



THAT REVELATION THAT WE ALL NEED

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MATTHEW 16:17 NKJV – (17) Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Peter has been labeled "blessed" for understanding and believing this to be true. Jesus uses the equivalent of Peter's family name, Simon Bar-Jonah, which would literally mean "Simon, son of Jonah." Making specific reference to Peter's father emphasizes the point Jesus immediately makes about that knowledge. It did not come from Peter's earthly father. He also did not come to this conclusion about Jesus out of his own cleverness or careful study.

Rather, Peter's conviction that Jesus is the Christ was given by Jesus' Father in heaven. God revealed to Peter and the other disciples that Jesus was His Son. God still participates in revealing the truth about Jesus to those who believe in Him (**John 6:44; 16:7–11**).

JOHN 6:44 - This verse marks a third time where Jesus repeats the idea that those whom God sends to Him will, undoubtedly, see eternal life (**John 6:37; 39-40**). This strongly supports the doctrine of eternal security, meaning that those who are truly saved cannot ever lose their salvation, under any circumstances. Once a person has come to faith in Christ, Christ *will* raise that person up to eternal life.

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 16:7-11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Grace is not reserved for good people; Grace underscores the goodness of God.