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First Quarter-Lesson 5.-Jan. 29 Paint, or Woodwork, PETER CONFESSING CHRIST.-Matt.

GOLDEN TEXT. - Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will that large army of I confess also before my Father

WHAT THINK YE OF JESUS?-

directed on each package, saves his journey from Bethsaida. Into the coasts: region or borders, the Philippi. Herod the Great beautiobject seems to have been to draw kingdom of heaven. out the faith of his disciples, and to Whom do men say that I, the Son of this title; a title which the Jews used to designate the Messiah.

Some say John the Baptist: returned to life. Some, Elias; i. e., Elijah, the forerunner of the Messiah. And others, Jeremias: the Greek form of Jeremiah. In the same sense as Elijah—a forerunner of the Messiah. Or one of the prophets; i. e., "that one of the old prophets is risen again.

discussing. emphasis is on ye. Jesus would im- the temple where the sacred books press upon them the importance of were kept, and also tablets to write is to take him for our master, our entertaining a right opinion concerning him. Of all religious ideas none are so important as the right idea of Christ.

One, the Messiah. The Son of the highest sense. The Son of the living God was one who partook of that living, self-existent, and eternal nature. In this confession we have thus brought to view the humanity and the divinity of Christ.

LEDGE. Blessed art thou. Because thou hast opened thy heart to the flashed forth the truth.

FOUNDATION STONES OF THE CHURCH.—Ver. 18. And I say un- have the same power. On their to thee, That thou art Peter. And faithfulness and true living and upon this rock I will build my earnestness often depends whether church. This verse has been the those living in dark places shall see source of "an immensity of discus- the light. So, too, the Christian sion." We will give first what has the keys to the treasure-house of seems to us the true view: The divine truth. The Holy Spirit will honors, the blessings, this world can church is represented as a great guide him in his search, enlighten building, a temple of the living God. his eyes, and he shall continually see Jesus Christ is the builder, the new treasures in the Word and lated life in the previous verse. Or architect. Peter, as one of the works and providence of God. apostles, and a representative of all, And whatsoever thou shalt bind on for his soul? There is no compensafilled with living experience and earth, etc. The phrases whatsoever tion for the loss of the soul. All faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the thou shalt bind, and whatsoever thou other losses may be repaired. The Sen of the living God, is a rock, one shalt loose, were common Hebrew loss of the soul is without remedy of the great foundation stones on expressions. To bind meant to for- and without hope. which Christ is rearing the building, bid, or to declare forbidden. To

his enduring and glorious church.

terpretation of the words. the city of God.

3. It is a fact, Peter was a chief

the others; for Peter was himself tumult and rebellion against the built upon Christ, and imbued with Roman government, the people tryhis spirit; so that Jesus was indeed ing to make Jesus the leader of the the original substratum rock on revolt. This would interfere with which the church is built. And it his plan of a spiritual kingdom. was not merely Peter as a man, but | THE WAY TO THE KINGDOM IS Peter living in and by Christ, - THROUGH THE CROSS. - Vers. 21-23. lieve that he is the Messiah, the Son Peter holding the great truth of From that time forth: now they

supremacy over the other apostles; Jerusalem. The capital of the dwelling Christ is safe against all much less does it confer upon him Jewish nation, the symbol of the the powers of the enemy.

views of this verse: 1. That the fixion. And be raised again the methods; but the suggestion pro- COMMISSION MERCHANTrock is the confession of Peter, i. c., third day. The resurrection of ceeds from Satan. the Messiahship and divine sonship Jesus was essential to the proof that "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for of Jesus. Here the rock is a doct- he was the true Messiah. children teething is pleasant to the rine, and indeed the central doctrine Then Peter took him : apart, to taste and is the prescription of one of of the church. 2. The other view is speak to him privately. Began to thing by doing wrong. the oldest and best female physicians that the rock is Christ himself, who rebuke him. It was love to Jesus, It is wonderful for how small a and nurses in the United States, and is is, indeed, the foundation of the devotion to his cause, mingled with price men will exchange their souls. for sale dy all druggests throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs abottle. Be sure a

I will build my church. The

apostles, for the history shows that | Messiah, a worldly kingdom. nothing was conferred upon Peter smaller and more retired localities that the others also did not receive. and to the multitudes also whom he in the vicinity of the city. Cesarea In Matt. 18:18, 19, the others are now called to him. If any man specially included in the promise in will come after me: be my disciple, fied it, and built a temple to Augus- the last part of this verse. See also my follower. Let him deny himself: JAMES PYLE, New York tus. He asked his disciples. His John 20: 19-23. The keys of the renounce self as his master, and ac-

The phrase "kingdom of heaven" nature and his redeeming work. visible, external, organic church, time. and rarely, if ever, the future state man, am? He had frequently used in contrast with the present, but the our duty, even at the cost of the most of treasure rooms.

This variety of opinion shows authority and control over the take it up voluntarily. He is to do that the people were thinking and whole. When the Jews made a it as a follower of Christ. The But whom say ye that I am? The to his hand the key of the closet in sifts out false followers. gave him authority to teach, and to doctrines, to uphold his cause, to Pianos, Organs and explain the Scriptures to the people. obey his precepts.

From the above facts we learn church in all ages.

In some degree all Christians this promise.

loose meant to allow, or to declare 1. This is the most natural in- allowable. Bound in heaven; i. e., where the church is said to be teaching of Christ; and, 2d, by the apostles and prophets"; and Rev. examples of the exercise of this 21:14, where the names of the power, see Acts 1:15-22; 5:3-10; twelve foundations of the wall of power in this sense ceased with in-

Christ as the Son of God, who was were prepared to know more about one of the twelve. He was not the This was his first announcement of influence of his Spirit. only rock. He was a representathis great fact. How that he must The true church is sustained and turbed at night and broken of your tive of the others. In Eph. 2:20 go: not because he had not power built up by those who have a living necessary to the accomplishment of God. This does not give Peter any his work of redemption. Unto The true church with the inthe power to hand it downsto his church. Suffer many things : as de-There are two other principal Gospel. And be killed: by cruci- fairs for the divine wisdom and

WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP," and I will build my temple thee, Lord. The plan of redemption The triumph of Christ and his jun161y. on the Rock of Ages, of which you outlined by Jesus was contrary to kingdom is certain.

are a portion, since you are filled all Peter's expectations and hopes, that it seemed inconceivable.

But he turned, and said unto word for church denoted a congrega- | Peter: publicly before them all. tion or assemblage of people called Get thee behind me, Satan. Satan out. And the gates of hell: or means "adversary." Thou art an Hades, the kingdom of Death, and offence: a stumbling-block, a hindhence of Satan, the king of Death. rance by not understanding the true The realm of death shall have no nature and work of the Messiah. power over it; it shall be indes- Thou savourest not (mindest not) the things that be of God: God's plan of THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM. - | salvation as just before revealed by Vers. 19, 20. And I will give unto Jesus. But those that be of men Vers. 13-16. When Jesus came: in thee: representing also the other the natural human view of the

Then said Jesus unto his disciples: cept Christ as his master.

And take up his cross. Luke reveal to them more fully his in the Gospels never means the adds, daily; not once, but all the

> The cross is the symbol of doing or in the community. Here it is and carried out his work for the represented under the figure of a salvation of men, though it required city with gates, or of a large house him to die upon the cross in order to with gates for entrance, and doors do it. And ever since, the cross has stood as the emblem, not of The Keys. In great houses and suffering, but of suffering for the palaces there was a steward or sake of Christ and his Gospel, as the general manager of the establish- highest ideal of obedience to God at ment, to whom were committed the any and every cost. Each one must keys, and who had a general take up his own cross. He must man a doctor of the law, they put in- cross is a test. It is the sieve that

> And follow me. To follow Christ upon; signifying by this, that they teacher, our example; to believe his

THE BAD BARGAIN.—Vers. 25, And Simon Peter answered. He that Jesus made Peter and the 26. Whosoever will (willeth, deterwas one of the quickest to perceive other apostles his authoritative remines to) save his life. Life here in truth, and the readiest to utter it. presentatives on earth in the de- the original is the same word that AGENTS, but give the large commission Thou art the Christ: the Anointed veloping and organizing of his king- is translated soul in the next verse. paid agents to the buyer. dom after his death. They would It is much more than existence : life living God. The Son of God in the be the instrumentality by which means one's self. Whosoevermakes Price and Terms. many would enter the kingdom. It the pleasures and enjoyments of life gave them authority, under the his chief aim. Shall lose it. Shall guidance of the Holy Spirit, to lose all that makes life worth living: decide the many administrative and eternal blessedness. And who questions which would come up, as soever will (is willing to) lose his life: THE SECRET OF SPIRITUAL KNOW- the church; whether the Gentiles which are desirable and blessed in must conform to Jewish rites; the themselves, which worldly men seek appointment of deacons. It was chiefly, -honors, riches, pleasures, truth. Simon Bar-jona, i.e., son of through their witness and preaching power. But note this is to be for Jonah. For flesh and blood: no that we have the Gospels and the my sake, and, Mark adds, for the man, no weak mortal. But my rest of the New Testament, which Gospel's. The mere loss of life has Father which is in heaven. God are the authoritative rule of the no promised blessing. It is only loss for the sake of Christ that has

> For what is a man profited. The wise man wants to know what good EXQUISITE ETIDIOIDETIES FIEL will come of it, to himself and others. If he shall gain the whole world: all the pleasure, the wealth, the sources of enjoyment, the give. And lose his own soul. Soul here is the same word that is transwhat shall u man give in exchange

THE CROWN AFTER THE CROSS.— Vers. 27, 28. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father. receive the sanction and authority The time is coming when all these 2. It agrees with other passages and approbation of God. They days of humiliation and the cross of the New Testament, which ex- were to be guided in the organiza- will pass away, and Jesus shall be a Sold only in packets by Grocers, labelled press the same truth; as Eph. 2:20, tion of the Church, 1st, by the triumphant king. Reward every man according to his works. Every "built upon the foundation of the teaching of the Holy Spirit. For thing in the judgment will be according to truth.

> There be some standing here, etc. twelve apostles are written on the 6:2-4; 11:1-18; 15:4-29. The there were some before him who would live to see the beginnings of Then charged he his disciples the new kingdom. The apostles among the foundations of the church | that they should tell no man, etc. | lived to see the marvellous day of of Christ. He was one of those Why? Because the apostles were Pentecost, when Christ began to who learned of Christ the truth, and not as yet fully schooled in the come in his kingdom, and three preached it all his life. He was a doctrine of the true nature of thousand were converted in a day witness to the resurrection of Christ. Christ's kingdom and office, and and some of them to see the end of It was through his sermon that 3000 | would not be so till the outpouring | the Jewish dispensation in the dewere converted on the day of of the Holy Spirit upon them. The struction of Jerusalem, and the announcement that Jesus was the establishment of the Christian dis-4. This interpretation includes Messiah would be likely to excite pensation with tens of thousands of disciples throughout the civilized

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