

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Good News for a Troubled Church

Matt 16: 13-20

Leader

(13-17)

- ***“the”*** – the one and only
- ***“Christ”*** – anointed One, Messiah
- ***“Son of the Living God”*** – one with God, divine

Good News, We Have a Firm Foundation (18a)

- ***“Peter”*** (petros) – small stone
- ***“rock”*** (petra) – mountain peak

**Foundation - Faith in Jesus Christ,
presented to the world**

Good News, We Have a Victorious Future (18b)

- *“gates”* – used to hold something captive, or to hold back
- *“Hades”* – death

Death cannot hold the church, and the
fear of death cannot hold it back

Good News, We Have an Eternal Purpose (19)

- ***“keys”*** – authority to act in accordance with the will of God on earth
- **The Gospel**
 - Jesus is the “door”
 - The Gospel is the “key”

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