

## WHERE IS DBC GOING IN 2017? Pt. 1

### A. The CENTRALITY of the CHURCH in this AGE. (Matthew 16:13-18)

1. The *meaning* of the “church” is a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The *Builder* of the Church is \_\_\_\_\_... “I will build My Church”.
3. The *centrality* of the Church is seen by the promise that “I will build My \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. The *beginning* of the Church would be \_\_\_\_\_... “I will build My Church”.
5. The *owner* of the Church is \_\_\_\_\_... “I will build My Church”.
6. The *foundation* of the Church is the \_\_\_\_\_ ... “you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church”.
7. The *durability* and *spiritual battle* involving the Church is seen by the guarantee, “and the gates of \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ against it.”
  - How does the universal church find its visible expression throughout the present age?
  - How does this apply to DBC?

### B. The DIVINE DESIGN for the BUILDING of the CHURCH. (Matthew 28:18-20)

1. The *mandate* comes directly from \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_ and then to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The *mission* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The *means* to accomplish this (from a human standpoint) involves:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ ... so the lost are saved by God’s grace.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a means of public testimony and identification with Jesus Christ.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ ... as a means of ongoing spiritual growth (though this teaching is qualified by the Upper Room Discourse and other NT principles, but certainly involves this mandate as well).

4. The *means* to accomplish this (from a divine standpoint) would involve the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit, and the power of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matt.28:20; Luke 24:46-49)

- How does the GC find practical expression?
  
- How does this apply to DBC in 2017?