

John 6:69

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.' Peter's confession parallels his later declaration at Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:16). 'Believe and are sure' (perfect tenses) indicate settled conviction. 'The Christ' identifies Jesus as Messiah; 'Son of the living God' asserts His unique divine relationship. This confession grounds their staying when others leave.

Historical Context

This confession reflects the Twelve's settled faith despite confused understanding. They may not grasp all Jesus says but they know who He is. Identity grounds relationship even when teaching remains mysterious. The 'living God' distinguishes the true God from dead idols.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does knowing who Jesus is enable commitment despite incomplete understanding?

2. What is the relationship between believing and being sure in the Christian life?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἡμεῖς	πεπιστεύκαμεν	καὶ	ἐγνώκαμεν	ὅτι	σὺ	εἰ
And	we	believe	And	are sure	that	thou	art
G2532	G2249	G4100	G2532	G1097	G3754	G4771	G1488
ό	Χριστὸς	ό	νιὸς	τοῦ	θεοῦ	τοῦ	ζῶντος
G3588	that Christ	G3588	the Son	G3588	God	G3588	of the living
	G5547		G5207		G2316		G2198

Additional Cross-References

Mark 8:29 (References Christ): And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.

Luke 9:20 (References Christ): He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.

John 11:27 (Faith): She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

1 John 5:1 (Faith): Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

1 John 5:20 (References Christ): And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Mark 1:24 (References God): Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

Romans 1:3 (References Christ): Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

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

John 20:31 (Faith): But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

John 1:41 (References Christ): He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.

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