

**As a Disciple of Jesus, committed to applying  
His Word, by His grace, I will:**

## **The Blessing of Knowing Jesus' Identity, AND Sharing in His Mission**

### **Matters for Prayer:**

For Yourself, in light of this passage:

For Others:

### **CCF's Mission is to Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Who love God, and others to HIS glory**

- ✓ Using our Spirit-given gifts and resources
- ✓ Relying on His strength
- ✓ Serving with His body, Family
- ✓ Following Him through His Word

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- ❖ **Some information is interesting but has little real life-impact.** After all, what are the day to day implications of knowing who is buried in Grant's tomb—aside from trivia contests?
- ❖ **When Jesus asked His guys who they said He was, it was not a trivial pursuit.** Peter's profound, A+ answer—"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"—has eternal, ongoing implications. Being blessed to know Jesus' identity leads to knowing and being a part of His eternal mission.
- ❖ **Let's hear Jesus, in Matthew 16, describe what He, the Sent-Savior, Son of God, is up to. Listen for our part.**

"Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 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. 18 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. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

**20, 21** Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. 21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." **(Matthew 16:16-21 –ESV)**

## “Who Is This Guy?” Jesus is:(vs. 16, 17)

### 1. God’s Christ (ὁ χριστός):

**Uniquely Anointed Sent One:** tasked, empowered, Messiah

- Son of Abraham, David—Gen. 15; 17:6-8; 2 Sam. 7:8-16
- The Son of God—Matt. 1:20-23; John 1:1-14; 3:16; 1 John 4, 5

**Long-Awaited, Sovereignly Planned Deliverer**—John 1:41; 4:25

- “In fullness of time: to redeem, adopt—Isaiah 7:14; Galatians 4:4-7
- God’s King of His Kingdom—Matt. 1:1, 18; 28:18-20; Ps. 2
- Savior of God’s People—Col. 1: 13-17; 1 John 4:9-15; 5:11-13
- Blessing to the Nations—Gen. 15; Isaiah 2, 9:6, 7; 11; Acts 2:29-36

### 2. The Son of The Living God

- **Living:** Not an idol, made-up, imaginary, mythicalgod—Heb. 1:1-4
- **Son of,** Begotten of God. Unique relationship—John 1:1-14; 3:16-18
- **He is God**—distinct from the Father, and Spirit, but Equal to
- **Omni-X3**—omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient. Read Mark!

### 3. A Divinely-Bestowed Blessing to Know(vs. 17)

- Not humanly discerned. Matt. 11:25-27; John 1:1-14; Hebrews 1:1-4
- Insight graciously given by God (John 17:3; Acts 9; 26:18; Ephesians 1:18-20; Colossians 1:27-2:9; 2 Cor. 4:6)

## WOW! So, What’s His Mission?(vs. 18-21)

To Develop a People, “Called-Out” Ones, His Church

### 1. Built On Him! THE ROCK, Foundation, Cornerstone!

“the head stone of the corner”—Psalm 118:22,23; Matthew 21:42

“you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “See, I lay in Zion a stone, a chosen and precious cornerstone; and the one who believes in Him will never be put to shame.” To you who believe, then, this stone is precious . . .” (1 Peter 2:5-7 –NIV)

### 2. Using Foundational People

- “Rocky” Peter—Πέτρος, και ἐπὶ ταύτητῃ πέτρᾳ
- Apostles, His Word(1 Corinthians 3:9-11; 12:28)

“Therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the saints and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. In Him the whole building is fitted together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.”Ephes. 2:19-21–NIV

### 3. Via His Empowered, Unconquerable ἐκκλησία

- You, Us, His (Acts 1:8, 9; Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Peter 2)
- Hell doesn’t stand a chance—1 John 4:4; Rev. 20-22
- Heavenly Authority is ours (Matthew 28:18-20)  
Message of Forgiveness (2 Cor. 5; 1John 1:5-2:2)  
Authority in the Church (cf. Heb. 13:7)  
“shall have been bound . . . shall have been loosed.” ESV –19

### 4. In His Perfect time, and Way (vs. 20, 21; 26:45)

- His hour hadn’t yet come(John 7:6, 30; 12:23, 27; 13:1;17:1)
- Still training, sharpening, preparing His 12 (16:22-28)

## For Application, Discussion, Prayer:

His Identity and Mission are linked—ours too. See Eph. 4:1; Rom 12:1, 2

What an honor to Know Him AND to Make Him Known!

What active role can you play in:

Knowing Him?

Making Him known?

Do your priorities sound like His? Read Matthew 6:33; 28:18-20