

Scriptures: Exodus 20:1-17 & Matthew 16:13-28 Preparatory #1
Singing: 64:1-2 – 123:1 – 232:1-3 – 190:1-4 – 422:5-6

We believe and confess that our Savior Jesus Christ did ordain and institute the sacrament of the Holy Supper to nourish and support those whom He has already regenerated and incorporated in this His family, which is His Church ... Belgic Confession, art 35

How to know that I am blessed like Peter?

I. Jesus' Question II. Peter's Confession III. Jesus' Testimony

I. Jesus' question

- A. Location of this question is *uncommon: Caesarea Philippi* (vs. 13)
1. Jesus took all disciples are out of their comfort zone
 2. Jesus' calls attention to Himself by 2 question: *general (13) – personal (15)*
- B. Jesus' **personal** question is *emphatic* (vs. 15)
- C. In preparation for the partaking of Lord's Supper, this is a *main* question

II. Peter's Confession of Faith

- A. Peter's answer is an amazing confession: vs. 16b
1. He believes Jesus is ***the Christ***
 2. He believes Jesus is ***the Son of God***
- B. Peter's confession was not in *isolation* of the years prior to this moment
1. Peter's spiritual life has *matured into this confession of faith*
 - a. his journey began through testimony of Andrew (John 1:41-32)
 - b. his journey is from beginning *the Father's drawing* (John 6:44-45)

C. What do we know of Peter's confession of faith?

1. Though all believers are unique all have the same spiritual heartbeat

D. Notice also what Peter did not confess to know or believe yet

III. Jesus' Testimony

A. If such confession is yours, take to comfort from Jesus' Beatitude in vs. 17

1. Compare with Ps. Ps. 89: 15, 65:4; Matt. 5:3-9

B. The revelation of the Father *spiritual enlightenment or illumination*

Two Final Considerations ...

A. The opposite of blessed is cursed!

B. Doubt not your welcome to come to Jesus (Is. 55:1-3!)

God is hearty, and in good earnest, in His offers of Christ and His salvation. O, do not think that a God of truth toys with you, when He makes offer of His unspeakable gift, or that He offers a thing to you which He has no mind to give. He says, yea, He swears with the greatest solemnity, by His very life, that He is in good earnest, and has no pleasure in your death. And to think that God is not in earnest, what else is it, but to charge a God of truth with lying and perjury!? There cannot be a great offence offered to a man of good reputation. How criminal then must it be to impute such a thing to Him, for Whom it is impossible to lie. God's whole heart, and His whole soul is in the offer and promise of the Gospel. Ebenezer Erskine