

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Matthew 16:13-19**.
- B. When I was growing up one of the big hobbies was rock collecting. I went out to my Dad's drive-way, picked up five pieces of gravel and started my rock collection.
- C. Many people are rock collector's but they are looking for the most precious rock, a metal that is, gold.
- D. In 1849, many people sold almost everything they had, loaded up what was left and heading for California. They were looking for rocks, gold rocks.
- E. Today people are doing the same thing and selling themselves, their possessions, etc., just to get what they think is a piece of the spiritual rock, Jesus Christ.
- F. Tonight let us look at what it means to have a piece of the Rock.

I. THREE PEOPLE WHO THOUGHT THEY HAD A PIECE OF THE ROCK.

- A. The rich man thought he had a piece of the rock (Lk. 12:16-21).
- B. Simeon the Sorcerer thought he had a piece of the rock, and then even tried to buy a bigger piece (Ac. 8:9-13, 18-21).
- C. Apollos, was a great preacher, and a very knowledgeable man but did not have a piece of the rock. Fortunately he changed when confronted with the truth (Ac. 18:24-28).

II. WE MUST REALIZE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUE ROCK.

- A. Scripture text: Mt. 16 :13-19; 1Cor. 3:11.
- B. We must also realize that whether we believe or not, Jesus is still the rock (1Pet. 2:5-8).
- C. Jesus is the rock of our salvation or he becomes the rock of our condemnation.
- D. We must therefore believe in Jesus to be able to enter heaven (Mt. 7:21; Mk. 16:16).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. To "have a piece of the rock" is to have Jesus Christ as your Savior.
- B. This means obeying His word, and following His example.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.