

PETER AFTER PENTECOST

I. TWO GLIMPSES OF PETER BEFORE PENTECOST

A. JOHN 21:19, "LORD, WHAT SHALL THIS MAN DO?", v. 21

1. STILL TRYING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

2. CHRIST ANSWERED, "MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS"

3. LET EVERY SOUL BE TRUE AND LOYAL TO THE LORD, AND
LEAVE THE LORD TO DEAL WITH THE OTHER MAN.

4. His denial of Christ - LK. 22:54-62

B. ACTS 1:15, PETER PROPOSES TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO JUDAS.

1. SOME BIBLE SCHOLARS (SUCH AS G. CAMPBELL MORGAN)

BELIEVE THIS WAS A MISTAKE

A. THAT THESE MEN WERE TOLD TO WAIT

B. THAT, IN THE MIND OF GOD, SAUL OF TARSUS, WHO BECAME
THE APOSTLE PAUL, WAS TO BE THE SUCCESSOR TO JUDAS.2. IF THIS INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT, THEN PETER HERE AGAIN,
THOUGH HE IS ABSOLUTELY SINCERE, IS A LITTLE FEVERISH,
RESTLESS, AND IMPATIENT.

II. GLIMPSES OF PETER AFTER PENTECOST

A. IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

1. THE FIRST FIVE CHAPTERS

A. THE WONDERFUL SERMON IN CHAPTER 2

B. THE HEALING OF THE LAME MAN, AND ANOTHER SERMON, IN CH. 3.

C. HIS BOLD ADDRESS TO THE SANHEDRIN IN CH. 4

D. THE SPOKESMAN OF THE PURITY OF THE CHURCH IN CH. 5.
THE DEATH OF SAPPHIRA AND ANNANIAS.

IMPRISONMENT AND DELIVERANCE

2. PORTIONS OF OTHER CHAPTERS

A. CH. 8, PETER AND JOHN AT SAMARIA

B. CH. 9, THE HEALING OF AENEAS AT LYDDA,
AND TABITHA AT JOPPA

C. CH. 10, DEALING WITH CORNELIUS AT CAESAREA

D. CH. 11, PETER VINDICATES HIS GENTILE MINISTRY BEFORE
THE JEWISH CHRISTIANS OF J'LEM.E. CH. 12, PETER'S ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT AFTER THE
MARTYRDOM OF JAMES.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, AND THE MARVELOUS DELIVERANCE.

AFTER THIS HE MADE HIS HOME IN CAESAREA.

F. CH. 15, SPEAKING OUT AGAINST LEGALISM,
AND ON THE SIDE OF FREEDOM IN CHRIST.

B. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS, CH. 2.

1. PETER'S COMPROMISE AT ANTIOCH, v.12.

2. THE INFLUENCE OF HIS ACTION, v.13

3. PAUL'S REBUKE TO PETER, v. 11, 14.

4. WHAT WAS PETER'S RESPONSE?

A. NOT INDICATED HERE

B. SEE 2ND PETER 3:15, REFERENCE TO "OUR BELOVED BROTHER PAUL"

C. IF PETER WAS WEAK ENOUGH AT ANTIOCH TO COMPROMISE,
HE WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO RECEIVE THE REBUKE, AND
TO LOVE THE MAN WHO REBUKED HIM.D. HE IS NOT ABSOLUTELY PERFECT IN JUDGMENT, YET HE IS SO
MATURE IN LOVE THAT THERE WAS NO BITTERNESS IN HIS HEART.

C. THE TWO EPISTLES OF PETER

1. REJOICING IN TRIBULATION, I PETER 1:6-8.

NOTICE THE EMPHASIS ON SUFFERING IN THESE EPISTLES.

2. APPRECIATION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD, PRECIOUS FAITH,
AND THE PRECIOUS PROMISES.

3. EXALTING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE, I PET. 2:6

4. THE PASTORAL, SHEPHERD HEART, 5:1-4

5. UNQUESTIONING FAITH IN THE INSPIRED SCRIPTURES,
II PET. 1:16-21; I PET. 1:10-12.

6. SOLID BULWARK AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS, II PET. CH. 2.

7. LOOKING FOR AND HASTENING THE COMING OF CHRIST, II PET. CH. 3

III. SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE CHANGE WROUGHT IN PETER AS A RESULT OF PENTECOST.

A. THE VALUE OF PENTECOST

1. A CHRISTIAN BELIEVER MIGHT LEARN MORE OF THE REALITY OF JESUS CHRIST WITHIN $\frac{1}{2}$ HOUR OF HIS FULL SURRENDER AND COMPLETE CONSECRATION TO CHRIST, THAN HE LEARNED IN YEARS OF DEFEATED, DISOBEDIENT, AND UNFAITHFUL LIVING.

2. PENTECOST DOES NOT PERFECT, BUT IT CERTAINLY MATURES THE CHRISTIAN BELIEVER.

B. THE CHANGE IN PETER

1. INTELLECTUALLY

2. EMOTIONALLY - Personality

3. IN HIS WILL AND MORAL COURAGE

"...not by work, but by pluck.")

C. THE RELATION OF THE PRESENT DAY CHRISTIAN TO PENTECOST

1. WE ARE LIVING ON THIS SIDE OF PENTECOST - NOT THE OTHER SIDE.

2. WE ARE NOT WAITING FOR PENTECOST;

PENTECOST IS WAITING FOR US.

3. GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT, HAVING COME AT PENTECOST
INTO A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE,
IS WAITING FOR US.

4. IT IS NOT QUITE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT WE ARE WAITING FOR THE
SPIRIT;

THE SPIRIT IS WAITING FOR US. YOU.

5. IT IS NOT ACCURATE, —

SINCERE AND EXCELLENT AS THE INTENTION MAY BE, —

TO SAY THAT WE WANT MORE OF THE SPIRIT;

THE TRUTH IS, THAT THE SPIRIT WANTS MORE OF US.

CONCLUSION:

MAY GOD HELP YOU TO YIELD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT,
WHO CAME AT PENTECOST, AND IS HERE TODAY,

THAT HE MIGHT BRING THE CHANGE IN YOUR LIFE

THAT HE MADE IN THE LIFE OF PETER AND THE OTHER DISCIPLES
WHEN HE CAME 50 DAYS AFTER "CHRIST OUR PASSOVER" WAS SLAIN FOR US.

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