

First: Two **QUESTIONS** - Two **ANSWERS**.

Matthew 16:13-16 (NASB) "Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

1. Official **OPINIONS**.

Matthew 16:13-14 (NASB) "Who do people say that the Son of Man is? And they said, "Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets." He said to them,"

2. Colossal **CONFESSION**.

Matthew 16:15 (NASB) "But who do you say that I am?"

John 10:27-30 (NASB) "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. "I and the Father are one."

Philippians 2:5-6 (NASB) "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped."

Hebrews 1:3 (NASB) "He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power."

Second: The **NECESSITY** of the colossal confession.

Matthew 16:17 (NASB) "And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven."

1. Man still has the same **PROBLEM** - **SIN**.

Romans 3:23 (NASB) "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."

2. Sin still **SEPARATES** us from God.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 (NASB) "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power."

3. Man still cannot **SAVE** himself.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NASB) "By grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast."

Romans 5:6 (NASB) "For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly."

4. God's **PROVISION** is still the same now as it was then.

1 Peter 3:18 (NASB) "Christ also has once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NASB) "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

Who do you say I Am?

Romans 4:25 (NASB) "(Jesus) was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification."

John 14:6 (NASB) "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me."

1 Timothy 2:5-6 (NASB) "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and Men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony borne at the proper time."

5. Man must still **RESPOND** to God's provision.

 Man must repent of their sin.

Luke 13:3b (NASB) "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

Acts. 3:19 (NASB) "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Acts. 26:20 (NASB) "Repent and turn to God, and do works which give evidence of repentance."

 Man must place their faith in Jesus

John 3:16b (NASB) "Whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

Ephesians 2:8 (NASB) "By grace are you saved through faith..."

2 Timothy 1:12 (NASB) "I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day."

 Man must surrender to Jesus as Lord.

Romans 10:8-11 (NASB) "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart – that I, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed."

Application:

Are you living by popular opinion about Jesus?

Have you ever made the colossal confession from the depths of your heart, mind, and soul?

Does your commitment to Christ match your confession of Christ?

What has God revealed to you today about:

Christ Jesus?

Yourself?

How do you need to adjust your life to God's revelation to you?

What one thing will you do this week to obey what God has shown you?

Name one person you will share this colossal confession with this week.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 1:3 (NASB) "He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power."