



Prerequisites for a Prevailing Church

Week 1 - Prevailing Foundation

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 shall not prevail against it.

WHY DID JESUS ASK THIS QUESTION IN THAT SPECIFIC LOCATION?

1. It was a center of _____ worship.
2. It was believed to be the birthplace of the Greek god _____.
3. It was believed to be the _____ of the Jordan River.
4. It was here that a great white temple built to the godhead of _____ was located.

WHAT IS A PREVAILING CHURCH?

1. A prevailing church does not simply rest on the _____ but anticipates something new that the Lord wants to do.
 2. A prevailing church clearly understands that Jesus is our only _____ of salvation because He is God.
 - **"YOU ARE THE CHRIST"** – The One prophesied to be the _____ for sins.
 - **"THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD"** – He Who is _____.
 3. A prevailing church understands that the church _____ to Jesus Christ and it is He Who does the _____.
- 1 Corinthians 3:11-13
- 11 For no-one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. 15 If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.
4. A prevailing church is an _____ church that advances the kingdom of Christ.