Church OF Jesus

Matthew 16:16-20

church

- ***<u>Collective noun =</u>***
  - collection of PEOPLE
  - NOT of churches
  - NOT an organization

people

Church OF Christ

- **OF – identity**
  - church of the gentiles Rom. 16:4

church

- OF – identity
  - church of the gentiles
- **Of – location**
  - churches of Galatia
    - Gal. 1:2 / 1Cor. 16:1

church

- **OF = belonging to (MY)**
  - 1 Cor. 1:2 OF God
  - Romans 16:16 OF Christ

A collection of people who belong TO JESUS -

Groups

- **Acts 2:41-42, 47**
  - fellowship – together -
- **Acts 9:26**
  - joined self to the disciples
  - with them -
- **Acts 20:7**
  - came together

Jesus and His church

- **He is the foundation** – 1 Cor. 3:1-11
  - WHO He is
  - WHAT He did – DIED / Raised

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THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Other foundation can no man lay than…Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

Samuel J. Stone, 1868

Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

Jesus and his church

- We are HIS disciples – Matt. 28:18f
  – NOT ‘of’ Paul, Apollos – 1C. 3:4
- We observe HIS teaching -
- We are CHRISTIANS – Acts 11:26

Apostles ?

- HIS spokesmen - Eph. 2:20
- They revealed HIM – Eph. 3:3-5
- Their word is our guide – Acts 2:41

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- **It follows HIS teaching / example**

HIS church

- He is ***MY*** foundation
- He purchased ***ME***- Acts 20:28
- He DIED for ***ME***– Eph. 5:25
- He is the savior of ***ME***– Eph. 5:23
- He is the head of ***ME***– Eph. 5:23
- ***I*** follow HIS teaching / example

Church = saved people

- Acts 2:38
  - repent
  - baptized for remission of sins
- Vs. 41 – received word = baptized
- Vs. 47 –
  - added together – saved.