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“Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ the Son of the living God”

—Matthew 16:16

We make all sorts of confessions in life for example if I were to say, “Go Green, Go White!” Those of you who like college sports would know I’ am making the confession that the Michigan State Spartans are my team, and they should be yours as well. Not only that but if they are not your team, whoever your team is must be far less superior in nature, such as, “go blue”.

Of course, all the Ohio State fans have their arms crossed and have just given a big eyeroll and are saying to themselves, “you all need to get out more often”, and on it goes and all in good humor.

However, when you aspire to do the same in the area of faith, and make an ultimate claim, now you have moved into a new arena, a new category, for in doing so claims of ultimate authority are now being made. This is what Peter’s confession is, the revelation of who Jesus is the Messiah. This is what every Christian will confess to the glory of God the Father.

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Jesus the Messiah, Jesus the Christ. Those are not his last name, but a designation given to him by the Father for the completion, fulfilment of the law of God for the sole purpose to redeem the world to himself.

This confession then means just that, Jesus is the godman, truly God, truly man and God the Fathers only agent to get the job done, the only one who is qualified for the job. That is the exclusivity of the gospel which Paul refers to in Galatians 1:8. Or in Jesus' own words entry by the gate or door, John 10:7.

Have you made "the great confession?" What allegiance in your life are you holding on to that you are confessing is greater? Can you make that same confession of Peter?

What has your confession of Christ cost you? For Peter and the other disciples, they did not turn back saving their lives in the short term, but willingly lost their short-term lives for the future glory of living forever with Jesus.

Confessions come in many forms in this life, and everyone is making them, but there is only one that lead to eternal life...what is yours?