

# You are the Christ

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## **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)**

From 2005-2010, my pastor preached through the Gospel of Matthew. Upon arriving in chapter 16, somewhere in 2008, he spent about three weeks detailing Peter's declaration of Christ. It is one of the most powerful statements about Jesus recorded in the New Testament. In answer to Jesus' question of identity, Peter could not have been more emphatic, **"You are THE Christ, THE Son of THE God, THE living One."** As my pastor emphasized the literal translation of Peter's declaration, something in my heart leapt. I knew I had a new song. It would take five years before my lyrics were the way I wanted them.

In a day when people are eager to acknowledge the humanity of Jesus while denying His essential deity, we need to join Peter in stressing that Jesus Christ is God! My hymn briefly chronicles the life and ministry of Christ from eternity past to eternity future, highlighting His incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection. Our response to Christ must be, "You are my life, my all, and I belong to You!"

Reba took my words I believe to a whole new level. The tune of the stanza rises in intensity until it explodes with Peter's declaration in the chorus!