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***“All the prophets testify about Him that through His name everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins.” Acts 10:43
(HCSB)***

Peter, by way of providing conclusively to the world that this one Lord, as he names Him, Jesus of Nazareth, is the true Messiah promised of old in the Scriptures, says: “To him bear all the prophets witness.” The prophets plainly speak of such a person, one to be born of David’s flesh and blood, in the city of Bethlehem, who should suffer, die and rise again, accomplishing just what this Jesus has accomplished and even proven by miraculous signs.”

Therefore, truly the Jews and the non-Christians have no reason to doubt concerning Christ, no reason to await the coming of another ... Peter, citing the testimony of the prophets, indicates the nature of Christ’s kingdom as not external power; not temporal dominion like that of early lords, kings, and emperors; not dominion over countries or control of people, property and temporal concerns; but a spiritual, eternal kingdom, a kingdom in the hearts of men, an authority over, and power opposed to, sin, everlasting death and hell, a power unable to redeem us from those things and bestow upon us salvation. Salvation is ours, Peter teaches, through the preaching of the Gospel, and is received by faith. Faith is the obedience every man must render unto the Lord. By faith he makes himself subject to Christ and partaker of His grace and blessings.

AMEN.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945)

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

