



"The Apostle Peter!"

1 Peter 1:1 / Matthew 10:2

- The Apostle Peter! Peter is one of Jesus' original and closest friends and leaders!
- He saw the life of Jesus first hand daily for 3+ years! He was there when Jesus was arrested and crucified.
- **Most important...** Peter **SAW** Jesus first hand, and talked with Him AFTER Jesus resurrected! Why so important?
- In order to be a true Apostle of Jesus Christ, the person had to have seen Jesus in His resurrected bodily form in person!
- **Peter is stating the FACTS:** 1 Peter 1:3, 1 Peter 1:21 and John 21:15-23!
- **These Scriptures are of most importance!** The Apostles were the authors of the New Testament which you hold right now in your hand and heart!
- No one can add to or take away from the Bible! They already wrote the final Word of God!
- There are no modern day Apostles which Scripture backs this up 100%! Paul said that he was the very last one in 1 Corinthians 15:8!
- So...Peter was given the authority and inspiration to write these books! 2 Peter 1:20-21

1. "First" - Simon who is called Peter!

- **Fact** – Peter is always mentioned first...Judas last! *Pecking order of faithful vs. not.
- **First** = Chief (1 Timothy 1:15 is the same word)

2. Peter was very interested in the life and teachings of Jesus!

- Matthew 15:15 – Peter asks for Jesus to explain this.
- Matthew 18:21 – Peter asked Jesus questions.
- Matthew 19:27 – Peter asked about the reward.
- Mark 13:3-4 – Peter asked about the last days.
- John 21:21 – I will die...what about John? (Peter had to learn to focus on himself!)

Notice now Peter goes from questions to answers!

- Matthew 16:16 – You are the Christ!
- John 6:66-68 – You have the words of eternal life!
- *He moves from interested to having answers! Life change!*

3. Peter allowed Jesus to truly mold his life!

- Matthew 16:15-17 – He spoke words from God!
- Matthew 16:18-19 – Peter would unlock the early church!
- Acts 10:34-35 – Peter brought the Gospel / Good News to the Gentiles.
- Matthew 16:21-23 – Yet...the fight between God potential vs. Devil potential.
- Matthew 26:41 – Temptation is a huge deal Peter...watch and pray!
- 1 Peter 5:8...Peter finally understood!

4. Peter was willing to live and look like Jesus!

- Matthew 17:24-27 – Needs to learn Submission to Authority!
- 1 Peter 2:13-17 – Peter finally got it!
- John 18:3-11 – Needs to learn Restraint / Not Impulsive!
- 1 Peter 2:21-23 – Peter finally got it!
- John 13:5-9 – Needs to learn Servanthood / Love!
- 1 Peter 4:8-9 – Peter finally got it!

Closing: Peter's life in the book of Acts! God used Peter in an amazing way! Peter was faithful!

- Chapter 1 – Peter was the leader!
- Chapter 2 – Peter preaches / 3000 saved!
- Chapter 3 – Peter has God's power for miracles as an Apostle!
- Chapter 4 – Peter has boldness / rebukes leaders! Persecuted for it!
- Chapter 5 – Peter calls out sin in the church!
- Chapter 8 – Peter deals with Simon the Sorcerer!
- Chapter 10 – Peter shares the gospel to Gentiles! A new door is opened up for Salvation!
- *I'd say that Peter became who Jesus created and wanted him to be!!!*

Here is the heart of it all as we go through First and Second Peter these 12 weeks...2 Peter 3:18!

- **Jesus is alive!** You can GROW in Him, and you can hold on to the HOPE that we have in Jesus Christ!
- Whatever you will face, you have this HOPE in Jesus Christ! Whether it be testing, trial or tragedy. Whether it be persecution or pain. Jesus is with you as a true believer!