

## **Simon Peter, the Transformed Life**

Text: Luke 22:29-34

Romans 12:1, 2

II Corinthians 3:18

### **1. WE ARE ALL RECIPIENTS OF ANOTHER'S MINISTRY.**

John 1:35-41

It is true--we stand on someone else's shoulders. No man is an island. It takes a family. It takes a community of faith. II Timothy 3:15: "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

On January 6, 1850 fifteen-year-old Charles Haddon Spurgeon was on his way to a scheduled appointment but was diverted by a snowstorm into a Primitive Methodist Chapel. The pastor was kept back by the storm and an uneducated lay deacon (whose name we do not know) delivered the sermon. He preached from Isaiah 45:22, "Look unto me and be saved all you ends of the earth," calling on his hearers to simply look to Christ. And that was what brought Victorian England's greatest preacher into the Kingdom of God.

In April of 1855 when D. L. Moody was only 17, he was won to Christ when his Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball talked to him about how much God loved him. Had it not been for a Mr. Edward Kimball, the rest of D. L. Moody's life could have been very different.

God used a soul-conscious businessman to reach Moody and a layman who braved a snowstorm to preach to that handful of people to reach Spurgeon.

### **2. BEFORE PETER KNEW JESUS, JESUS KNEW PETER.**

John 1:42-48

Jeremiah 1:5; Galatians 1:15-17; II Timothy 1:7-9; Ephesians 1:4; Ephesians 3:7

How thrilling to know that our Lord had plans for you that dates back beyond your birth, even "...before the world began." I Peter 1:15, 16: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

### **3. PETER WAS A SAVED AND A CALLED MAN.**

LUKE 5:1-11

We are all saved to serve. We are all designed to be disciples. Peter was called to be a fisher of men, therefore he, along with his brother Andrew, James and John forsook all!

4. PETER IDENTIFIED JESUS.

Matthew 16:13-17.

5. THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH IS REVEALED TO PETER.

Matthew 16:18, 19. Revelation 1:9-18.

Ephesians 3:21: "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

6. PETER, ALONG WITH THE OTHER DISCIPLES IS INFORMED OF THE PURPOSE OF MESSIAH.

Matthew 16:21; Mark 8:31; Mark 9:31; Mark 10:33, 34; John 14:29: "And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe."

7. PETER LEARNED HOW QUICKLY A PERSON CAN BACKSLIDE.

Luke 22:54: "Then took they Him, and led Him, and brought Him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off."

Matthew 16:22, 23; Mark 14:27-31; Galatians 6:1-3.

8. PETER IS TAUGHT TO LOOK AT THE CROSS VICARIOUSLY.

Matthew 16:24,25; I Peter 1:18, 19; Galatians 6:14: "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." I Peter 2:21-24.

9. PETER'S TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE.

Luke 22:31, 32; Luke 22:45 (sleeping in this case seems to be a mechanism of escape); Luke 22:54-62. Luke 5:10: "And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." John 21:3: "Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing."

\*Luke 22:55; \*John 21:9. We find the will of God right where we left the will of God.

Luke 24:49: "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Acts 2:1-8, 14; Acts 2:32, 33.

## CONCLUSION:

Matthew 17:1-8. Jesus only!

II Corinthians 3:18: "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Romans 8:28, 29: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

God's goal is to transform us so thoroughly into Christlikeness until ultimately, we are conformed into Christlikeness.

In Jerry Bridges' *The Discipline of Grace* he says,

"Both words, *transformed* and *conformed*, have a common root, *form*, meaning a pattern or a mold. "Being transformed" refers to the process; conformed refers to the finished product. Jesus is our pattern or mold. We are being transformed so that we will eventually be conformed to the likeness of Jesus. Sanctification or holiness (the words are somewhat interchangeable), then, is conformity to the likeness of Jesus Christ."

For Peter, his conversion was so transforming that he was growing in grace and evermore conforming into the likeness of his Savior. His transformation was so thorough that the glory on this side of eternity was very close to the glory on the other side of eternity, i.e., "...from glory to glory...." I Peter 1:8: "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." Simon Peter found, lived in and died in full of glory in the thin place where Heaven and Earth meet.

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