

on the scrap heap as absolutely worthless. Whom say ye that I am? Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. This is the true answer.

Well now N-. 4 is brought out in the next verse. I call it God;s Revelation. Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon son of Jonah; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee but my Father, which is in heaven." No one can truly know Jesus except as he is ~~fe~~ revealed to him by His Father who is in heaven. Except as the Holy Spirit takes the truth and applies it to our hear~~ets~~ts, no one can truly know Jesus. The disciples should have been able to see His greatness, to see his majesty, ~~so~~ see his marvellous wisdom. They should have been able to see from the OT what sort of Messiah was coming and that this indeed was the One. But truly to und~~er~~stand requires a divine revelation from God, even as the OT itself was a divine revelation from God. He said, Blessed art thou Simon Bar-jonah for flesh and blood has not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. God's Revelation.

No. 5. The Foundation of the Church. Jesus continued in vs. 18: And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, "~~and=the=gates=~~ --the Foundation of the Church. Now what is the foundation of the church? Is Peter the foundation of the Church? Well, Jesus did not say Peter had such tremendous wisdom that he would know how to do everything right. Jesus know blessed are you because God has revealed this to you. It is God's revelation that is the foundation It is Peter's confession that is the foundation of the church. It is Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Second Person of the Trinity who is the foundation of the Church. He said Thou art Peter, and the Greek word petros is different from the word which is used just a little further on - "on this rock" petra. Petra is the ~~g~~reek word for a rock, a cliff, a large strong solid foundation. Petros may perhaps mean just a little stone. It is a word derived from the other. It is a name given to Peter because he would stand like a rock as he stood for Christ's truth. But the foundation of the churchh is not Peter. The foundation is Jesus Christ. I'm sure Peter would have been shocked if he had ~~believed=that~~ ever dreamed that anyone would have believed that he was the rock upon which the church was to be built. I don't think that Peter