

A close-up photograph of several people's hands clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and community. The hands are of various skin tones and are positioned in a way that suggests a group hug or a supportive gesture. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the hands. The overall tone is warm and positive.

**Are Not All Christians
Members of the Body of Christ?**

Where did you get that idea?

Have you ever read the Bible?

What is the Body of Christ?

Do you have a brain?

**Seriously, this is a valid
And important question
That must be handled carefully**

**Satan has worked very hard
For centuries to keep saints
From knowing the truth bout**

The mystery of the Body of Christ

CHURCH

Two misleading words

GOSPEL

ONE CHURCH

Two misleading doctrines

ONE GOSPEL



Without an understanding that something changed at the end of Acts, how can the person understand a correct answer?

CALLING-OUT

**Not church
From Circe**

Ekklesia

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GOOD MESSAGES

Euaggelion

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Ignatius of Antioch circa 107

Wheresoever the bishop shall appear, there let the people be; even as where Jesus may be, there is the “universal Church” (katholikos ekklesia).

Matt 16:15-18

He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

**¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona:
for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

**¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter,
and upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

**upon this
rock I will
build my
church**



The core beliefs of Catholicism are found in the Nicene Creed. The Catholic Church teaches that it is the **one, holy, catholic, apostolic church** founded by Jesus Christ in his Great Commission, that its bishops are the successors of Christ's apostles, and that the pope is the successor to Saint Peter, upon whom primacy was conferred by Jesus Christ.



EASTERN (GREEK) ORTHODOX

“Individuals should not interpret the Bible apart from tradition.”



Eastern Orthodox theology is based on the Scriptures and holy tradition as expressed in the Nicene Creed...

One, holy, catholic and apostolic church established by Jesus Christ in his Great Commission,^[22] and that its bishops are the successors of Christ's apostles.

The church has no central doctrinal or governmental authority analogous to the head of the Catholic Church (the pope). Nevertheless, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople is recognized by them as *primus inter pares* ("first among equals"), a title formerly given to the patriarch of Rome.

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Chapter III. Of God's Eternal Decree

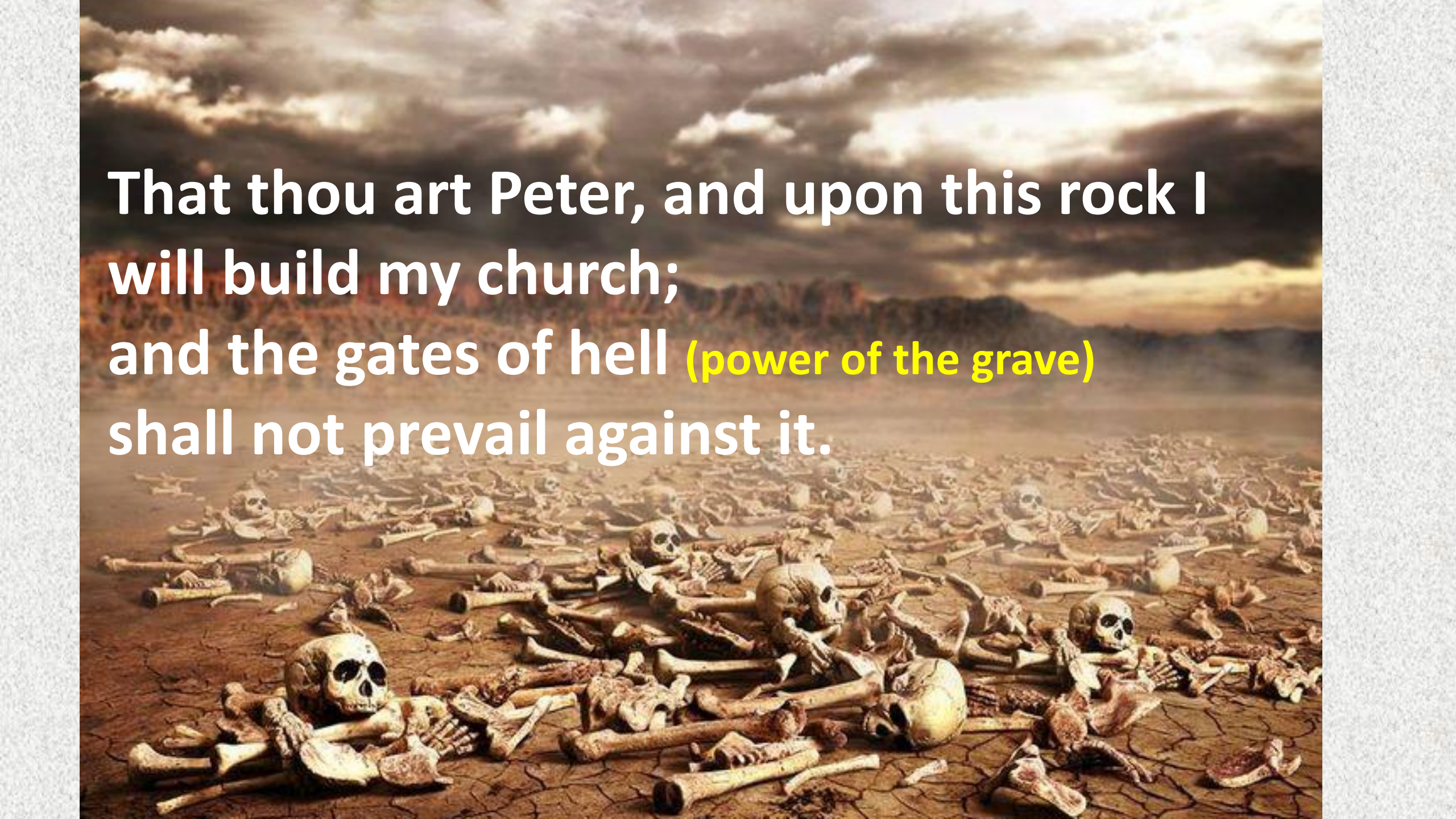
V. Those of mankind that are predestinated unto life, God, **before the foundation of the world** was laid, according to His eternal and immutable purpose, and the secret counsel and good pleasure of His will, has chosen, in Christ, unto everlasting glory, out of His mere free grace and love, without any foresight of faith, or good works, or perseverance in either of them, or any other thing in the creature, as conditions, or causes moving Him thereunto; and all to the praise of His glorious grace.

Chapter VIII Of Christ the Mediator

- I. It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, **the Head and Savior of His Church**, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.**

Chapter XXV Of the Church

- I. The catholic or universal Church, which is invisible, consists of the **whole number of the elect**, that have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ the Head thereof; and is the spouse, the body, the fulness of Him that fills all in all.**

A desolate landscape of a dry, cracked earth covered in human skeletons under a dramatic, cloudy sky. The scene is filled with numerous human skeletons scattered across the parched ground, extending towards the horizon. The sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds, with a bright light source breaking through, creating a dramatic and somber atmosphere. The overall tone is one of despair and the power of death.

That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I
will build my church;
and the gates of hell (power of the grave)
shall not prevail against it.

Eze 37:12-14

Therefore, prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will **open your graves, and cause you to come **up out of your graves**, and bring you into the land of Israel.**

¹³ And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up **out of your graves,**

¹⁴ And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

Rom 9:27

**Esaias also crieth concerning Israel,
Though the number of the children of Israel
be as the sand of the sea,
a remnant shall be saved:**

Rom 11:5

Even so then at this present time also there is **a remnant
according to the election of grace.**

Heb 12:22-24

But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

²³ To the **general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,**

²⁴ And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.



This “Church” is

“The Bride of Christ”

Rev 19:7-9

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the **marriage of the Lamb** is come, and **his wife** hath made herself ready. ⁸ And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. ⁹ And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the **marriage supper of the Lamb**.

Rev 21:2

*And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a **bride** adorned for her husband.*

Rev 21:9

*And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, **the Lamb's wife**.*

*And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the **holy Jerusalem**, descending out of heaven from God,*

Rev 22:17

And the Spirit and **the bride** say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

A landscape of a dry, cracked earth covered in human skeletons under a cloudy sky. The scene is desolate and ominous, with the ground cracked and the sky filled with heavy, dark clouds. The skeletons are scattered across the cracked earth, some lying in the foreground and others in the distance. The overall atmosphere is one of despair and death.

Matt 16:18

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

**If any church will be the bride of Christ or Bride of the Lamb
It will be the church of Matt 16:18 which is of elect Israel
That will reside in the great city, new Jerusalem.**

There are at least three “churches” or *ekklesias* in the New Testament

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Church of elect Israel

Church of the non-elect but to life

Church of the elect Body of Christ

There are three spheres of blessing associated with three adoptions

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Holy City New Jerusalem

New earth: Paradise restored

Far above all: Heavenly places

**If all believers are members of the same body
The Body of Christ.....Then**

How can one body be of itself so divided?

How can one body occupy three different places?

How can one body have three different inheritances?

**How can one body be two-thirds earthly and
one-third heavenly?**

Why is the dispensation of the mystery of the Body of Christ called a mystery?

**If the mystery of the Body of Christ revealed to Paul
When he wrote Eph 3:5,
How could it have written about before in the Scriptures?**

If it was hid in God from the beginning of the world (Eph 3:9)

**And hid from ages and from generations (Col 1:26)
But now is made manifest to his saints**

How could it have existed before in the Scriptures?

Why did God choose Paul?



**Then Acts 28:28 means that God just opened the doors
To the kingdom of heaven for everyone in the world !**

Eph 1:10

**That in the dispensation of the fullness of times
He might gather together in one
all things in Christ
which are in the heavens and which are on earth
in Him.**