

# HOPE

OF THE AGES



The church he is building  
Nothing can stop it  
It's a city that shining  
A light in the darkness

Matthew 16:13-18 ESV

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”



first person  
singular  
future  
active  
indicative

“The  
indicative  
mood makes  
an assertion  
of fact....”

“...I will build **my** church....” “...Jesus speaks  
with extraordinary  
boldness of ‘*my ekklesia*’  
—the unusual Greek word  
order draws particular  
attention to the ‘my.’”  
R.T. France

Colossians 1:15-18a ESV

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

<sup>16</sup> For by him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—  
all things were created through him and for him.

<sup>17</sup> And he is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.

<sup>18</sup> And he is the head of the body, the church.

Ephesians 1:20b-23 ESV

...he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



“The church is a  
marvelous and beautiful  
living reality that Jesus can  
be trusted to build and  
bring to perfection.”

Dallas Willard  
*The Divine Conspiracy Continued*



# ekklesia

“The term was in common usage before the Christian era and was used to refer to an assembly of persons constituted by well-defined membership.”

“But if you seek anything further, it shall be settled in the regular **assembly.**”

Acts 19:39 ESV

Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd the church of God....

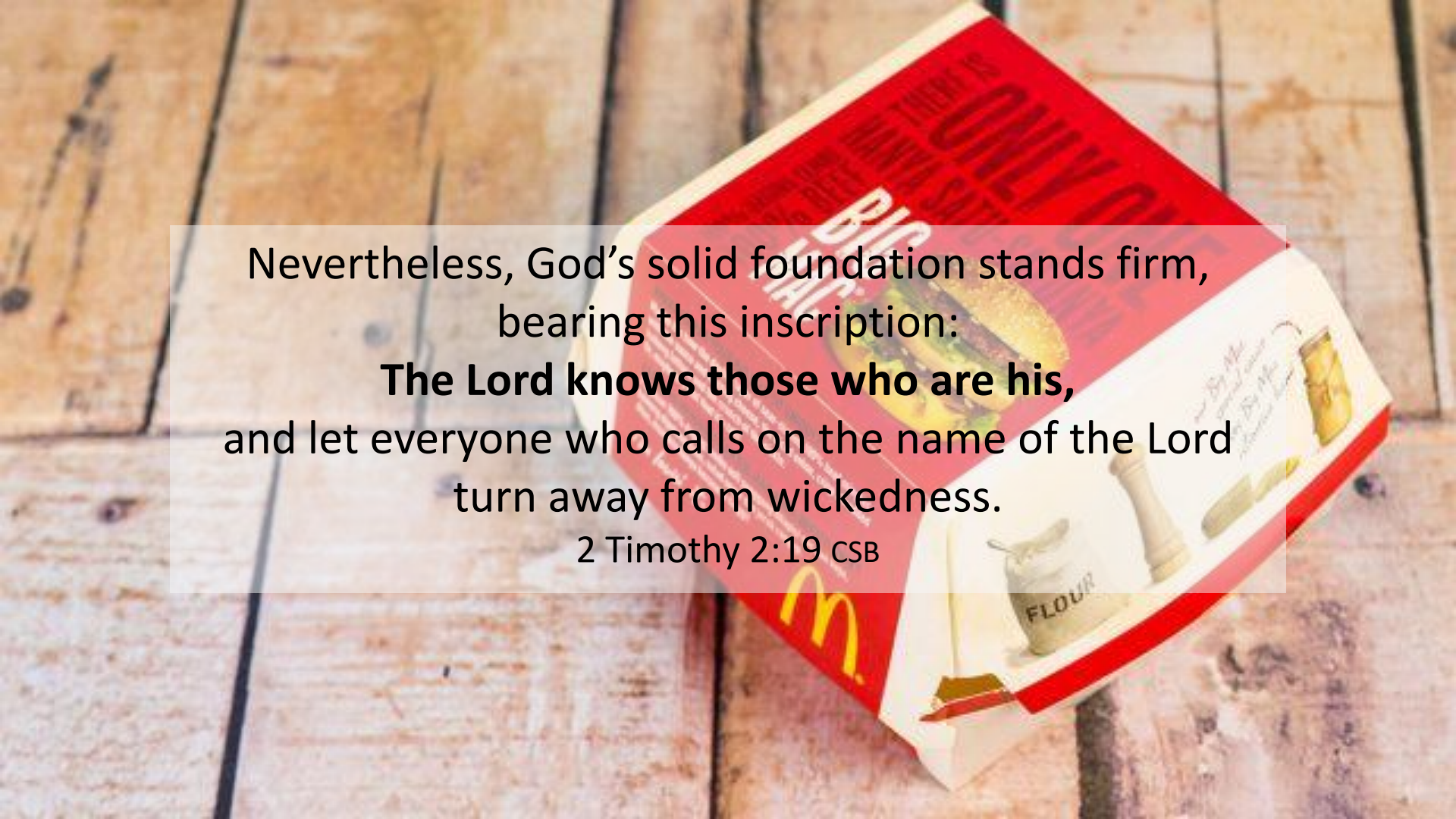
Acts 20:28 CSB

...when you come together in the assembly, I hear that divisions exist among you.

1 Corinthians 11:18

WEB





Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm,  
bearing this inscription:  
**The Lord knows those who are his,**  
and let everyone who calls on the name of the Lord  
turn away from wickedness.

2 Timothy 2:19 CSB

1 Timothy 3:14-15 CSB

I write these things to you, hoping to come to you soon. <sup>15</sup> But if I should be delayed, I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.

stulos

a column which supports the weight of a building

hedraioma

that which provides a firm foundation





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