

2010—TRIALS, TESTS, TRANSITIONS
THE CHURCH—ITS FRUIT AND FUTURE
Matthew 16:13-20

Introduction—

The basics
Jesus helping his followers understand
Keeping the religious spirits in the dark

The Church—its foundation—“Upon this rock I will build My Church”

Declaration/revelation
Not a man
Same today

The Church—its function—“I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom”

Keys
Authority in the Kingdom
Expectation of the Savior

The Church—its fruit—“Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven”

Bind or Loose here on earth
1 John 3:8
Fruit of the Spirit—Gal 5:22-25
Legal terms

The Church—its future—“and the gates of hades will not prevail against it!”

When all Hell is breaking out against you
The church is NOT a fortress or institution, it is a living Army
Mat 11:11-12
The Church is constantly moving forward—Hab 2:14
The same call on each one of us individually and as a local church
The future is no different now than it was at its birth.

Conclusions

Have you ever had the revelation and made the declaration that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God?
Have you ever recognized the keys or authority that Jesus has given you?
What fruit is lacking in your life? How are you going to bind or loose in that area to be who Jesus has called you to be?
Are you moving forward or are you stagnant in your walk with Christ?