

SIMON SAYS...

- Introduction:
1. Probably most of us remember playing the game "*Simon Says*" when we were younger.
 2. The goal of the game was to acknowledge what Simon said, and then do it.
 3. With the exception of a few changes, I would like for us to listen and do what Simon says.
 4. This Simon however, is Simon Peter (John 1:40-42).
 5. Notice with me a few of the statements that *Simon Said*.

I. SIMON ACKNOWLEDGED THE PERSON OF CHRIST

- A. (Matthew 16:13-19).
- B. Simon said, "*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*"
- C. (Genesis 12:3) All nations would be blessed through the seed of Abraham.
- D. (John 1:29) The lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
- E. (II Corinthians 5:21) Jesus became sin (*a sin offering*) for us.
- F. (John 8:24) If you don't believe Jesus is the Christ, you will die in your sins.

II. SIMON ACKNOWLEDGED THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST

- A. (John 6:68).
- B. Simon said, "*Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*"
- C. (Matthew 28:18) Christ has all authority.
- D. (John 12:48) The words of Christ will be our judge.
- E. (Hebrews 5:9) Jesus gives eternal life to those who obey Him.

III. SIMON ACKNOWLEDGED THE DEMANDS OF CHRIST

- A. (Luke 22:33).
- B. Simon said, "*Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.*"
- C. (Matthew 19:27) "We have left all..."
- D. (Luke 14:26-27) Cost of discipleship.
- E. (Galatians 2:20) A total surrender of one's life.

IV. SIMON ACKNOWLEDGED THE MISSION OF CHRIST

- A. (I Peter 1:3-4).
- B. Simon said, "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.*"
- C. (Luke 19:10) Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
- D. (Mark 16:16) How to accept Jesus' offer of salvation.

- Conclusion:
1. Simon said a lot of things we should acknowledge and practice.
 2. The truths that he stated should compel us to love Jesus (I John 4:19).