

SEPTEMBER 25- OCTOBER 1 [WEEK 39]
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 [DAY191]

Church

READ: Matthew 16:15-19

¹⁵ *"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"*

¹⁶ *Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

¹⁷ *Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

THINK ABOUT IT: What do you learn about the church from these verses?

READ: DD-191

READ: Ephesians 5:23

²³ *For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.*

THINK DEEPER: What three things does this vers tell you about the church?

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 [DAY192]

Nature of the Church

READ: Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,*

²¹ *to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

THINK ABOUT IT: What do you learn about the church from these verses?

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READ: Acts 16:4-5

⁴ *As they traveled from town to town, they delivered the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for the people to obey. ⁵ So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.*

THINK DEEPER: What does this tell you about the church?

DAILY
DOCTRINE

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 [DAY193]

 Unity

READ: John 17:20-23

²⁰ *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

THINK ABOUT IT: Why is unity in the church so important?

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In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things love.

THINK DEEPER: How can we keep unity in the church?

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SEPTEMBER 25- OCTOBER 1 [WEEK 39]
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 [DAY194]

 Holiness

READ: 1 Peter 1:16

¹⁵ *But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."*

THINK ABOUT IT: What does it mean to be holy?

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Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

THINK DEEPER: What's God's part in making us holy? What is our part?



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 [DAY195]



Catholicity

READ: Ephesians 4:3-6

³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

THINK ABOUT IT: What does Catholic mean?

READ: DD-195

READ: Matthew 16:17-19

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THINK DEEPER: What does this tell you about the church ?