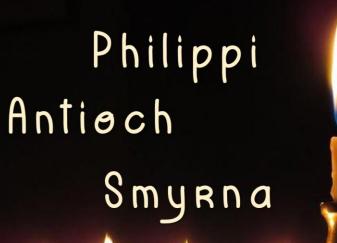


And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build <u>My church</u>, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18



Ephesus Thyatira Jerusalem

# Philadelphia Thessalonica

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- The Lord's church existed in 1st Century, Matt 16:18; Ac 2:46.
- Local churches were established & functioning Ac 14:23; Phil 1:1; Rom 16:16; 1 Cor 16:1-2.

What was ruined? What was restored?

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# A Restoration Failure

- Christians have failed to restore Moral Distinctiveness.
- Churches are now replacing a heavenly focus with a focus upon the present world.
- Christians have failed to restore time needed to devote to the Great Commission.
- Churches are now no longer God-Centered but have become me-centered.

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