

"The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against It"

Matthew 16.13-20

Gates - Gen 22.17; Gen 24.59-60

Symbol of power (entrance and exit, ancient & modern use, FBI Headquarters)

The bigger the gate the more prestige and power supposedly Matthew 7:13-14

Place of counsel

Where armies exit to fight, and enter afterwards

Hell

Satan's domain - Heb 2.14

Death - Luke 16.23; Rev 20:13

Shall not prevail...

The Power of Satan/Hell/Death cannot overcome the Church

Satan's symbol of power is in every gravestone

Jesus came to destroy the one with power over death - Heb 2.14; 1 Jn 3.8

Satan had power over all kingdoms - Luke 4.5-8

The kingdom of God was to break in pieces and destroy all the kingdoms prophesied before it - Dan 2.44-45

Huge armies of angels, spirits and people

Counsel

The wisdom and counsel of Satan cannot overcome it - 1 Co 2.8; Acts 4.27-28

Armies

The armies of Satan cannot overcome it -

Numberless angels, spirits & people

Rev 12.7-9 (note Rev 12.3-4) - The first 3.5 centuries of Church

Great majority of mankind and institutions are enemies of this Church

Rom 8.21; Eph 6.12-13; 2 Kings 6.15-17

Death shall not overcome it

1 Cor 15.26

We have already died and been raised with Christ - Rom 6

Like Christ, death no longer has dominion over us - Rom 6.9

We no longer fear death - Heb 2.14-15

This Bride will Never be widowed - Rev 18.7-8;

2 Timothy 1:9-10 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel

Ephesians 3:8-13 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Heb 12.28-29