

Chapter 1 : Matthew - The Confession; The Rock; The Church

Lately it seems as though we're getting a little confused about what church really is. It's not a building or a block of time. WE are the church and it's important that we get that right.

Here is the steeple. Open the doors and see all the people. Face hands toward each other. Lock fingers together facing down. Hold both index fingers straight up against each other. Fold thumbs inward against each other. The index fingers make the steeple, thumbs the doors, and other fingers the people inside. When the thumbs separate they represent opening the church doors to look at the people inside. As part of my self-guided continuing education while seeking a call, I intentionally show up minutes late to worship services at various churches. A few Sundays ago I arrived at my scheduled I walked up the steps with two women whom I did not know. We entered the narthex and were greeted by closed doors to the sanctuary. For all practical purposes that makes perfect sense, too. Would they have opened the doors? Would they have tried again another Sunday? Who knows, but I do know that closed doors, even for good reasons, do not send the message that this is a gateway into life, hope, and hospitality. As I settled in to my seat next to the two women, the childhood rhyme was on repeat in my head. Here is the church. The problem with that is not that the church is a building with a steeple, doors, and people. I say we rotate the hinges, leave the sanctuary doors open, and let the Spirit blow where it will. I realize that practically speaking it may mean leaving our light jackets on while seated in the pews, but I consider that a small price to pay for hospitality. The doors are wide open to welcome all people.

Chapter 2 : Here Is The Church

The church is the body of Christ, of which He is the head. Ephesians says, "And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way."

History[edit]

That same night he was invited to join the band on guitar, establishing the classic two guitar formation. Of that first batch of demos, only "Chrome Injury" would go on to be recorded for release. The first single, "She Never Said", was released in November, but did not chart. Another track, "Tear It All Away", later released as a separate single, showed a development towards the more elaborate guitar structures which would become part of their signature sound. Their image and sound now evoked comparisons with s psychedelic groups, with tight jeans, paisley shirts and Byrds -style jangly guitars. Chugg later recalled, "They were hard work. All four of them were strong-willed and had their own ideas of how things should be. He favoured a gated reverb drum sound, popular in the s, which produced a staccato -like snare sound. Unsatisfied with the sound, the band asked Launay to redo the mix, but the effect was only lightened. The first single, "Electric Lash " featured this effect especially prominently and it was likened to a "machine gun". Despite dissatisfaction over the mix, Seance featured a lush, more atmospheric Church with highlights including "Now I Wonder Why" and "Fly". Internationally, the album sold poorly, being considered dark and cryptic, and the general public seemed to lose interest. Some critics in Europe and the U. Some 20 songs were put together on his home 4-track. Only one band composition made the album: Kilbey and Willson-Piper had co-written another track, "10, Miles", but the label rejected it. The band had built a devoted fan base with their paisley shirts, catchy melodies and solid live performances. Following the release of Seance, they toured Australia and New Zealand for the rest of the year to pay off debts incurred on the European tour. Meanwhile, Capitol Records released their first album in Canada, where it reached the Top The band then signed to Warner Bros. Records in the United States. Internationally the two EPs were repackaged as a single album titled Remote Luxury. Due to the interest raised in the U. They toured the US in October and November and while venues in New York and Los Angeles saw audiences of about people, other gigs had as few as In financial terms the tour went poorly and the band lost thousands of dollars a week. The Church seemed to reach a nadir in Unable to repeat the commercial success of the first two albums, there was a perception that their creativity was declining. The start of was quiet for the band as members spent time apart in Stockholm , Sydney and Jamaica. The songs "were among the richest moments in The Church canon". In Australia it peaked at No. Unexpectedly, Willson-Piper suddenly quit mid-tour after rising in-band tensions and on 10 July, The Church performed as a three-piece in Hamburg, Germany. Willson-Piper returned within a week after Kilbey agreed that future releases would contain more group efforts. Plans for a double live album, Bootleg, were also scrapped. Since the band had greater sales overseas than in Australia, they decided to record in a studio abroad and opted for a four-album deal with U. For Australian releases they signed with Mushroom Records. We were a bit more undisciplined than they would have liked". Personality clashes occurred as the two sides bickered over guitar sounds, song structures and work ethic. Under pressure from the producers, Kilbey took vocal lessons, an experience he later regarded as valuable. The stress of living in the US influenced their recording, and left Kilbey feeling out of place: I hated where I was living. I hated driving this horrible little red car around on the wrong side of the road. Bright, spacious and uncluttered, the recording was a departure from the layered orchestrations of Heyday. They found the results bare and simplistic; however, the public reception was unexpected. Released in February , Starfish found its way into the mainstream, marking a new worldwide commercial peak for the band. It peaked at No. History has given it something that it never really had". The band started negotiations with former Led Zeppelin bass guitarist and keyboardist John Paul Jones , who had a reputation as a sophisticated producer, but the record company and management vetoed their suggestion. While the prior sessions were tense, these were volatile. Already unenthusiastic about the forced pairing, there was the stress of having to create another hit album, and this took its toll. He left the band after the sessions. The resulting album, Gold Afternoon Fix , while different

from its predecessor, reached No. On some tracks, the music was punctuated by clanging metal, rustling wind or sharp, industrial sounds. The album spawned a hit single, "Metropolis" No. With lowered commercial expectations and less pressure from Arista, the atmosphere was more relaxed. Bringing in British producer Gavin MacKillop Barenaked Ladies, Toad the Wet Sprocket, Straitjacket Fits to supervise the sessions, [9] the band began to improvise the framework for the next set of songs. With song concepts derived from cryptic, one-word working titles an idea originally proposed by Willson-Piper, the lyrics leaned towards the abstract and esoteric. Emphasising free association and undirected coincidence between music and motif, Kilbey declined to define their meanings. The band only went on a limited tour, confined to Australia, as Kilbey prepared for the birth of his twin daughters with Karin Jansson. His decision reflected two main factors: In his autobiography, *Something Quite Peculiar*, Kilbey calls it their "undisputed masterpiece". Sometime Anywhere, *Magician Among the Spirits* [edit] Despite the loss of Koppes, Arista decided to stand by their contract and back another Church album and so Kilbey and Willson-Piper began to write new material. When it became clear that Daugherty would not be returning to the fold either, the remaining two took the opportunity to approach their music from new perspectives, abandoning their long-established roles and stylistic elements in favour of experimentation, spontaneity and electronica. Considered temporary at the time, Powles would soon become a permanent member of the band and is still with them over 20 years later. Promotion was minimal as Arista saw insufficient commercial promise in the release. Ambitious plans to stage full electric shows were scaled back, leaving Kilbey and Willson-Piper with only a short run of acoustic gigs as a duo. Although initially a two-man project, the new material saw input from new drummer Powles and hired violinist Linda Neil. Renewed contact between Kilbey and Peter Koppes led to the latter agreeing to guest on four songs - a welcome surprise for fans. Simon Polinski Yothu Yindi was drafted in to co-produce, engineer and mix the sessions. The music saw a return to guitar-based material, infused with krautrock and art rock influences. A minute atmospheric piece called "Magician Among the Spirits" dominated the sessions, named after a book by Harry Houdini. Additional contributions by Utungun Percussion added a new, primal aspect to several songs. The album, also called *Magician Among the Spirits*, received mixed reviews, despite the guitar rock hook of its single, "Comedown". This almost doomed the album from the beginning, but worse events were to come. Within a short time, the U. For a band already on shaky ground, this was nearly the death knell. Comments by Kilbey in May of that year summed up the situation: Our management, the whole thing is broken down In his absence, Kilbey, Powles and Koppes spent some studio time together and quickly wrote and recorded an album as *The Refo*: Group tensions within *The Church* proper were still simmering, however. More than anyone else, it was new drummer Tim Powles who tried to alleviate the outstanding disagreements. Kilbey declared that the end was nigh: The four agreed to play a string of farewell concerts around Australia, which turned out to be extremely successful. Originally given the name *Bastard Universe*, the forthcoming album was re-titled *Hologram of Allah* after Willson-Piper found the original too negative. Concerns about fundamentalist Muslim reaction to the potentially blasphemous title made the band finally opt for the more neutral *Hologram of Baal*, after the Canaanite god. Released under a new contract with UK independent label *Cooking Vinyl*, the album was distributed in the U. A limited edition featured a bonus disc with a nearly minute continuous improvised instrumental, which received the original title of the album, *Bastard Universe*. The reformed and rejuvenated band went on their first fully electric tour of the U. A plan to release a live album called *Bag of Bones* was put into motion, but then cancelled. The insert for the CD was designed as interchangeable, with 10 separate sleeve designs created by fans. The band was forced to improvise a set after he failed to show, with Willson-Piper covering vocals. However, recording for their next album turned out to be painstakingly slow, due to numerous side projects and simple geography. With Kilbey now living in Sweden, Willson-Piper in England and the others in Australia, the bandmates met across several separate sessions. Partially recorded in both Sweden, NYC and Australia, the resulting *After Everything Now This*, released in January, saw a focus on the softer elements of the band, with responsibility for production and final mixing again by Powles. With only three obvious "rock" tracks out of ten, gentler moods dominated. The album achieved the biggest international success for *The Church* in almost ten years. The successive world tour featured the band in a more subtle setting as well, with most tracks performed primarily acoustically

alongside guest David Lane on piano. Fans would not have to wait long for another group release. The second disc, subtitled "mixture", compiled leftover songs from the After Everything Now This recording sessions.

Chapter 3 : What is the church?

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Faust “ of the First Presidency explained: He has been ordained and set apart as the prophet, seer, and revelator to the world. He has been sustained as the President of the Church. He is the presiding high priest over all the priesthood on the earth. Even some Latter-day Saints have not yet discovered it. A careful study of this chapter will deepen your appreciation for the President of the Church and the priesthood keys of authority he holds and will help you understand how safety comes to those who choose to heed his counsel. Kimball “ declared that he, as the President of the Church, held the keys of the priesthood: Kimball invited us to a small church to see the statues of Christ and the Twelve Apostles by Bertel Thorvaldsen. The Christus stands in an alcove beyond the altar. Standing in order along the sides of the chapel are the statues of the Twelve, with Paul replacing Judas Iscariot. President Kimball, this gentle prophet, turned to President Johan H. I hold the keys! McConkie “85 of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles identified responsibilities of the President of the Church, the living prophet: Hinckley “ explained how the priesthood keys continue from the Prophet Joseph Smith to the current living prophet in this dispensation: Every president of the Church since then has come to that most high and sacred office out of the Council of the Twelve. Each of these men has been blessed with the spirit and power of revelation from on high. There has been an unbroken chain from Joseph Smith, Jr. Kimball [who was the current prophet]. Of that I bear solemn witness and testimony before you this day. Lee “ indicated that the Saints need never be deceived, for the Lord has established an unmistakable channel of instruction: President Ezra Taft Benson “ taught that we should value the words of the prophet more than those of any other person: This is the man who stands closest to the fountain of living waters. There are some heavenly instructions for us that we can only receive through the prophet. A good way to measure your standing with the Lord is to see how you feel about, and act upon, the inspired words of his earthly representative, the prophet-president. The inspired words of the president are not to be trifled with. All men are entitled to inspiration, and various men are entitled to revelation for their particular assignment. Kimball testified that the heavens are still open and that the Lord guides His Church from day to day: We testify also that there is, since when The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized, and will continue to be, so long as time shall last, a prophet, recognized of God and his people, who will continue to interpret the mind and will of the Lord. Let us not make the error of the ancients. The ancients also could accept the prophets of an earlier day, but denounced and cursed the ones who were their contemporaries. I say, in the deepest of humility, but also by the power and force of a burning testimony in my soul, that from the prophet of the Restoration to the prophet of our own year, the communication line is unbroken, the authority is continuous, a light, brilliant and penetrating, continues to shine. The sound of the voice of the Lord is a continuous melody and a thunderous appeal. For nearly a century and a half there has been no interruption. New and different problems and many variations of old problems continually challenge us. Our wise and loving Heavenly Father knows all things before they happen, and He reveals answers and solutions through His prophet as needed. In addition to interpreting and reaffirming existing scripture, a prophet acts as the agent through whom the Lord can give new scripture, according to the needs of the people. His inspired counsel is in harmony with the eternal truths in the standard works and is focused upon the needs and conditions of his day. Doctrines are eternal and do not change; however, the Lord, through His prophet, may change practices and programs, according to the needs of the people. The following examples illustrate this principle: When Jesus was upon the earth, the gospel was generally taught only to the house of Israel see Matthew After His Resurrection , the Savior commanded the Apostles to take the gospel to everyone see Mark In the time of Christ and His Apostles, the Melchizedek Priesthood was again made available and the Aaronic Priesthood was offered to men who were not Levites see Luke 6: President John Taylor “87 referred to prophets in the Old Testament to illustrate that new revelations are necessary for new generations: And so must we. I would rather have the living oracles than all the writing in the books. When he was through, Brother Joseph said to

the congregation: Packer taught that principles and doctrines of the gospel remain constant, even though Church practices must be adjusted occasionally: We are quite free, indeed, quite obliged to alter them from time to time. It is not in the programme. It is not in the mind of God. Lee taught this same principle: Hinckley gave similar assurance to Church members: Those who lead it have only one desire, and that is to do the will of the Lord. They seek his direction in all things. There is not a decision of significance affecting the Church and its people that is made without prayerful consideration, going to the fount of all wisdom for direction. Follow the leadership of the Church. Hinckley Some People Will Believe in Past Prophets but Reject the Living Prophets Many people revere the prophets of the past but refuse to accept the prophet the Lord has sent to guide them in their day see Helaman Lee shared an experience that illustrates this tendency: Years ago when I met him in company with President Jacobson, who was then presiding over the Eastern States Mission, we had quite a discussion. If you accept the Book of Mormon, what is holding you back? If he had lived two thousand years ago, I suppose I would believe. To say that the heavens are sealed and there is no revelation today is saying that we do not believe in a living Christ today, or a living God today—we believe in one long-since dead and gone. Claiming a belief in dead prophets while rejecting the living prophet is a very old problem. They reviled a man whom Jesus had healed, saying: Lee taught that a belief in revelation must include the teachings of our current prophet: McKay announced to the Church that members of the First Council of the Seventy were being ordained high priests in order to extend their usefulness and to give them authority to act when no other General Authority could be present, a seventy I met was very much disturbed. He again was following a dead prophet, and he was forgetting that there is a living prophet today. Hence the importance of our stressing that word living. The mission president related the historical events that led up to the martyrdom and then he closed with this very significant statement: Grant, with George Albert Smith. Points to Ponder Why is it important to understand that all of the priesthood keys are held and directed by one person on the earth at a time? What advantages come from the words of a living prophet if we already have the words of the ancient prophets? The Lord has promised He will never allow His prophet to lead the Church astray. After reading the following scriptures, explain to a friend or family member how the living prophet is like Moses: Doctrine and Covenants My beloved brothers and sisters, I am honored to be in your presence today. You students are a part of a choice young generation—a generation which might well witness the return of our Lord. Not only is the Church growing in numbers today, it is growing in faithfulness and, even more important, our young generation, as a group, is even more faithful than the older generation. God has reserved you for the eleventh hour—the great and dreadful day of the Lord. It will be your responsibility not only to help bear off the kingdom of God triumphantly but to save your own soul and strive to save those of your family and to honor the principles of our inspired constitution. Kimball] on his eighty-fifth birthday. The prophet is the only man who speaks for the Lord in everything. In section , verse 7, of the Doctrine and Covenants the Lord speaks of the Prophet—the President—and says: The living prophet is more vital to us than the standard works. President Wilford Woodruff tells of an interesting incident that occurred in the days of the Prophet Joseph Smith: At that meeting some remarks were made that have been made here today, with regard to the living oracles and with regard to the written word of God. The same principle was presented, although not as extensively as it has been here, when a leading man in the Church got up and talked upon the subject, and said: We should confine ourselves to them. The living prophet is more important to us than a dead prophet. The living prophet has the power of TNT. Noah needed his own revelation. Therefore, the most important prophet, so far as you and I are concerned, is the one living in our day and age to whom the Lord is currently revealing His will for us. Therefore, the most important reading we can do is any of the words of the prophet contained each month in our Church magazines. Our marching orders for each six months are found in the general conference addresses, which are printed in the Ensign magazine. The prophet will never lead the Church astray. President Wilford Woodruff stated: It is not in the program. Homer Durham [Salt Lake City: Romney tells of this incident which happened to him:

Chapter 4 : Body of Christ - Wikipedia

Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people. Here is the church, here is the steeple, open the doors and see all the people. Tour of the crypt of St Leonard.

The question came up over and over, who is He? He was aware of this, and He was especially concerned that His disciples knew who He was. The time came for that teaching. He had gone with His disciples to the area of Caesarea Philippi. It was here that He asked them two questions. The first had to do with what impressions the public had: 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. There are three vital things here to be studied and distinguished: By divine revelation Peter knew the truth, and he spoke it on this occasion without fear: In fact, we know that the person who refuses to acknowledge this truth is refusing to be saved! Jesus said "if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins," Jno. This confession is the proposition that lies at the very foundation of the gospel plan; it is a truth that must be confessed and believed. Or to state this another way: If this confession is important, that which is built on it is also important! The church is built on this truth Peter expressed. Jesus, the Head of the church, said: In favor of this view, the name Peter means "rock," and the Roman Catholic edition of the New Testament has this footnote: Of course, that idea can be rejected on the basis of any number of scriptural facts. But in regard to our text, consider these points: These observations alone indicate, the Lord was talking about two distinct things. Those who come to Him in obedient response to the gospel become a part of His church, His body. They belong to Him. Another point of grammar, when the Lord said, "I will," that indicates present intention to do something in the future! He was telling His chosen men, Here is what I intend to do. He said, "I will build My church. The text puts before us these facts about Christ and His church. Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God. God revealed this to Peter, not "flesh and blood. Jesus told these men, He would build His church on this confession, and "the gates of Hades" would not prevent it. From Expository Files 1.

Chapter 5 : Here Is the Church, Here Is the Steeple! – THEOLOQUI

This is the church, This is the steeple. Look inside. And see all the people. Show more. Front Yo Back, Side to Side (ep19) Moving around like the Pop It crew is the.

God had a plan for when Jesus would be born, and it would be at a time in world history that would be most favorable for His Church to be established. So, a people would be prepared, and they were! The world was readied How was the world prepared for the beginning of the Church? In Daniel 2 and 7, we read about four world-ruling empires that would dominate the earth. First there was Babylon, the empire that had taken the Jews captive. Babylon was defeated by the Persians, who then dominated the world for about years. It was during this time of Persian rule that the Jews were allowed to go back to Jerusalem Ezra 1: There were, however, many Jews who remained in the land of Babylon and did not return to Jerusalem. Those Jews either stayed in Babylon or migrated to other areas of the world. Alexander the Great established the Greek empire. It was during this time in history that Jews were drawn to cities of learning all over the Grecian empire. They ended up in cities like Alexandria, Egypt. Some scholars estimate that about 1 million Jews lived there during the time of Jesus. A Bible student cannot help but notice how many synagogues Jesus, and later the apostles, visited. Synagogues were ready-made places in which to preach the gospel. Greek ideas and thought permeated the empire. Greece produced a culture that is still with us today. There was an emphasis on literature, language, art and education—especially the lecture style. Greek became the language of the empire and the various schools of learning emphasized it—just as English is emphasized today. This is one reason God preserved the New Testament Scriptures in the Greek language—it was prevalent everywhere. The last of the four empires described in Daniel was Rome. Rome had already conquered much of the world. The founding of the Church The first time we read of the Church is in Matthew As time went on, the disciples members of the Church were eventually called Christians. The expansion of Christianity In chapter 2 of his book *The Mission and Expansion of Christianity in the First Three Centuries*, author Adolf Harnack presents a number of conditions that allowed for the rise of Christianity in the world at that time. Following is an analysis and discussion of some of those conditions: The spreading out of Judaism: According to Acts Therefore, the gospel message was first preached to the Jews as they had a background in the Scriptures. Afterward the gospel was preached to the gentiles Romans 1: The Hellenization of the East: As noted earlier, the New Testament books were preserved in Greek. On the other hand, even though the Greek culture brought forth a great expansion in education and learning, there were many pagan Greek ideas and philosophies that eventually made their way into Christianity. The religious stance of Rome: The Roman Empire had one set of laws and one leader Caesar. It actually provided for the safe beginnings of the Church. Roman law protected the accepted religions of their empire—as long as they did not interfere with Roman religion. At first, the Romans did not recognize that Christianity was different from Judaism because the Jews and the Christians kept the Sabbath and biblical holy days. The Romans looked upon early Christianity as just another sect of the Jews Acts The rights of Roman citizens: Romans were very concerned for the rights of Roman citizens. On another occasion, Paul appealed, as his right allowed, to Caesar Acts The excellent Roman facilities and roads: The Roman Empire thrived on the security of international commerce. The Church was able to expand due to the interconnection of towns and villages. In fact, Paul traveled throughout the areas of Asia Minor and Macedonia with relative ease. We can follow his journeys as they are described in the book of Acts. The epistles and letters written by the apostles could be sent to the members quickly. There was much joy among the members. Miracles were performed, as noted in Acts 3: Great unity and grace was upon them Acts 4: The truth about Jesus being the Messiah was taught and the Church had peace. The leaders of the Jews did not like what was happening. They were losing people, and this sect was growing. So they began to imprison the apostles Acts 5: The apostles were released and continued their preaching. The early Church was obedient to the faith. They believed in keeping the law of God, including the seventh-day Sabbath Acts They believed in keeping the biblical festivals 1 Corinthians 5: They believed in loving others, which fulfills the law by not killing or stealing or lying or coveting; see Romans For many years a congregation of God was in Ephesus,

and Jesus made the following remarks about this particular group of people: The early Church continued to thrive. It soon faced persecution, but the Church never died out. It exists today, and it continues to follow the example set by its founding members.

Chapter 6 : Worship resources, prayers, sermons and bible studies

This Is The Church is a powerful, entertaining novel about the trials and triumphs of Our Father's Evangelical Church of Monument, California. The town's namesake is a foot, Mount Rushmore-like carving of the left half of Rudolph Valentino's face from his movie, The Sheik.

Chapter 7 : Here is the Church, Here is the Steeple Re-writing the Rhyme - NEXT Church

Finger rhyme of "Here's the church". Visual impact! Children love "Here's the church" rhyme as it combines words with actions expressed by using their hands. This provides the opportunity to increase the manual dexterity and coordination of a chi.

Chapter 8 : Francis Chan: This Is the Kind of Church God Wants

The Church is an institution that from the mid to late game on offers a variety of religious services in exchange for money. Their exact benefits are not explained in-game and aren't easy to derive from extracted game data.

Chapter 9 : Church Prayers - Intercessions

The Church Local Versus the Church Universal The local church is defined as a local assembly of believers or a congregation that meets together physically for worship, fellowship, teaching, prayer and encouragement in the faith (Hebrews).