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Furthermore, Jesus's question pushes the narrative forward. The answer from His disciples would soon lead to Peter's bold proclamation, "Thou art the Christ of God" (Luke 9:20). This revelation is critical, for it establishes a cornerstone for Christian faith. Affirming Jesus as the Christ is not simply a statement of belief but a declaration of allegiance and truth that influences how we live and serve.

In our own quiet moments, let us take time to personally reflect. Who do you say Jesus is? Let this be a moment of earnest prayer and contemplation. As we emerge with a deeper knowledge and understanding of Christ, may our lives reflect the truth of His identity in word, deed, and action. Just as Peter had and declared it, we too should affirm that Jesus is the Messiah and allow that truth to transform our lives.

Lift Up in Prayer

Pray for the leaders of the world as they navigate complex challenges with wisdom, courage, and peace; Archie's recovery from surgery, asking for healing, strength, and comfort; Yu Bedwell's uncle as he undergoes cancer treatment, asking for endurance, effective care, and God's peace; David's four children, that they would grow in salvation, faith, and obedience; Alondra and her pregnancy, asking for health, protection, and success throughout this journey; Jacinth's recovery from her previous operation; Jonathan's wife as she undergoes chemotherapy; Caleb and Carissa Pierce as they enter a new season as long-term caregivers for a sweet baby boy they are calling Beau; Jim as he departs the Army and transitions into the civilian sector; Isaiah Whalen has found a ministry role; God would strengthen and unite Western Hills Christian Church; Bob Smithson as he recovers from a stroke, asking for healing, perseverance, and support; Jason R. Tucker's recovery after an assault by a motorcycle club, asking for physical healing, emotional strength, and protection; Robert Medlock's family, asking for spiritual strength, unity, and peace; **May God give the Michaelis family and Stanley (her husband) comfort, strength, and peace as they grieve Nancy's loss. We pray they find solace in cherished memories, feel the warm embrace of community support, and experience a gentle peace to carry them through the difficult days ahead. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

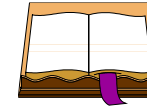
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Study 10:00

Sunday Worship 11:00

Camp Humphreys Pacific

Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Bible Study 18:30

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Victors Chapel

Rooms: 143 (Adults)

164 (Children)

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31)

The Question of Identity

By Francis Schaeffer

In the stillness of a solitary moment, the profound question that echoes through time resonates deeply with each of us. In Luke 9:18, we are offered a glimpse into an intimate moment between Jesus and His disciples: "And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?" This verse captures not only the act of prayer that characterized Jesus' relationship with the Father but also the pivotal inquiry that reveals the essence of His identity.

Prayer is a thread that runs throughout the Gospels, symbolizing Jesus's connection to God and His reliance on divine guidance. Before presenting a question that has monumental implications, Jesus pauses to commune with the Father. This moment illustrates a powerful principle in our own lives: before we seek understanding or affirmation from others, we must first seek the wisdom and clarity that comes from the Lord through prayer.

As Jesus stands alone in prayer, He is not void of connection; indeed, His disciples are present, witnessing a sacred dialogue that involves both solitude and community.

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When questioning His disciples about the perception of His identity, Jesus poses a question that transcends time: "Whom say the people that I am?" This inquiry serves multiple purposes. Firstly, it acts as a mirror reflecting the prevailing opinions of the day, identifiable as both insightful and revealing, for it showcases the varied understandings of who Jesus is a prophet, a teacher, or perhaps a mighty miracle worker. However, Jesus's intention reaches deeper as He invites His disciples—and us—to engage with their own understanding and relationship with Him.

This inquiry is deeply personal. Jesus asks this question not merely to gather information but to prod at the hearts and minds of those He has called to follow Him. He is encouraging them to reflect on their experiences with Him, to examine their beliefs, and to confront the reality of their relationship with the Son of God. To know Jesus is to experience Him intimately; knowledge without relationship is merely information without transformation. Where do we stand in our acknowledgment of who Jesus is in our lives? Are we echoing the thoughts of the world, or have we encountered Him in such a way that we confess Him as our Savior and Lord?

As we meditate on this question, we must consider our own answers. In today's culture, where opinions are as varied as the individuals who hold them, the challenge remains: how do we proclaim Jesus through the disharmony of modern voices? Do we view Him merely as a figure of historical significance, or do we recognize Him as the living Christ who reigns in our hearts and guides our lives? Our answers to these questions may reflect our spiritual maturity and understanding of Scripture. **(Continue page 4)**



We will wear our congregational T-shirts this Sunday for Worship Service and our Fellowship Luncheon at 12:45 p.m. in the Sentry Mall Food Court.

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