

# A MAN'S IDENTITY

## TEXT:

Matthew 16:13-19

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" 14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

## THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN:

1. Jesus did not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of what others thought that He was.

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THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN:

2. God did not intend for men to walk in \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Matthew 16:16-17 Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.
  - b. 1 John 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God.
  - c. Galatians 3:26-29 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN:

3. God sent Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_ back to His plan.
  - a. Romans 8:3-4 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. 4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.
  - b. Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN:

4. God desires that we \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_ for our life.
  - a. Matthew 16:19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN:

Point 4 Continued:

God sets our example in His plan:

God is \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

#### THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN:

Point 4 Continued:

God sets our example in His plan:

God is \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 34:7-9 The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him.

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD.

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Point 4 Continued:

God sets our example in His plan:

God is \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 50:20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Closing Scripture:

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

Matthew 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Conclusion:

Two Questions:

Men, who do other people say you are?

What has God revealed to you about who you are?

Reflection:

1. It is crucial in our life that we live in the right identity.
2. Jesus is the answer for all our identity questions, concerns, and problems.