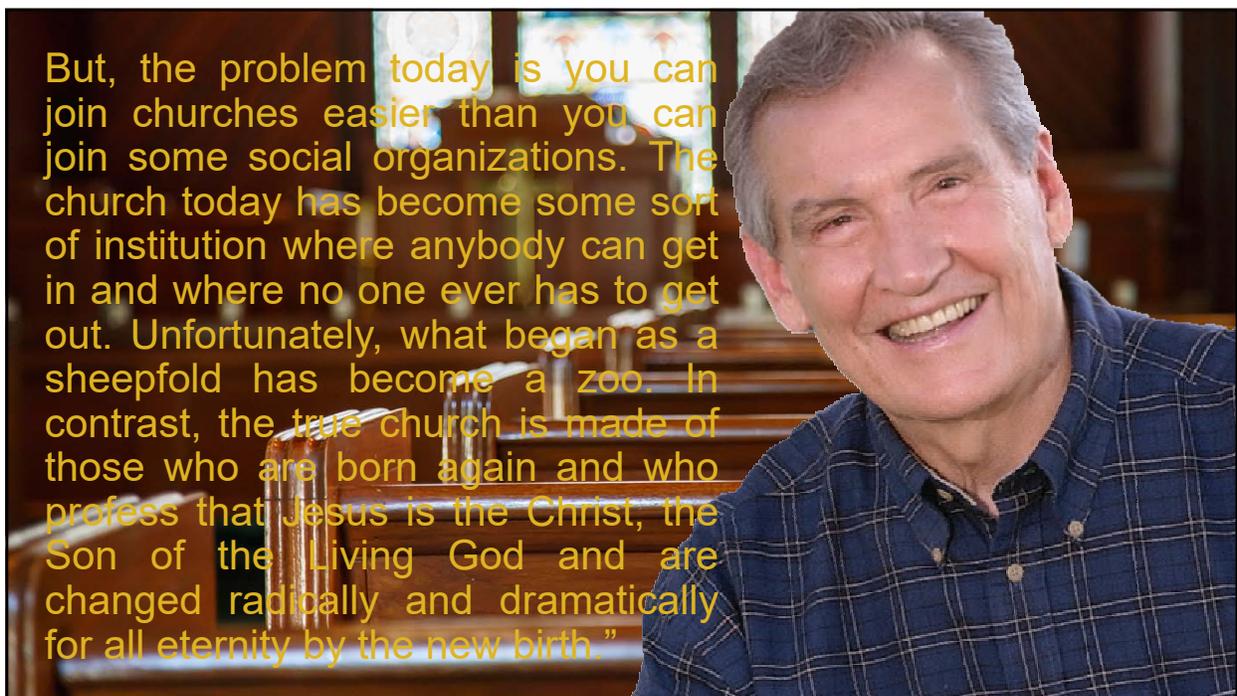
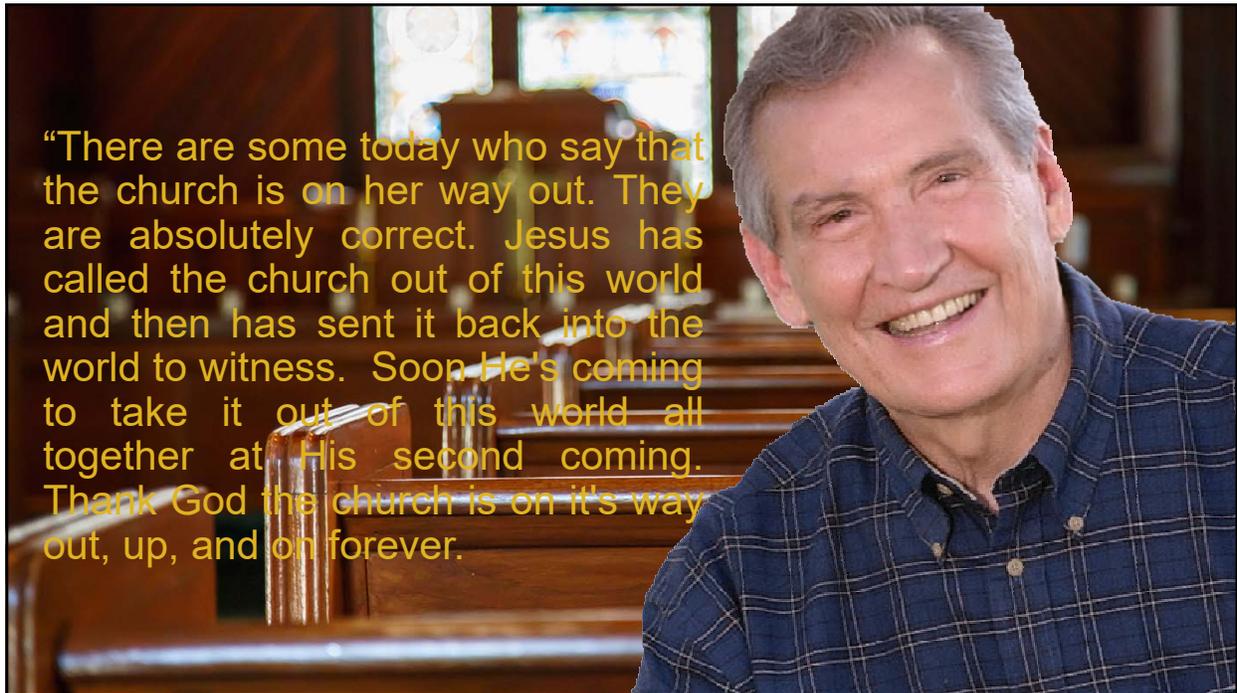




The church's job
& how it gets it done



Mt 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

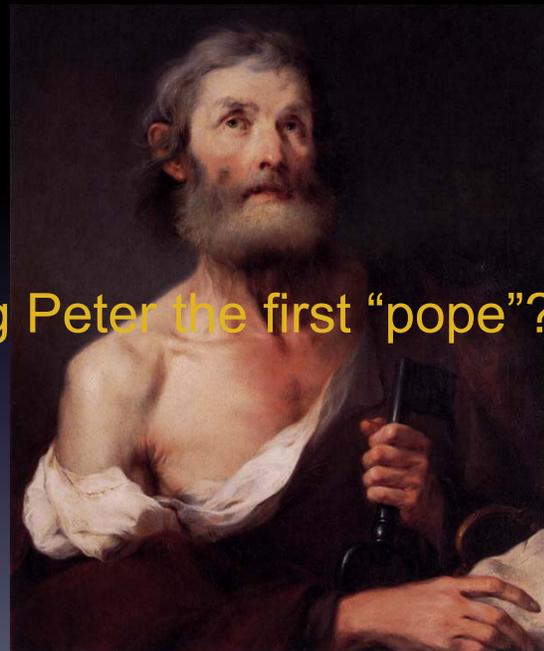
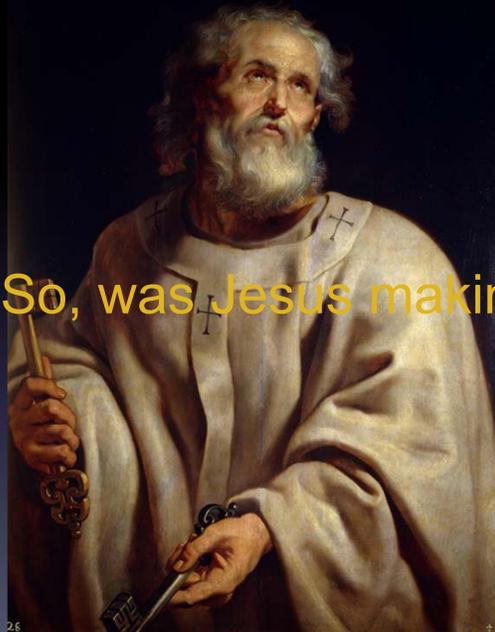


1. The basis of the church

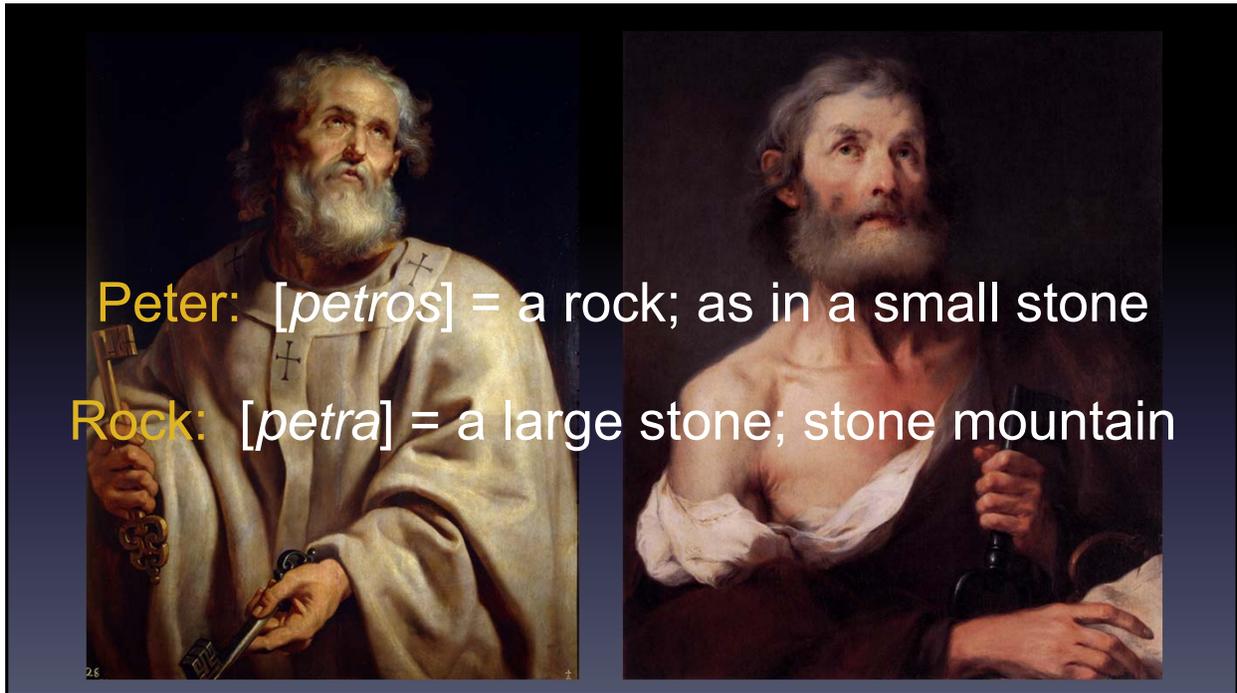
Mt 16:18 “on this rock”

What is the rock?

Mt 16:16-17 Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.



So, was Jesus making Peter the first “pope”?



Mt 18:1-4 At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, ³and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Mt 20:20-21 Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. ²¹And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."

Mk 10:35-37 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." ³⁶And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" ³⁷They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

What Peter said about himself:

1 Pet 5:1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed:

2 Pet 1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

1 Pet 5:3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

So who is the church built on?

Prov 10:25 But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

Is 28:16 Therefore thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation;

1 Cor 3:9-11 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:19-22 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

1 Pet 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house

2. The business of the church

Mt 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

2 Cor 5:18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,



“It is not our business to make the message acceptable, but to make it available. We are not to see that they like it, but that they get it.” Dr. Vance Havner

- Win them

Mt 28:19 make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

- Disciple them

Eph 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ

3. The branches of the church

- **Biblical**

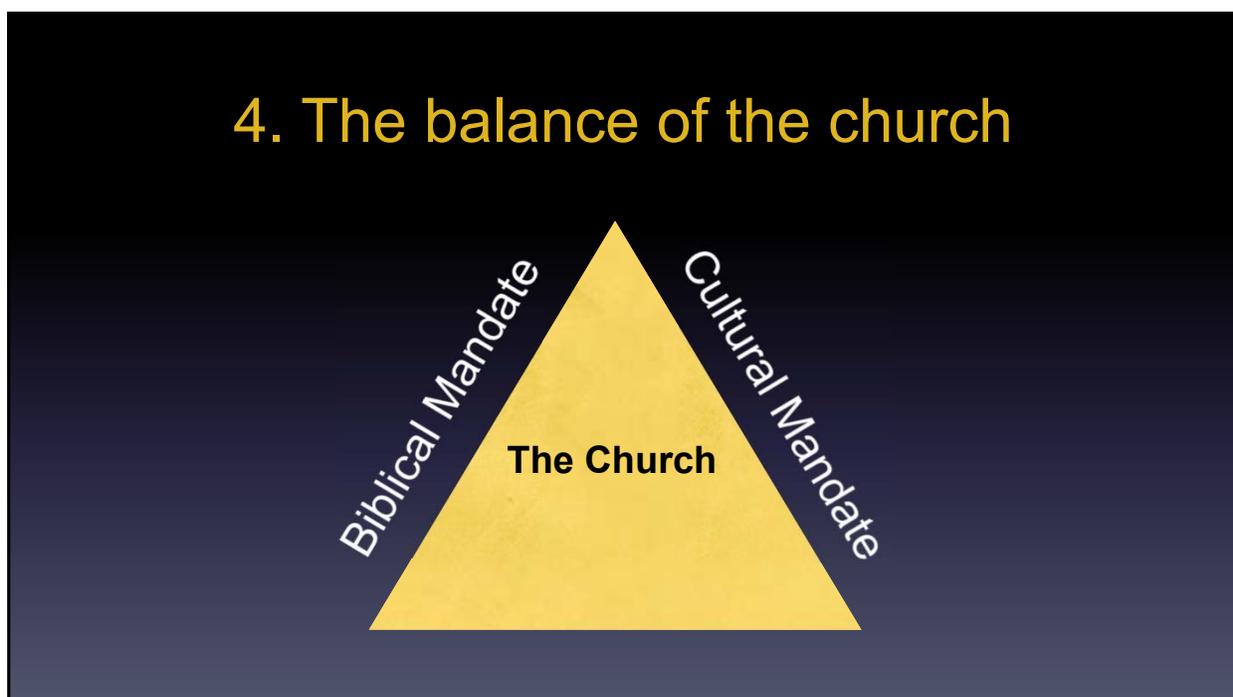
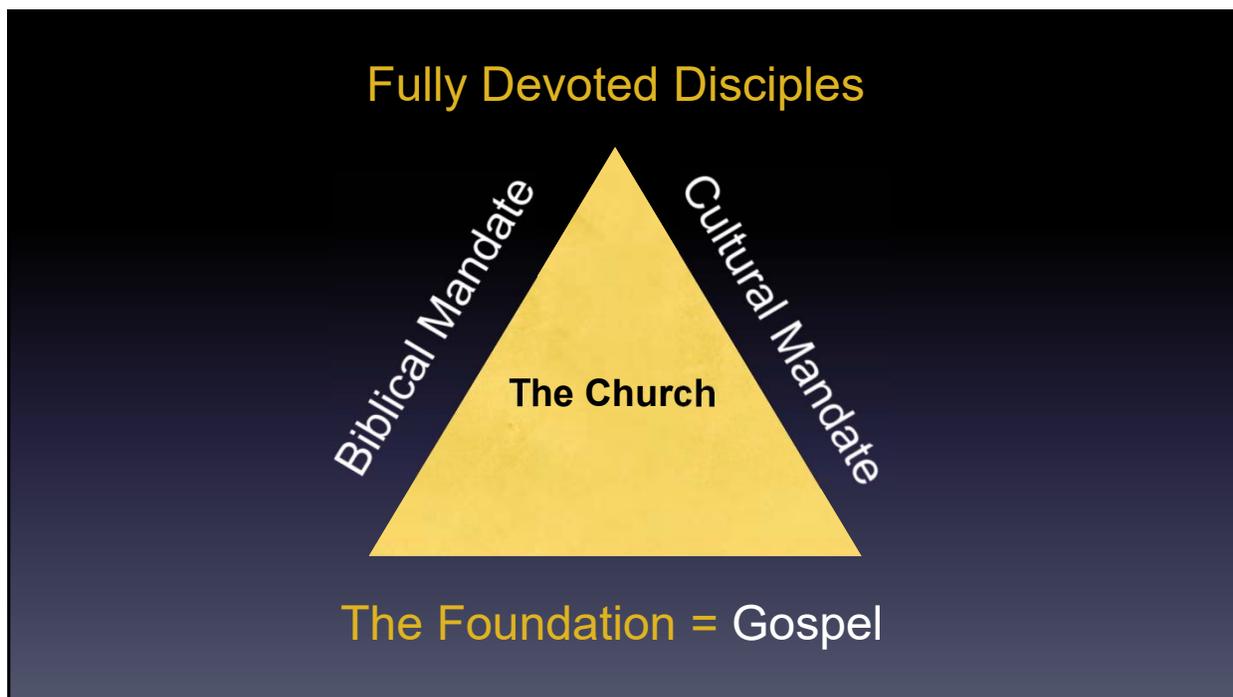
Mt 29:20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Pet 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

- **Cultural**

Matt 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth; ... ¹⁴You are the light of the world. ... ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”





“I’d rather have people hate me with the knowledge that I tried to save them.” Keith Green