TODAY'S SCRIPTURE FOCUS: MATTHEW 16:18

"FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE CHURCH"

"Your church's foundation will determine both its size and strength."

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"You can never build larger than your foundation can handle."

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"There is incredible power in having a clearly defined purpose statement." (pg. 86)

FIVE BENEFITS: (pg. 86)

-Builds Morale;
 Reduces Frustration;
 Allows Greater Concentration
 Attracts Cooperation;
- 5. ...Assists Evaluation;

<u>4 CRITICAL PHASES:</u> (pg. 94)
1. Define Your Purpose;
2. Communicate Purposes;
3.Organize Around Purposes
4. Apply Your Purposes; SERMONIC POINTS:
(from last Sun., 1/23/11)#1: CONSTITUTION#2: CONCLUSION#3: CONSTRUCTION



"And I also say to you that you are Peter (Petras), and on this rock (petros), I will build MY church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." *Matt. 16:18*

SERMONIC POINT #1: CONFESSION

"If we confess our sins, HE is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from <u>ALL</u> unrighteousness." I John 1:9 "And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." Joel 2:32a "...that if you confess with your mouth the LORD JESUS and believe in your heart that GOD has raised HIM from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

"For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10:10

SERMONIC POINT #2: COMMANDMENT(S)

"Ten Great Commandments" *Exodus* 20:-17 Deuteronomy

5:1-22

"Hear O, Israel: The LORD our GOD, the LORD is one!" Deuteronomy 6:4 "You shall love the LORD your GOD with ALL your heart, with ALL your soul, and with ALL your strength." Deuteronomy 6:4 "JESUS said to him, "You shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." *Matt.* 22:37

"And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."" Matt. 22:39

"On these two commandments hang <u>ALL</u> the Law and the Prophets." Matt. 22:40

SERMONIC POINT #3: COMMISSION

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to ME in Jerusalem...Judea and Samaria...end of the earth." Acts 1:8 "And JESUS came and spoke to them, saying, 'ALL authority has been given to ME in heaven and on earth." *Matthew* 28:18 "GO therefore and make disciples of <u>ALL</u> the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matt. 28:19

"teaching them to observe ALL things that I have commanded you; and Io, I am with you always. Even to the end of the age." Matt. 28:20

"For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance. As the LORD has said, among the remnants whom the LORD calls." Joel 2:32b