

I. THE CONFESSION OF PETER AND THE PROMISE OF JESUS (MATTHEW 16:16-20)

A. The confession and blessing of Peter (Matthew 16:16-17)

1. Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ (Savior) and Son of the Living God (Lord) **(Matthew 16:16; Romans 10:9)**
2. Jesus blesses Peter and identifies God as the source behind Peter's confession **(Matthew 16:17; 2 Corinthians 3:14-18; 4:3-4, 6; John 6:63)**

B. The promises of Jesus (Matthew 16:18-20)

1. Jesus will build his church through the preaching of the gospel that results in God revealing His Son so that people confess that Jesus is Lord and Savior **(Matthew 16:16-18)**
2. Jesus will give Peter the keys of the Kingdom for binding and loosing **(Matthew 16:19-20; Matthew 18:18; 23:13; Luke 11:52)**
3. Peter uses the keys as he preaches the gospel because he is announcing what God has already decided: whoever repents and believes will be saved **(Matthew 16:19; Matthew 4:19; 2 Timothy 2:2)**

II. THE CENSURE OF PETER (MATTHEW 16:21-26)

A. Jesus censures Peter after showing the disciples what he is bound to do (Matthew 16:21-23)

1. What Jesus must do is bound in heaven **(Matthew 16:21; Matthew 26:24; Acts 2:23; 4:27-28)**
2. Peter is censured because his mind isn't on the things offered **(Matthew 16:22-23; Romans 8:5)**
3. Peter goes from Rock to stumbling block **(Matthew 16:18, 23; 1 Peter 2:4-8)**

B. To set the mind on the things of God is to follow Christ (Matthew 16:24-26; Colossians 3:1-4)

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What is the source behind Peter's confession? Explain how God reveals His Son by the Spirit that it results in confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior.

2. Why is confessing with your mouth so important?

3. What does it mean to be censured? Why was Peter censured?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD *(CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)*

Good

Wise

Wrathful

Merciful

Just

Jealous

Faithful

Perfect

Holy

Gracious

Patient

Love

Other:

KEY WORDS *(WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)*

Veil –

Censure –

Scandalous –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD