

John 6:68

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.' Peter's response expresses both loyalty and logic. Where else could they go? Other teachers, philosophies, and religions offer less. Jesus alone has words of eternal life. Peter doesn't claim full understanding but recognizes exclusive sufficiency. There is no alternative that offers what Jesus provides.

Historical Context

Peter often spoke for the Twelve, sometimes rashly. Here his confession is profound. He acknowledges confusion about Jesus' teaching but certainty about Jesus' uniqueness. This becomes a model response when following seems difficult—where else would we go? No one else offers eternal life.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does Peter's 'where else would we go?' reveal about recognizing Christ's uniqueness?

2. How can we remain committed when we don't fully understand?

Interlinear Text

ἀπεκρίθη	οὖν	αὐτῷ	Σίμων	Πέτρος	Κύριε	πρὸς	τίνα
answered	Then	him	Simon	Peter	Lord	to	whom
G611	G3767	G846	G4613	G4074	G2962	G4314	G5101
ἀπελευσόμεθα	ῥήματα	ζωῆς	αἰωνίου	ἔχεις			
shall we go	the words	life	of eternal	thou hast			
G565	G4487	G2222	G166	G2192			

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 73:25 (Parallel theme): Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

John 5:24 (Word): Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Acts 5:20 (Word): Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.

Acts 4:12 (Parallel theme): Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 7:38 (Parallel theme): This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

John 6:63 (Word): It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Matthew 16:16 (References Peter): And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

John 6:40 (Eternal Life): And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 17:8 (Word): For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

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