

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How would you characterize Peter?
2. If God knows our heart, why does He ask us if we love Him?
3. Name one characteristic that God's love in us brings out toward others.
4. Who are "these" referred to in the Golden Text?
5. What was Jesus trying to teach Peter by asking the same question three times?
6. How can we measure our love for God?

### SUMMARY:

Nothing is so embarrassing to a Christian than to see himself exposed by God's all-searching eye, bringing to light the real person. Peter was still in the learning process and could not understand why he was not the man he thought he was. Instead of concentrating upon his own personal relationship with Christ, he was worried about John. Hence Jesus' reply, "What is that to thee?"

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #13

June 28, 2026

Second Quarter

## CHRIST RESTORES PETER

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**LESSON TEXT:** John 21:15-25

**LESSON SETTING:** After Jesus' resurrection; at the Sea of Tiberias.

**TIME:** Approximately 33 A.D.

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### I. JESUS PROBES PETER'S LOVE. John 21:15-17

- A. Degree of Love (vs. 15) Romans 13:10
- B. Perseverance of Love (vs. 16-17) John 13:35
- C. Care of the Flock (vs. 16-17) Jeremiah 3:15; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2

### II. JESUS FORETELLS PETER'S FUTURE. John 21:18-19

- A. Past Life Self-Determined (vs. 18a)
- B. Present Life - Discipleship (vs. 19) Matthew 16:24; John 15:8
- C. Future Life - God Ordained (vs. 18b)
- D. End of Life Predestined (vs. 19)

### III. JESUS CHECKS PETER'S CURIOSITY. John 21:20-25

- A. Peter's Awareness of Others (vs. 20)
- B. Is Overcome by Curiosity (vs. 21) Acts 17:21
- C. Jesus Deals with Individuals (vs. 22a)
- D. Others' Duties Should not Influence Ours (vs. 22b)
- E. The Course of Our Lives is God's Prerogative (vs. 23)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *LOVEST THOU ME MORE THAN THESE?*

John 21:15

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Hebrews 1:1-14

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 2 Samuel 7:4-17; Psalm 2:1-12;  
Luke 1:26-33

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, the Son of God

**TOPIC:** CHRIST, GOD'S GREAT SON

**INTRODUCTION:**

From the very first of God's dealings with man God desired to fellowship on an individual basis. As a result of man's hardness of heart and selfish desires, God provided a substitute method in which a group of men were set aside for the work of the Lord. This substitute method, similar to the one in which God allowed Israel to have their own king, never seemed to work as man continued to be interested not in the spirit of the law but in its letter. It seems almost as though God had to prove to man that man's way would not work. The redemption of the first born, meant to show the obligation of man to God, served only to cause man to find ways around the instruction.

Throughout the Old Testament, God promised a better way through the promise of the Messiah and He arrived here on earth nearly 2000 years ago—God in the flesh—to establish a New Testament.

The better way is here now. Each person is individually responsible to God and must, through the shed blood of Christ, find the way of salvation.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** God's Son has been exalted as Savior and Lord.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *UNTO THE SON HE SAITH, THY THRONE, O GOD, IS FOR EVER AND EVER.*  
Hebrews 1:8

Christ existed with God at the formation of the world. He came to earth for the purpose that sinful man might be reconciled to a righteous God and died on a cruel cross that this might be accomplished. It is to this Son, the Word says, "thy throne, O God is forever . . ." All men must come before that great throne. The choice remains with man whether to come before Him the Son while mercy is being extended, or to wait until the time when every remaining knee shall be forced to bend. At that late date, even though the knee shall bend, it shall be too late and another eternal soul shall be consigned to the lake of fire.

Oh, how much more sense it makes to cry out unto Him now, in repentance, with a broken and contrite heart - seeking Him who will be found of such a person! Why take a chance on an eternity in pain and anguish without Christ?

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF June 29 – July 5**

Mon. Greater than Ceremonies. Matthew 12:1-8  
Tue. Greater than All Men. Matthew 12:38-45  
Wed. \*Greater than Angels. Hebrews 1:1-8  
Thu. \*Greater in Existence. Hebrews 1:9-14  
Fri. Greater in Position. Ephesians 3:8-19  
Sat. Greater in Work. Philippians 2:5-13  
Sun. Greater in Person. Colossians 1:9-20

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