

May 15, 2011
Pastor Brent Reilly

“Jesus’ Great Commitment”

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ 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 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

“Jesus’ Great Question”

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” (v.13)

“But who do you say that I am?” (v.15)

“Peter’s Great Confession”

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (v.16)

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.” Isaiah 9:6-7

“Jesus’ Great Commendation”

“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.” (v.17)

“Jesus’ Great Commitment”

“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. 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.”

(v.18-19)

- **Isaiah 22:22 ... “the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut and none shall open.”**
- **Revelation 3:7 ... Jesus is “the true one, who has the key of David...”**
 - **Matthew 4:23 ... “proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom”**

“Jesus’ Great Commitment”

Jesus Christ will build His eternal church through the ministry of Peter and other faithful disciples who proclaim His saving Gospel

Did Jesus use Peter to build His church?

- **Matthew 16:21-23 ... a stumble out of the gate
“*stumbling block*” or “*rock*”?**
- **“*the things of man*” or “*the things of God*”?**
 - **Matthew 17:1-7 ... “Rise, and have no fear.”**
 - **Matthew 26:31-35 ... “I will never fall away”**
 - **Matthew 26:69-75 ... “he...wept bitterly”**
 - **John 21:15-19 ... “Follow me.”**
- **Acts 2:22-32, 36-41 ... “there were added ... three thousand souls.”**
- **Acts 4:8-12 ... “there is no other name ... by which we must be saved.”**
 - **Acts 15:7-12 ... “saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus”**

Peter's "stumbling block" days are over ... or are they?

- Galatians 2:11-16 ... "not in step with the truth of the Gospel"
 - 1 Peter 1:3-7 ... "tested by fire"
- 1 Peter 2:1-10 ... "you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (v.9-10)

In the building of His church, will I be a living stone in Jesus' hands or a stumbling block at Jesus' feet?