

Believe it or Not: One Church

Wylie Methodist Church

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Matthew 16:13-18

13 When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 18 **And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

We believe...

I. THERE IS ONE, HOLY CHURCH

ONE:

John 17:

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you... 23... May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

Psalm 133:1, 3

1 How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! 3 ... For there the Lord commands his blessing, even life forevermore.

HOLY:

➤ GOD, THE FATHER IS HOLY

Isaiah 6:3

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

➤ GOD, THE SON IS HOLY

Luke 1:35

The angel [said to Mary], "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

John 6:68-69

68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

➤ GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HOLY

➤ CHRIST FOLLOWERS ARE CALLED TO BE HOLY

1 Peter 1:15

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; 16 for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

We believe...

2. THE CHURCH IS FOUNDED ON JESUS, THE CHRIST

Matthew 16:16, 18

16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 18 **And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church...**

We believe...

3. THE CHURCH WILL ALWAYS PREVAIL

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