

## Visions and Revelations Message 10: “The Apostle Peter (1)”

Christ desires to be the focus of our lives. He wants us to know who he is, and may ask us if we love him, if we care for his interest, and if we are his servant. To many of these questions we may be able to answer yes. However, if the Lord asks, “Who do you say that I am?” (Matthew 16:15), we may not truly know. This is a question that the Lord asked his disciples, and he can ask us the same question today. Would we be able to answer him in a way that shows we truly know who he is? Jesus said himself, “And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (John 17:3). When we serve in the church, do we think more about logistics, or about gaining more Christ? Do we think more about how well the meeting is going, or do we think about gaining more Christ? Do we think more about how many people are showing up, or do we think about gaining more Christ? Oftentimes we can focus on many things other than Christ, and thus lose him as our focus.

When we’re in a relationship with a boyfriend or girlfriend, we will do many things to try to please them. This is all well and good, but when we’re building an intimate relationship with someone, we need to get to know them as well. How can we marry someone who we do not know, and who doesn’t know us? This is a problem with many Christians. We can confidently say, “We love you Lord!”, but when it comes to fully committing to a marriage with Christ, we shy away. Why do we shy away? Because we want to go our own way, and thus the Lord is not the center of our life. If we truly saw him for who he is, we would be able to drop everything and commit to a life that is fully focused on him.