

The Grand Opening Of Christ's Church

"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." Matthew 16:18, ESV

Matthew 16:18,19 – This event provides _____ to us today.

An Opening Of Power

- A. Acts 1:4,8 – The _____ were to wait in _____, and _____ would come through the _____.
- B. The coming of the power:
 - 1. Acts 2:1-6 – The Spirit came in ways that were _____ to those in Jerusalem. A _____ came together.
 - 2. Acts 2:16,17 – This prophecy was given _____ years earlier.
 - 3. John 20:19,26 - It was a different kind of _____ that brought them out from behind _____ doors.
 - 4. Acts 2:38,39 – The _____ reaches us today.
- C. 2 Timothy 1:7 – We have been given a spirit of _____.

An Opening Of Mercy

- A. Mercy offered to all:
 - 1. Acts 2:22-24 – They had _____ Jesus; God _____ Him.
 - 2. Acts 2:36,37 – God made Him _____ and _____, a fact which brought _____ into their hearts.
 - 3. Acts 2:38,41 – They could be _____ of their _____ by obeying the gospel. _____ of them chose to do that.
- B. Titus 3:4,5 – The _____ and loving _____ of God makes it possible for us to be _____ today.

An Opening Of Fellowship

- A. The fellowship opened on Pentecost:
 - 1. Acts 2:42 – They were _____ to the fellowship.
 - 2. Acts 2:44-47 – Their fellowship led them to be _____ on a daily basis, and to _____ with those who had _____. They had _____ with _____ the people.
- B. John 13:34,35 – This was the _____ time the _____ commandment was practiced: to _____ as _____ loved.

Though we were not _____ for the opening of the church, its _____ are still available for all.

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