

Series: I Peter: The Transformed Life
Text:
Title: Declarations of the Soul

The matter of your SOUL

- The follower of Christ
- The person who claims to be a Christian
- The person who says they are following the teachings of Jesus

Our first declaration from Peter was –

- “Depart from me, I am a sinful man!”
- Being aware of your nature is the first step
- A fool says there is no God
- There is no God, there is no Judge, there is no accountability, there is no authority

He does many miracles

He teaches the Sermon on the Mount

He calms the storm

He raises the dead

The 72 had been sent out in 2's (Matt. 10)

Healing at the pool of Bethesda

He connects with John the Baptist

Teaching on Sabbath, the sign of Jonah, and parables

They had returned and were being debriefed by Jesus

Herod Antipas beheads John

Jesus feeds 5000 in Bethsaida

Jesus and followers leave Judea and head North

Jesus feeds 4000 in Decapolis (not mentioned in Luke and John, but locations and timeline are same)

Jesus teaches on leaven of Pharisees and Sadducees

- Lesson of the feeding of the 5000 and the 4000
- Jews and Gentiles can share in the bounty of Heaven
- God's provision is enough
- Jesus refers to both
- **Mark 8: 19-21**

19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." 20 "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." 21 And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

Jesus declares himself the Bread of Life

John 6:35-40

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

- What must we do
- *28 Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?"*
 - *29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."*
- Are you like Moses?
 - You did the bread thing...Moses did too
 - God gave the Manna- *33 "For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*
- GIVE US The Bread - *34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."*
 - I am the BREAD
 - *40 "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."*
- Dude! We know you. You're just a human – we know your family!
 - *47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life.... 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live*

forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

- Grumbled
 - *“Do you take offense at this? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe.”*

Many leave him

Alone with his disciples in Caesarea Philippi

THE DECLARATION OF HIS IDENTITY

Matthew 16: 13-20

¹³ *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”*

¹⁴ *They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”*

¹⁵ *“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”*

¹⁶ *Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”*

¹⁷ *Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.*

Who do men say that I am? (Who do you say that He is?)

- John is dead.
- Jesus asks who people say He is
- Many different responses
 - Some say John the Baptist
 - Some say Elijah
 - Others say Jeremiah (Matt.)

- ...or one of the Prophets

You are the Christ, The Son of the Living God (Matthew 16:15-16)

- The Christ (messiah) – THE Anointed One (with oil --ritual act to elevate for priest, king and prophet)
 - Matthew 16:15-16
He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."
 - Mark 8:29
*And He continued by questioning them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter *answered and *said to Him, "You are the Christ."*
 - Luke 9:20
And He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered and said, "The Christ of God."
 - John 6:69
"We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."
 - Jews - In Hebrew, the Messiah is often referred to as *melekh mashiach* (מֶלֶךְ הַמָּשִׁיחַ; Tiberian: Meleḵ ha-Mašīaḥ, pronounced [ˈmeleχ hamaˈʃiaħ]), literally meaning 'the Anointed King'. The Greek Septuagint version of the Old Testament renders all 39 instances of the Hebrew mašīaḥ as *Khristós* (Χριστός).
- The Holy One
 - There is no one HOLY but GOD
- The Son of the Living God

Revelation 1:13-16

Someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

Revelation 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done. 14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

THIS IS THE FIRST LINE OF YOUR SOUL'S DECLARATION. HIS IDENTITY

- Where is Christ Jesus in your hierarchy of authority?
 - This is NO small matter.
 - Does Jesus have any power over your choices?
 - Is HE in charge of your life?
 - Is He just a ticket to heaven?
 - Is He only someone to call on in times of trouble?
 - Is he just a story from your childhood, and your adult life has no place for HIS instruction?
 - Is your life transformed because of Him?

Establishing the truth of His Identity is essential for your soul

Yet it goes beyond recognition of HIS identity

You have to come to a place where all YOUR identity is found in HIM

THE DECLARATION OF YOUR IDENTITY IN HIM

John 6: 66-69

66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" 68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, 69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

- Where else should we go?
- You alone have the words of Life
- We Believe
- We KNOW

THE DECLARATION OF HIS PURPOSE

Matthew 16:21-27

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

- Never Lord!
- This won't happen
- You are an Adversary
- You are a stumbling block
- The Purpose of His sacrifice for mankind is that they might have life!
 - You do not want to speak of sacrifice
 - You do not want to speak of the cross
 - You do not want to speak about repentance
 - You do not want to call people to Christ and HIS Righteousness
- I have not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through me, might be saved.
 - The world stands condemned
 - Might – not shall be
 - Some will not be
 - There is a judgement and a separation
- You do not have the things of God on your Mind
 - Not setting your mind on things of God

- Mark 8:1-21; 27-33
- 8:33 *“Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*
- You only think of MERE human concerns

THE DECLARATION OF YOUR PURPOSE

Luke gives us the last word in this dialogue.

Luke 9:23-27

23 And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. 25 For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? 26 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. 27 But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

- Your Purpose is to come after Jesus
- Your purpose is to deny yourself (mere human ways)
- Your purpose is to pick up your cross and follow HIM
- You want your life? You will waste it and lose it/
- You give your life for HIM... you will save your life.
- You want this world? Have it!
- If you are ashamed of HIM – He will be ashamed of you in heaven
- Some will not taste death – John sees the Vision of Heaven before death
- Peter sees death – on a cross in Rome – upside down for he was not worthy to be hung as Christ was.

CHALLENGE

Your Soul will be well when you declare the TRUTH and live your LIFE on it

His Identity – The Only Way

Your identity - Nowhere else to Go

His Purpose – To pay the price so the world Might be saved

Your Purpose -Give your life to that message – That GOSPEL

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

I am not ashamed of the Gospel – it is the power to save...