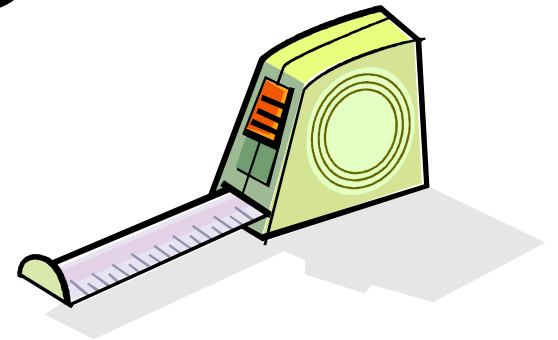




**"I WILL BUILD MY  
CHURCH"**

**Matthew 16:13-19**



# THE CHURCH

From 120 to over 2 billion!

It's worldwide, including people of all nations, social classes, young and old, united by one common thread -

faith in Jesus Christ

Revelation 5:9

Revelation 7:9,10



# 1. It would be begin with a Confession (v.16)

Upon this rock - not on you, Peter, but  
on this foundation of Christ.

Acts 8:37    11:21    14:1    17:4

1 Corinthians 3:11    15:3,4

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Revelation 21:27



## 2. It would be Christ's (v.18)

My Church - Everything is about Him.

He's the Head - Ephesians 1:22; 4:15

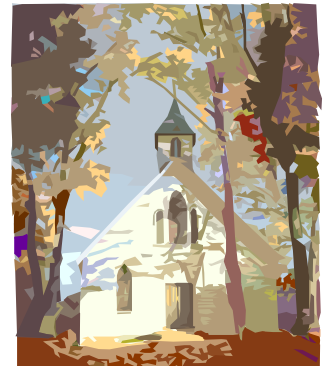
He's the Message - Acts 4:12, 20

He's the Growth standard - 2 Pet.3:18

He's the Glory - Revelation 5:9,12

He's the Groom - Ephesians 5:25

He's the Builder - Acts 2:47



# 3. It would "Come Together"

"Church" (Ekklesia) a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, *an assembly of Christians gathered for worship in a religious meeting*

*And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. Acts 11:26*



# The assembled Church

Ac 14:27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together,

Ac 4:31 - And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken;

Ac 20:7 - Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread,

Hebrews 10:25 - not forsaking



# Acts 2:42

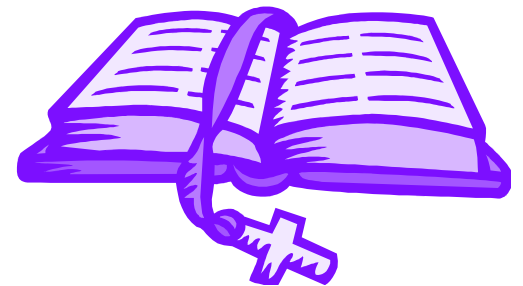
And they continued steadfastly in the

1. apostles' **doctrine** - Matthew 28:20

2. and **fellowship** - I John 1:1-3

3. in the **breaking of bread** -  
1 Corinthians 11:28

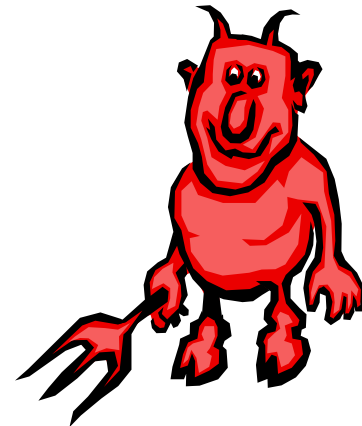
4. and in **prayers** - Acts 4:31



## 4. It would have Conflict (v.18)

Ac 8:1 And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem;

- Prevail (Katischuo) - to be strong to another's detriment, to be superior in strength, to overcome.



# The Battle against the Church

Persecution - Matthew 10:17; 24:9

Acts 4:18 - Commanded them

Acts 4:21 - Threatened them

Acts 5:33 - Took council to slay them

Acts 5:30 - Beat them

Acts 6:13 - set up false witnesses

Acts 7:58 - stoned him

Hebrews 13:3

# The Battle against the Church

False teachers - (v.6) Galatians 5:1-9

Matthew 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:7; Titus 1:9

Carnality - 1 Corinthians 1:11; 3:1-3; 6:6;

2 Corinthians 12:20; Philippians 4:2

Halfheartedness - Revelation 3:15;

James 2:14; 4:17; Matthew 24:12

## 5. It would Continue (v.19)

Will not prevail against it!

Acts 2:47-added to 4:4 - 5000 more

Acts 5:14 -multitudes 6:7 - multiplied

Acts 11:24 - much people added

Acts 16:5 - the churches increased

Acts 18:8 - many believed



# The Church

**And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere. Mark 16:15**

**After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white and held palm branches in their hands.**

**Revelation 7:9**



# How about You?

Are You a member of the Church?

Is your name written in the Lambs Book  
of Life?

Are you a member of a church?

Are you doing you part in His body?

"I'm so glad I'm a part of the  
family of God"