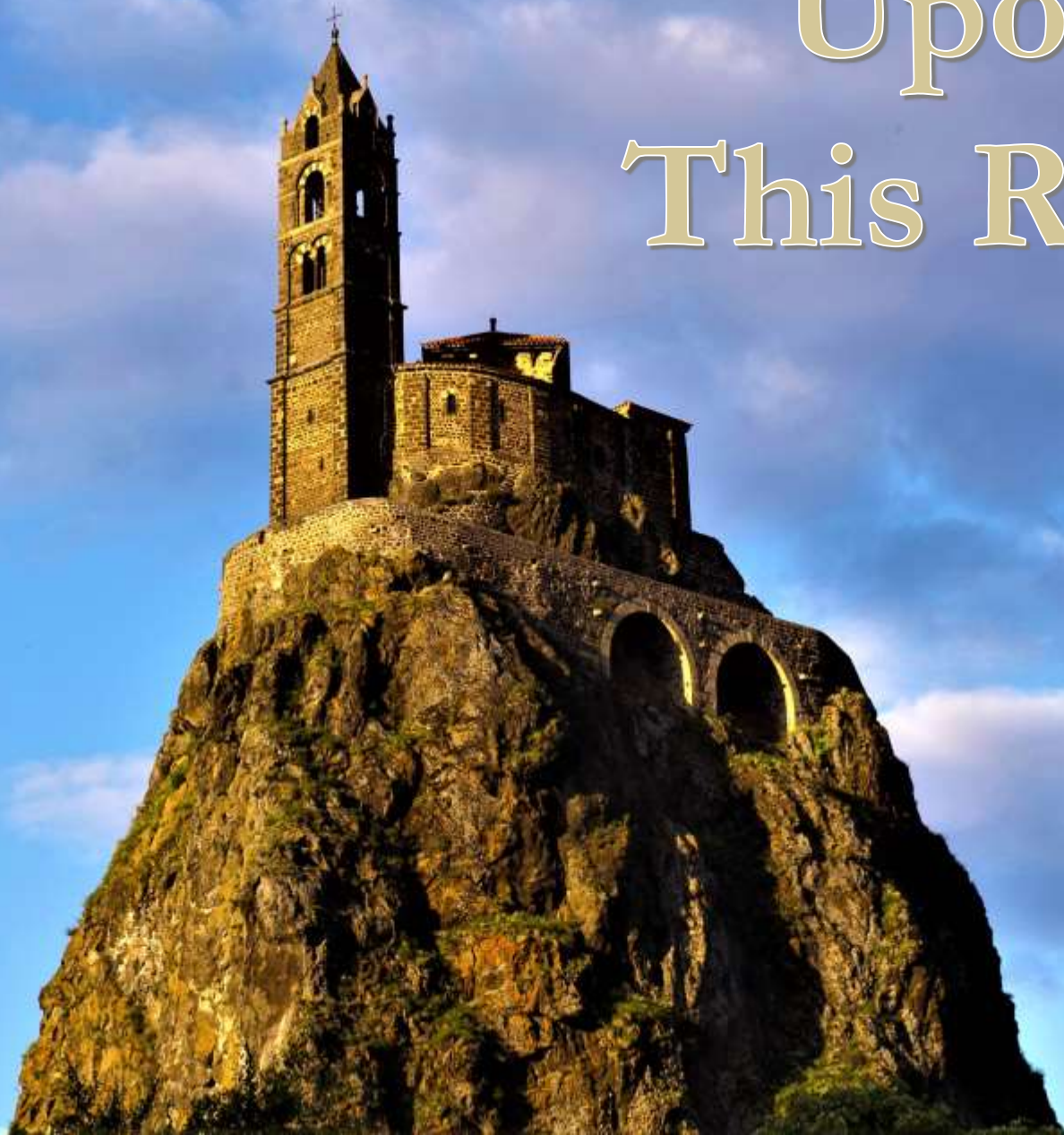


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“The LORD is exalted, for he dwells on high. He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness, and he will be the stability of your times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge. The fear of the LORD is Zion's treasure...For the LORD is our judge. The LORD is our lawgiver. The LORD is our king. He will save us.” (Isaiah 33:5-6, 22)

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“When one says, ‘I follow Paul,’ and another, ‘I follow Apollos,’ are you not being merely human?”

(1 Corinthians 3:4-7)

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*“What then is Apollos?
What is Paul? Servants
through whom you
believed, as the Lord
assigned to each. I
planted, Apollos watered,
but God gave the growth.”
(1 Corinthians 3:4-7)*

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*“So neither he who plants
nor he who waters is
anything, but only God
who gives the growth.”
(1 Corinthians 3:4-7)*

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“For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation...”
(1 Corinthians 3:9-10)

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"...and someone else is building upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

(1 Corinthians 3:9-11)

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“[Jesus] asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’

(Matthew 16:13-16)

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“He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’

Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

(Matthew 16:13-16)

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“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.’”

(Matthew 16:17-18)

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*“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 16:17-18)*

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*“From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...”
(Matthew 16:21-23)*

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“...from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

(Matthew 16:21-23)

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*“Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, ‘Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.’”
(Matthew 16:21-23)*

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“[Jesus] turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me.’”

(Matthew 16:21-23)

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“For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”
(Matthew 16:21-23)

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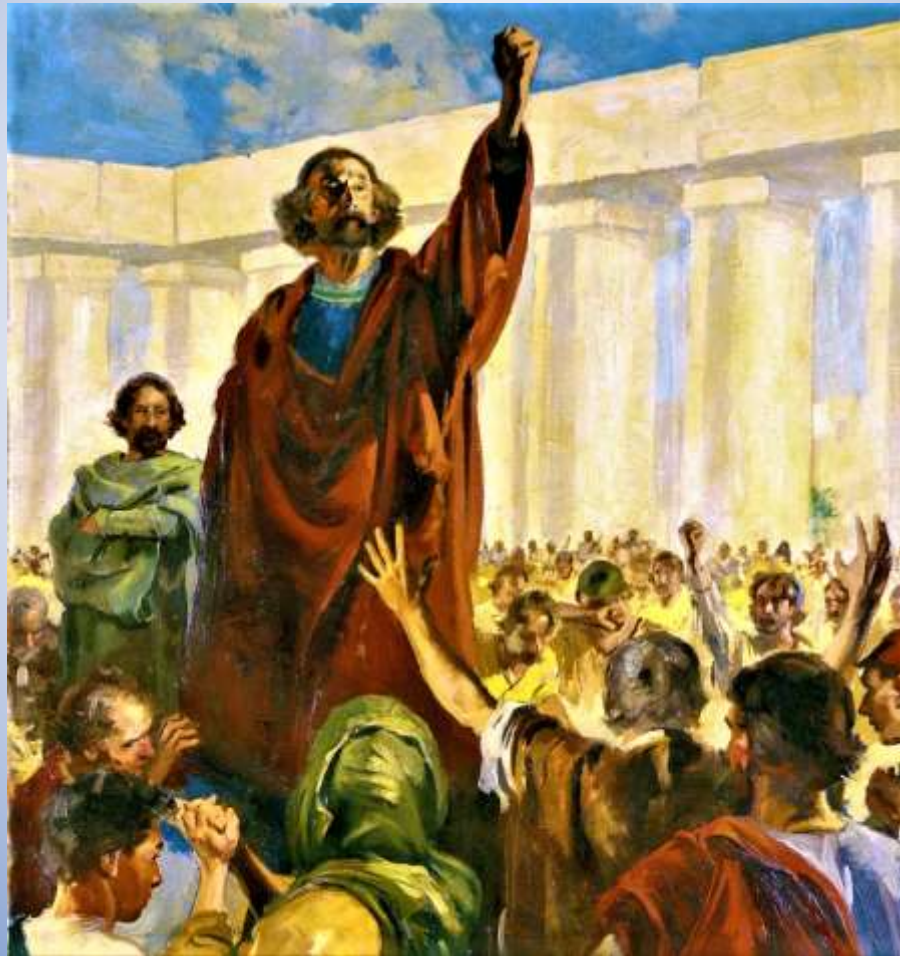
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“Peter personally might be thought too unstable to provide such a foundation, but it is not Peter for what he is in himself but Peter the confessor of Jesus who provides it. In that building every other confessor of Jesus finds a place. What matters is not the stature of the confessor but the truth of the confession.”

– Walter Kaiser

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“Why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?” (Acts 3:12)

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“By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
(Acts 4:10-12)

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“Where Jesus is confessed as the *Messiah*, as “the Christ, the Son of the God,” there his church exists.

It is in *the one who is thus confessed* and not in any durable quality of its own that the church’s security and survival rest.”

– Walter Kaiser

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The Resiliency of Christ's Church

“On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

(Matthew 16:13-18)

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The Resiliency of Christ's Church

“The church as God’s eschatological community will never die or come to end—this despite the eventual martyrdom of the apostles and even, more imminently, the death of its founder...If the church escapes destruction despite the death of its leadership, so too will it escape anything that the enemy might bring upon it.”

– Donald Hagner

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The Resiliency of Christ's Church

“The God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever.” (Daniel 2:44)

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Let No One Boast in Men

“You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.”

(Ephesians 2:19-21)

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Let No One Boast in Men

“Let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.” (1 Corinthians 3:16-4:1)

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