

## THE BIG CHURCH SPLIT Matthew 16:13-20

(vv.15-16)

*I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance the ends of the earth your possession. Psalms 2:7-8*

(vv. 17-19)

**Peter says what the Disciples \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16)**  
*Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." Matthew 14:33 (NIV)*

**To all the Disciples:**

*18 "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Matthew 18:18*

(v.18)

*"I also say to you that you are Peter (Petros), and upon this rock (Petra) I will build My church (Ecclesia); and **the gates of Hades will not overpower it.***

Peter: Petros - apparently a primary word;  
a (piece of) rock (Strong's)

Rock: petra - a (mass of) rock (Strong's)  
large stone (Thayer's)

**What is the Big Rock?**

**In the \_\_\_\_\_ is the Big Rock**  
*...and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock (Petra) which followed them; and the rock (Petra) was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4-5*

**Peter taught that it's all built on \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_**  
*As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ  
1 Peter 2:4-5*

*Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2:19-21*

(v.19)

**Jesus called it Church: A \_\_\_\_\_ term (v.18)**  
Church: ecclesia - a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place; an assembly (Thayer's)

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.  
2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*

*Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Acts 17:11 (NIV)*