

QUESTIONS FROM CHRIST



What think ye of Christ?
whose son is he?
– Matthew 22:42



Lovest thou me?
– John 21:17



Are not two sparrows sold for a
farthing? and one of them shall not fall
on the ground without your Father.
– Matthew 10:29



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John 21:15-17

Lovest thou me?

I. To _____ **Peter** – *“To call back into union and friendship”*

- a. Peter swore than he would not deny Jesus (Mt. 26:31-35) and shortly after denies him. Lk. 22:54-62
 - i. This left Peter devastated.
- b. It seems that Jesus sought out Peter to restore him before the rest of the disciples. Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5
- c. Notice the parallels between Peter's denial and this story.
 - i. Jesus calling Peter to follow him was preceded by a fishing miracle. Lk. 5:1-11
Peter's restoration back to ministry was preceded by a fishing miracle. Jo. 21:1-6
 - ii. The denial was right before the crucifixion. Lk 22:60-62
Christ questions Peter right before Christs ascension. Acts 1
 - iii. Peter denied Jesus for the third time around a fire.
Jesus prepared a fire before questioning Peter.
 - iv. Peter denied Jesus 3 times.
Jesus asked Peter this question three times.
- d. God is a God of reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5:18-20; Rom. 5:10-11; Col. 1:20-22.
 - i. Adam and Eve, Israel, the lost, believers that have walked away.
- e. After this conversation, Jesus puts him right back into the ministry. Acts 2

II. To _____ **Peter to his ministry.**

- a. Jesus (the good Shepherd) entrusts Peter to feed his flock. Jer. 3:15; 23:4; Ek. 34:2-10
- b. Feed my lambs – Spiritually these are the babes in Christ. 1 Pet. 2:2; Is. 40:11; Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Cor. 3:1-2
 - i. Today baby Christians are being left to fend for themselves and dying.

- c. Feed my sheep – Those that have grown and matured in the faith.
 - i. Sheep never outgrow their need for food. Mt. 4:4; Jer. 15:16
 - ii. Sheep never outgrow the need for a shepherd. Is. 53:6; Ps. 23; 1 Pet. 2:25

III. To _____ Peter of his labor should start with love.

- a. Love is the first and greatest commandment. Mt. 22:36-38
- b. Love is the motivation for the ministry. Josh. 22:5; Heb. 6:10; Mk. 12:32-33
- c. Love for Christ is proven by obedience to Christ. Jo. 14:15; 21, 23, 15:10, 1 Jo. 2:3-5, 5:3
- d. Love is demonstrated, not declared. Jo. 13:37; 1 Jo. 3:18