

A Declaration of the Glorious Mystery of the Person of Christ-by John Owen

Chapter 1- The confession of Peter

Question 1: Was this the first church _____ where it was determined that Peter was to be established as the vicar of Christ?

_____ - *“They seem to forget that Christ Himself was now present, and therefore could have no vicar, seeing He presided in His own person.”*

Question 2: Is the main focus here on Peter’s _____ or on the _____ he makes?

The _____ - *“All divine truths have such a concatenation among themselves, and do all of them so center in the person of Christ-as vested with His offices towards the church-that they are all virtually comprised in this confession...This confession, therefore-as containing the sum and substance of that faith which they were called to give testimony unto is approved by our Savior.”*

Question 3: What was Jesus’ response to Peter _____ on?

On the _____ of Peter and the nature of the _____ he confessed

1. _____ - *“Without this no outward confession is of any use or advantage...That which gives glory to God in any confession, and which gives us an interest in the truth confessed, is the believing of the heart, which is unto righteousness.”*

Question 3a-What does faith _____ for a person?

It leads to a state of _____ - *“Its effect was, that it made him blessed in whom it was.”* (eternal life, adoption, justification, acceptance with God, etc.)

Question 3b-From where does this faith _____?

It is a _____ of God- *“The immediate cause of this faith is divine revelation. It is not the effect or product of our own abilities, the best of which are flesh and blood. That faith which renders them blessed in whom it is, is wrought in them by the power of God revealing Christ unto their souls.”*

Question 4: What was the nature of the truth confessed? Who or what is the truth that the _____ will be _____ upon?

Christ _____ is the rock that the church is built upon- *“The person of Christ whom Peter confessed, that is the rock on which the church is build upon.”*

Question 5: Can you support this claim with _____ evidence?

There are four different pieces of evidence that can be given to support this claim

1. Jesus gave Peter this name _____ it was not here that he is given this name (John 1:42).
2. If the church was to be built upon Peter, it would utterly fail and be imperfect because Peter _____. The church must be built upon an _____ and living One. (Hebrews 7:8, 23-24)
3. Scripture declares that _____ is the Rock upon which the church is built (Isaiah 28:16, Romans 9:33, 1 Peter 2:6, 1 Corinthians 3:11) and there is no mention of there being 2 rocks/2 foundations in Scripture.
4. Peter is shown to not be the rock by his _____ only 4 verses later.

“For, that no flesh might glory in itself, he that was singular in this confession of Christ, was so also in the denial of Him. And if he in his own person manifested how unmeet he was to be the foundation of the church, they must be strangely infatuated who can suppose his pretended successors so to be.”

May we not try to _____ from Christ of His glory as the one and only foundation on which the Church is built. It is because the Church is built upon _____ that Hell will not prevail against it.