

# The Success of the Church in the World

Matt. 16:13-20, 24:1-4, Eph. 1:18-23

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# Introduction

## ◇ Review

- ◇ The Bible: The Foundation of Christian faith and practice
- ◇ The Mission of the Church
- ◇ **The Success of the Church**

## ◇ The Identity of the Church

- ◇ The words used for the church
  - ◇ “Ekklésia”
  - ◇ “Kyriakos”
- ◇ The usage
  - ◇ The Church Universal
  - ◇ The Church Local

# The Success of the Universal Church

- ◇ The Church: built by Jesus Christ (Matt. 16:18)
  - ◇ We are participants in the Lord's work (Eph. 2: 19-20, Jude 20, 1 Cor. 3:9)
  - ◇ We are empowered in the Lord's work (1 Pet. 4: 10-11)
  - ◇ We are confident in the Lord's work
- ◇ The Church: Prevailing and Enduring
  - ◇ Opposed by adversaries
  - ◇ Overcoming death
- ◇ A picture of the victorious church (Matt. 24: 4-14)
  - ◇ The opposition foretold (4-12)
  - ◇ The victory foretold (13-14)

# The Local Church: Pitfalls and Rewards

- ◇ Pitfalls for local churches (Rev. 2-3)
  - ◇ The church at Ephesus: Orthodox, but cold
  - ◇ The churches at Thyatira and Pergamos: Steadfast but corrupted
  - ◇ Sardis and Laodicea: Spiritual indifference and bankruptcy
- ◇ Rewards for faithfulness
  - ◇ Eternal Life in Paradise (2:7)
  - ◇ No condemnation (2:11)
  - ◇ Fellowship with Christ (2: 17)
  - ◇ Ruling with Christ (2:26)
  - ◇ Acceptance before the Father (3:5)
  - ◇ An eternal home with God (3:12)