

**“PETER: RIGHT AND WRONG”****Introduction**

1. A very famous passage of scripture
2. It is important to understand it
3. And to notice Peter’s place here

**1. PETER PROFESSING WHAT IS RIGHT** (v. 13-17)

- 1) Christ’s crucial question: v.13
- 2) Mistaken answers: v.14
- 3) The right answer: v.16
- 4) The way to know true/false Christians
- 5) The way by which we come to know Christ:
  - (i) not by upbringing, but
  - (ii) by divine enlightenment: v.17

**APPLICATION**

1. Can you say what Peter says?
2. “Blessed” here means “saved”
3. Pray for God to give this to all here

**ILLUSTRATION**: a person in the fog**2. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THIS WORLD** (v. 18-19)

- 1) “I will build my church” (v.18)
- 2) What the church (i) is (ii) is not
- 3) The “rock” on which it is built
- 4) The enemies of the church: “gates” (v.18)
- 5) Assurance of the church’s safety

- 6) The “keys of the kingdom” (v.19):
  - (i) Key of doctrine
  - (ii) Key of discipline
- 7) These truths illustrated:
  - (i) of doctrine: Acts 2
  - (ii) of discipline: Acts 5
- 8) Why we should desire membership:
  - (i) the church is Christ’s redeemed
  - (ii) all others will be eternally lost
  - (iii) Christ’s word is our assurance
  - (iv) the true believer may sin but he will have forgiveness

**APPLICATION**: Are you on the rock?

**3. PETER’S SINFUL REBUKE OF CHRIST** (v.21-24)

- 1) Christ states how He will save us:
  - (i) “he must go”: v.21: Why?
  - (ii) the gospel is here: v.21
- 2) Peter’s unfortunate rebuke:
  - (i) No Saviour – no Church
  - (ii) No Cross – no Crown

**OBSERVE**: Good men may have wrong ideas of Christ’s word
- 3) Peter should have known: Isaiah 53
- 4) Peter doing Satan’s work – **APPLICATION**
- 5) True Christianity always has a cross
 

**APPLICATION**: Are you taking up your cross?

**CONCLUSION**

1. If you sin, do not despair
2. Peter is not the foundation of the church
3. The “rock” is Christ

**PSALM****89: 1 – 6****89: 19 – 24****89: 25 – 30**