

I Still Believe

Matthew 16:13-20

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? **14** And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. **15** He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? **16** And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. **17** And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. **18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **19** And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. **20** Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

Giving Honor to God the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons, Daughters, and Children. Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Big Bethel Nation. Let's turn to The Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20) as we lift up the Name of the Lord. The sermon topic is "I Still Believe"

Good morning. In the Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20, Peter receives revelation of who Jesus is. In fact, when Peter shared that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God, God had revealed this to him (Peter). Therefore, many people think this is the very first time Jesus' disciples realized who He was. Today, we want to note that they had an understanding of who Christ was three years earlier. (John 1:47-49)

It's one thing to have a revelation of who Jesus is in all His power and glory, and in your early fervor as a believer. It's also important to build on our faith, and the understanding that God's revelation of His presence in our life continues to grow. The deity of who God is... continues to grow. Can anybody testify that the Lord is a burden bearer? Can anybody testify that the Lord is able to supply all of your needs? Yes, Yes, Yes. Well, in order to testify that He is a burden bearer; you must have some burdens. If you can testify that He will supply your needs, then at one point or another, you must have experienced lack in one or more areas in your life. If you know Him as

the One who can supply all of your needs; well...then you must have some needs that the Lord supplied. Has he kept you in your right mind? Has He supplied all of your needs? Has He made a way for you? Somebody 'ought to say "Yes", Hallelujah to the Lamb of God. Hallelujah, I Still Believe.... Beloved, In the Gospel of John 1:47-49, Nathanael shares a revelation of who Jesus is. (see below)

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! **48** Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. **49** Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel.

In the midst of shortcomings, sin, brokenness, doubts, and areas where you and I have missed the mark, come up short, and experienced disappointments, it's comforting to know that God is still opening up our understanding of who Jesus is in our lives. He is truly the light of the world. He is the reason of the season. He is a healer. He is a balm in Gilead. He is the chief physician. He has attended to the voice of our prayer. He's the lamb that cometh to take away the sins of the entire world. Yes, He's our savior that will never leave us, nor forsake us. His name is J-E-S-U-S!!!

It's also very desirable to still have this understanding of His identity and power after many of life's ups and downs. When things are going well, do you still believe? My question today is "Is your faith still burning brightly?" Do you still believe? Are you reading your bible daily to get a better understanding of who the Lord is and the benefits that are available to you? Have you tapped into the power that's available to you through the connection of the Holy Spirit. Has your prayer life allowed you to empower others and help them to connect with Almighty God. I'm coming on in, but I simply ask, "Do You Still Believe?" Yes, my brother and my sister, do you still believe?

What are you talking about preacher? Thank You, I'm glad you asked?

*Well, we know that the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What I'm asking is, Do you believe? Because Romans 10:9 shares that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved.***

Tell Somebody, "I Still Believe."

Closing Prayer of Salvation

Lord I stand on your Holy Word and according to Romans 10:9. I confess with my mouth and believe in my heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. I believe this and I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Now, your name is written in the Lamb's book of life. (God Bless You and Heaven Smile Upon You. Welcome to the Body of Christ.)

Benediction

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.