

Every Church has a beginning, Matthew 16:15-18.

- ✓ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?", Matthew 16:15. Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.", Matthew 16:16. Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven, Matthew 16:17. And I tell you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it, Matthew 16:18. The Great Confession is a Revealed Confession. No Boasting! The Church's victory is sure. Jesus is building the church. The Called Out Ones. Church Building is Not Church Buildings (Though it MAY include that). The Great Confession had to be passed down from person to person. It was not inherited. Sincere Faith is Necessary (Not Casual or Additive). "I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also", 2 Timothy 1:5.
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- ✓ The Church in My Life. Church Was There for Me. My Life in the Church is "I am there for others." Be Steady in Your Confession of Hope.
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- ✓ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, Hebrews 10:24. Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near, Hebrews 10:25.
- Others Have / We Must:
 - Prayed the Way
 - Paid the Way
 - Paved the Way, Involvement
 - Engaged the Fray, Exclaimed it Forth
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Therefore, go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matthew 28:19. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, Matthew 28:20. Pointing always and often to Jesus.
