

**PETER'S CONFESSION**

Sunday School Lesson for July 17, 1910  
Specially Arranged for This Paper

LESSON TEXT.—Matthew 16:13-28.  
Memory verse, 26.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."—Matthew 16:16.

TIME.—Autumn of A. D. 29.  
PLACE.—The picturesque region around Caesarea Philippi, at the base of Mount Hermon. About 25 miles northeast of the Sea of Galilee.

**Suggestion and Practical Thought.**

The Disciples Have a New Vision of Jesus as the Messiah.—Vs. 13-17. "He asked his disciples," after he had been praying alone (Luke). As usual, the great epoch, the new work, began in prayer—showing its importance. His object seems to have been to draw out the faith of his disciples, and to reveal to them more fully his nature and his redeeming work. "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?"

14. "Some say . . . John the Baptist" returned to life. Among these was Herod (Matt. 14:1, 2). "Some, Elias" (Greek form of Elijah), who was the expected forerunner of the Messiah (Mal. 4:4; Matt. 11:14). Or "Jeremias," Greek of Jeremiah, a representative of the prophets, being the first named in the Jewish canon. "Or one of the prophets," i. e., "that one of the old prophets is risen again" (Luke 9:19).

15. "But whom say ye that I am?" Observe "ye," plural, and by position in the Greek, exceedingly emphatic.

16. "And Simon Peter." The somewhat impulsive nature of Peter made possible to him quick insight, new visions of truth.

"Thou art the Christ." The Messiah for whom the Jews were looking, for whom the ages had been preparing. "The Son of the living God," such a one as alone can be the Savior of the world. No mere man however great can be our Supreme Leader and Savior.

17. "Blessed are thou." Because thou hast opened thy heart to the truth. Faith, knowledge of Christ as the Son of God, almighty to save and infinite in love; a heart in which truth finds a natural soil; a character in harmony with Jesus; broader outlooks into truth—are all exquisite blessings. "Simon Bar-jona." Simon, son of John. "For flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee."

The New Trust Committed to the Disciples.—Vs. 18-20. Although the understanding of the Messiah and his kingdom was very imperfect, yet Jesus showed them how great was the trust committed to them, and how heavy the responsibilities laid upon them. This was a part of their training. It would give them a deep interest in the subject, and lead to a more earnest search after the truth.

19. "I will give unto thee," as the representative of all. The others were included, as Peter had nothing in kind that the rest did not have (Matt. 18:18; John 20:23). In Rev. 21:14 the 12 apostles are 12 foundation stones of the heavenly city. (See also Eph. 2, 20).

20. "Tell no man." Only those who know Jesus as they did, could understand. To present Jesus as the Messiah would lead some to try to make him a worldly king according to their ideas of the Messiah; and repel those who saw that it was impossible for Jesus to do what they wanted their Messiah to do.

The New Revelation as to How the Christ, the Messiah, Must Accomplish His Work.—Vs. 21-23. Jesus now began to tell his disciples what he must do in order to be the Messiah. He must suffer and die for the sins of the world. There is no other way.

23. Jesus "said unto Peter." Publicly before them all. "Get thee behind me, Satan." "Satan" means "adversary," the great "enemy" of all good, used in the Savior's time as a proper name. "He did not call his apostle Satan, a devil, but he looked for the moment through Peter, and saw behind him his old enemy," who had presented the same temptation in the wilderness.

The Cross the Way to the Crown, for the Disciples as for the Christ.—Vs. 24-26. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself." Renounce self as master and accept Christ as master. When the heart accepts Jesus and chooses God, then the whole lower nature, all passions, aims, desires, are to be subjected not only to conscience, but to Jesus. "Take up his cross." Daily, not merely on special occasions. "And follow me," do what I am doing, live according to my plan and aim.

The Supreme Example and Proof of the Above Teaching.—Vs. 27-28. The life of Jesus had presented to his followers seemed hard and discouraging. They may well have felt as Plinthe did when, on his way to the Celestial City, persuaded by Christian's pictures of its glories to undertake the journey, he suddenly found himself plunged into the Slough of Despond, and exclaimed, "Is this the happiness you have told me all this while of?"

So Christ seemed in effect to say, Are you discouraged? Do you hesitate to follow me under such circumstances? Let me open the windows of the Future, that you may see how my teaching is fulfilled in your leader, now on his way to suffering and death, but you shall see him raised from the dead. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels," and "There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man, coming in his kingdom." If we read aright they did see it, and he rendered "every man according to his works."

**RAINSBORO.**

July 11, 1910.

Mrs. J. A. Head and two younger children, Miss Jessie Barrett and Wm. Barrett, of Hillsboro, were guests of J. B. Davis and wife part of last week. John Waddell and family were guests of friends at Bainbridge on Sunday.

A son was born to Gilbert Hodge and wife last Saturday.

Oscar Shanks, of Leesburg, was the guest of his parents here over Sunday.

Thos. Sparguir and family spent Sunday with his son, Charlie, at Marshall.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wright, who has been visiting friends here for several weeks, returned to her home in Hillsboro last Friday.

The Aid Society will hold a literary session at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davis on Thursday afternoon.

A stereopticon lecture of the Passion Play will be given in the M. E. church here on Wednesday night, July 20, by Rev. DeLapp, of Sugartree Ridge.

Ed. Wrancher and Miss Minnie Pinkerton, of Louisville, Ky., are guests of Homer Knedler and wife.

James Rowe and John Snider left Sunday for Cincinnati to engage in the restaurant business.

Dempsey Redkey and Thomas Sparguir have traded properties and each will move into their new quarters the first of this week.

Tom Barrett is nursing a sore hand, as the result of blood poisoning.

Frank Gamble, of Hillsboro, was a business visitor here on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Myrtle Pinkerton spent last week with her parents near Hillsboro.

A moving picture show on the school grounds will be one of the attractions this week.

Miss Helen Barrett, of Hillsboro, was the guest of friends here last Tuesday.

Rev. A. E. Huntington and family are planning to take a vacation next month and will divide the time between relatives in Michigan and Northern Ohio.

J. A. Head, of Hillsboro, came down in an automobile Sunday evening and his wife and children, who have been visiting friends here, returned home with him.

W. J. Redkey and wife had as their guests last week Rev. J. H. Dixon and wife, of Columbus.

Mrs. Wm. Walker, who resides a couple of miles west of town, was the recipient of a surprise dinner on Sunday in honor of her birthday. She has been a constant sufferer from rheumatism for the past few years, which has caused her to be deprived of so many social events that this occasion was one of unusual pleasure to her. About one hundred and fifty guests were present to enjoy the day. Among the number were A. M. Redkey and wife, O. B. Rhoades wife and son, J. L. Montgomery, and family, Mrs. Laura A. Carper, Joseph Haywood and family, Anna M. Walker, Estle Carson, Mary Elliott, Bertha Mercer and family, Harriett Euverard, E. N. McNeil, Mrs. M. R. Elliott, John Harley and family, Ray Cameron and wife, Olive L. Hall, John Smith and family, J. W. Milner, Mrs. H. Erskine and family, Mrs. L. A. Cowman, Ernest Perle and family, P. A. Simpson, F. L. Worley and wife, Roy E. Davis, N. A. Ross, Edna Wolfe, Nelle Stethem, Bessie Haywood, A. M. Crispin, Maud Simpson, Mrs. Woodward, Mary McNeil, Della Morrow, John Karnes, Birdie Smith, Waneta McNeil, Elmer Post and family, Luther Smith and wife, Ernest Baldwin, Charles Worley, Clara Spruance, Geo. Worley, Emery Rhoades, Nancy A. Town, Geo. McNeil and wife, Imogene McMullen, Anderson McKinney and family, Mollie Toris, Walter Worley and wife, Minnie Mercer, Laura Baldwin, Ellen Crispin, Clarence Karnes, Miller Worley and wife, Inez Cowman, Harry Karnes and wife, James Town, S. J. Ross and family, George Irons, John Perle, John Patton and family, G. G. Garman and family, W. G. Davis and family, Katie Walker, J. B. Cowgill and wife, George Karnes and wife and Ione Troth.

**Unique Fire.**

Probably the queerest fire that ever occurred hereabouts happened to Lew Custer last Friday. He was driving down the long Pleasant Hill hill with one of the biggest loads of hay ever seen on that pike when without warning, he realized he was surrounded by fire and would have to act quickly to escape from his coop in the hay. He cut the horses traces and his three horse team and himself had barely escaped from the wagon when the forepart of his load of hay fell forward in one huge blaze of flame.

Unbeknown to him the hay had caught fire from friction heat generated in the rear bolster and had burned and fallen in heaps from the rear along the wayside. When he looked up the road there was burning hay in the road for 200 yards. His wagon was a total loss, but he is happy to have been able to save himself and his three horses. Strange to say nobody along the road saw his trouble.—Milford, Valley Enterprise.

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**ELMVILLE.**

July 11, 1910.

Miss Margaret Hammond called on Nelle Butler Sunday.

Miss Minnie Ward visited her sister, Miss Margaret Gall, Saturday and Sunday.

Master Lionel Gall, of Dayton, who has been visiting his grandparents, W. A. Gall and wife, for the past five weeks, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. S. A. Ward and daughter visited her mother, Mrs. Margaret Hammond, Sunday.

Mrs. Salome Reed called on Mrs. J. M. Setty Sunday afternoon.

Misses Ethel Kesler and Lillian Ward visited J. W. Hedrick and family Thursday and Friday.

Albert Wylie spent Sunday afternoon with friends at Louden.

Wm. L. Williamson and wife spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. J. L. Bobb.

Miss Lillian Ward visited her cousin, Bess Ward, at Louden, Saturday and Sunday.

Homer Stultz and family visited D. F. Stults and family Sunday.

**HIGHLAND.**

July 11, 1910.

Mrs. Sallina Moore has been a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Barrett, at Grafton, W. Va., the past three weeks.

Mrs. G. R. Pensyl is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. O. A. Dowdy, at Columbus.

Little Miss Agnes Jones, of Columbus, is a visitor at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoskins.

A number of our people attended the funeral of John O. Johnson, at Fairfield, Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ballentine, of Dayton are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hoskins.

Mrs. Albert Johnson has been on the sick list for the past week or two.

Twenty-five or thirty of the little friends of Master Kenneth Hoskins were entertained at his home Friday afternoon in honor of his sixth birthday. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served and the little folks enjoyed the afternoon very much.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith and son, Forest, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Pensyl over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Jones and Mrs. C. B. Horsman, of Columbus, were calling on friends here Wednesday.

Stephen Bean and family have moved into the property on Railroad street purchased of Mrs. Wm. Roads.

Miss Alice Hussey, of Hillsboro, was the guest of Misses Louise and Adina Head over Sunday.

Miss L. Esther Terrell was the guest of Miss Reba Stowe a part of last week.

Miss Mary Evans was the guest of Miss J. Louise Terrell the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Sarah Remley, of Chillicothe, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Bonar, part of last week.

Miss Imogene Terrell was a visitor at the home of her brother, Hugh E. Terrell, a part of last week.

Mrs. J. G. Redmon, of Paris, Ky., was the guest of old friends at Highland the first of this week.

Misses Alice and Margaret Larkin, of Samantha, were visitors at the home of their uncle, J. F. Larkin, last week.

W. L. Duffey rented and moved into part of Miss Alice Patton's property last week.

Miss Fannie Thornburg, after a visit of some weeks with relatives at West Milton, returned home last week.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson, of Portsmouth, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Clayton Dunlap.

Mrs. Mary Craig sold her farm, one-half mile east of Highland, to Frank Ranolds last week for thirty-five hundred dollars.

Miss Helen West, of Farmers' Station, was the guest of Miss Ora Higgins last Saturday.

Mrs. Catherine Oxley, of New Vienna, is a visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jas. Grice.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Clifford and son, Landon, of Ada, Master Willard Burgess and Mrs. Enos West and son, Thomas, of Bridges, were guests of Robt. McNicol and family last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eph Worthington, of Moons, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Higgins and family Saturday.

Mrs. Lella Grice and daughters, of Wilmington, were guests of relatives here last week.

Mrs. Jennie McPherson and Miss Edith Riley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Clevenger, near Snow Hill.

Pearl Evans and Miss Edith Bragg, of near Hillsboro, were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Evans, Sunday.

S. Marquis, of Chillicothe, was the guest of Mrs. Jennie McPherson and son, Walter, over Sunday.

John Sweetman and family, of Columbus, are visiting R. M. Cox and family and other friends here and in this vicinity.

**FORT HILL.**

July 11, 1910.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cameron and two sons, of Marshall, spent Thursday with Mrs. Cameron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Stults.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bobb spent Saturday with the former's sister, Mrs. Louisa Lawson, of near Sinking Spring.

Benjamin Murren and two sons, of Cliff Range, spent Sunday with G. W. Murren and daughter.

Miss Meiva Hockman is the guest of her uncle, Granville, and wife for a few days.

Frank Stanley and wife and little daughter took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Stults, Sunday.

J. J. Anderson and wife and Mrs. Ruth Cross, of Newfain, spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's daughter, Mrs. Perry Carter and family.

Ray Deardoff has been real poorly the past week with sore throat.

Mrs. Walter Rhoads and little son, of Sinking Spring, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhoads.

Mrs. Isabell Shoemaker, of this place, and Cary Shubert, of Cynthiana, were united in marriage Sunday at Cynthiana in the presence of several of their friends.

Mrs. Fred Rhoads and two children, accompanied by her niece, Mrs. Walter Rhoads, spent Friday with the latter's uncle, Granville Hockman, and wife.

Mrs. Sarah Shoemaker attended the wedding of her niece, Mrs. Isabell Shoemaker, at Cynthiana, Sunday.

Manlove and Arthur Reed, of Springfield, are the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Raed.

Miss Bertha Puckett and children, of Springfield, are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Sarah Butler.

Mrs. Etta Thompson and family, of Sinking Spring, spent Sunday with Mrs. Permelia Kissing.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patton, of Dallas, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. David Reece, of Cincinnati, spent Sunday with Mrs. Patton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sime West.

Mart Stanley and wife were the guests of Joseph Miller and family, of near Marshall, Sunday.

Frank Stanley, of this place, and Miss Barton, of Slate Hill, were united in marriage Saturday at Hillsboro.

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**CARMEI.**

July 11, 1910.

The recent showers greatly hindered the cutting of wheat and the wheat in shock is moulding.

Mrs. J. L. Henry and Miss Ruth Henry were in attendance at the county commencement in Hillsboro Saturday.

Mrs. O. R. Keeler and son, Will, spent Sunday and Sunday night with the former's aunt, Mrs. Abe Wilkin, of Shackleton, who is seriously ill.

James Chestnut and wife and baby spent Thursday with James Penn.

The baby of Ed Stethem has been very sick but is somewhat improved at this writing.

A moving picture show was the attraction here two nights last week.

The blackberry crop will be very short this year.

Tressa Frump called on Alma Keeler on Saturday.

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**BERRYVILLE.**

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Frank Ashmore and Mrs. Charles Ashmore visited near Sabina the latter part of the week.

Isaac A. Heppard and wife, of Peebles, spent the latter part of last week with Newt Creed and family.

A. W. Padgett and wife spent Sunday with Jas. Beets Sr. and wife.

H. J. Storer and daughter attended meeting at Bell Sunday.

Will Creed and family spent Sunday with Will Frump and family.

A party of young folks spent Sunday afternoon at the Serpent Mound.

Frank Frump and wife visited Mrs. Frump's mother Sunday, who is very sick.

George Vanzant and Estel Mullenix spent last Sunday with Andy Roberts, near Belfast.

Mrs. Mason had as company Sunday Sada and Florene Clayborn, of Greenfield, also her mother, of New Petersburg, the latter part of last week.

Joe Hussey and Frank Leslie were transacting business here Monday.

You should see the dish ware and mirrors to be given away at A. E. Pavey's New Store.

A prayer book was among the articles found in the stomach of an ostrich dissected in London.