

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

25:01:15

Theme: AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH AND ITS MEMBERS

Memory Verse: *Matthew 16:19* “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Texts: Mathew 18:18-20; Isaiah 54:17

The confession of Peter about the deity of Christ became the solid foundation upon which the Church was built: “And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Jesus Christ is this rock. Rock here in Greek is Petra, meaning “immovable stone” as against Petros which in Greek means a fragment of rock:

The true church of Christ should not entertain any fear or anxiety. No persecution, trials, troubles, misunderstanding, misrepresentation or any other activities of the gates of hell can prevail against the Church of Jesus Christ. Jesus gave this decree while He was alive and to stamp it, He surrendered His life for the Church. Paul the Apostle by the spirit God said: “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood”.

Authority was given to believers by Jesus before He departed and that power is still prevailing today. No wonder, the Church of Christ keeps on flourishing. Any church that stands on the totality of the word of God has nothing to fear at all. The Lord said even very gate of hell can not prevail. This statement from the very mouth our Lord carries greater power. Remember what He told us in Mathew 18:18-20. The question is how are you manifesting the authority you as a believer and member of the church?