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# **A New Look at God's Plan for the Church**

## **Student Workbook**

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## **A New Look at God's Plan for the Church General Course Outline**

**COURSE OBJECTIVE:** To bring a fresh, prophetic perspective on God's plan and purpose for His church. Our purpose in this class is to challenge some of our traditionally held concepts and to ask some questions about the foundational basis for many of our firmly held beliefs. Our desire is to see the saints of God fully equipped for the work of the ministry, with full knowledge of God's plans and purposes. We'll be reexamining our traditional concepts about why the Church was established and about the "good works" for which we were created. During this course we will consider the following topics:

- **The Church – Who, What, Why?**
- **Ministry – What is it *really* and who's supposed to "do" it?**
- **Women in the Church**
- **Unity – *not* uniformity!**
- **The Purpose and Destiny of the Church**
- **Authority – Home, Church, Government, Workplace**
- **Leadership – What does God say?**

# Who Is the Church?

## I. Introduction

## II. The Foundation of the Church

*Matthew 16:13-20*

*13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20 Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.*

A. Blessed are you ...

B. ...Simon Bar-Jonah...

C. ...for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father...

D. ...you are Peter....

E. ...and on this rock... - which rock?

F. ...I will build...

G. ...**My** ...

H. ...Church...

I. ...and...

J. ...the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it...

K. ...And...

L. ...I will give you...

M. ... the keys to the kingdom...

N. ...and whatever **you**...

O. ...bind...

P. ...on earth...

Q. ...shall be...

R. ... bound...

S. ...in heaven...

T. ...loose...

### **III. A quick word about Matthew 16:20**

**IV. HIS Church – A People with...**

A.

B.

C.