

**Becoming the Church**  
***Sermon # 1- The Premise for the Church***

**Text: Matthew 16:13-18**

**I. THE CHURCH MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE  
LIVING WORD**

- “You are \_\_\_\_\_ of the rocks, and I will use you, and anyone else who makes the same confession, to build My church.”
  
- When Jesus Christ is hailed as the solid rock foundation of the true church, then—and only then—can we find the church \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. THE CHURCH MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE  
WRITTEN WORD**

- Doesn't it just make sense that a loving God would reveal \_\_\_\_\_ simple plan for salvation?
  
- Because the Scriptures are \_\_\_\_\_ inspired by the Holy Spirit we dare not add or subtract from what He has said through His inspired writers!
  
- “No prophecy of the Bible comes into being by \_\_\_\_\_ - origination.” -J. Sidlow Baxter's translation of I Pet. 1:20
  
- There can be no growth in precept or \_\_\_\_\_ apart from the Bible.

**III. THE CHURCH MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ ON THE  
NEEDY WORLD**

- In Romans 1:14, Paul reminds us that we are \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- The joy of our salvation and the tragic reality of Hell should keep our burden \_\_\_\_\_ and our motivation lively.
  
- A congregation that is not reaching out to unbelievers cannot—by \_\_\_\_\_—be a part of the TRUE church.