

# It's Still All About Jesus

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Isa 51.1-6; Heb 13.1-8; Mt 16.13-20

## Introduction

CCT: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and \_\_\_\_\_  
and forever." (Hebrews 13:8, ESV)

## I. The Value of Knowing God's Eternal Word

Isaiah 51:3 (ESV)

"Where God's Word and Kingdom is, there is also  
\_\_\_\_\_."

Knowing Christ...

## *A family sings the faith*

Simeon's song (Luke 2):

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy  
salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of  
all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of  
your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is  
now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Where do you get a Biblical memory?

The Church exists to help people sing like this, so they may \_\_\_\_\_ Christ like this, and \_\_\_\_\_ like this, die faithfully like this... and live eternally...

## **II. Confessing Christ in Every Generation**

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The "good confession": "You are the \_\_\_\_\_, the Son of the living God." (Mt 16.16)

What is the basic American cultural assumption?

By contrast, what does Peter's confession mean?

Today the Lord, Jesus Christ, asks you, "Who do \_\_\_\_\_ say that I am?"

### **Conclusion**

"There is no one righteous, no not one." (Rom 3.10)  
No one, that is, except Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Son of God.

A call to repentance...

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Please join us for an enriching experience at the  
**2017 St. Paul's Marriage Retreat.**

November 10 - 12, 2017

*Celebrating the Journey with Christ:  
On the Same Page*

**Cost per couple:**

\$350 (**Early Bird Special**- If booked and paid **prior to 8/31/17**.  
The first 20 to register are also guaranteed Lake View Rooms)

\$375 (If booked **after 9/1/17**)                      Final Registration 9/18/17

This low cost includes 2 nights stay and a Dinner Buffet for two on  
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**Where: Blue Harbor Resort**

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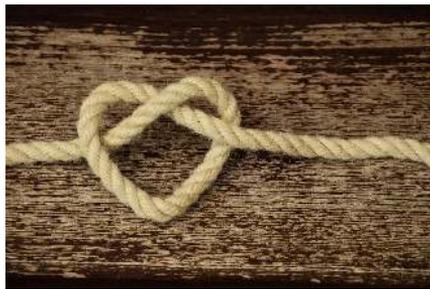
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*A Cord of Three Strands is not Easily Broken*  
*Ecclesiastes 4:12*



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- AV and Conference Materials - \$250
- Sponsor a couple - \$375
- Friday Night Social Hour - \$500

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I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

~Ephesians 3:16-21