

## **I Peter – Session One: Introduction; Chapter 1: 1-9**

### **Introduction**

- Peter- original Hebrew name – Simeon (Simon)
- Was married.
- Brother was Andrew.
- Was a fisherman.
- Was active in his faith.
- Was first to confess Jesus as the Christ (Matt 16:13-28)
- Name was changed to Cephas (Petros) – rock/stone.
- Always listed first in record of disciples
- Was part of the inner circle (Peter, James, John)
- Was impulsive.
- Denied Jesus three times.
- Restored by Jesus on the shore of Galilee (feed my sheep x's 3).
- Preached on the Day of Pentecost – three thousand people were saved.
- Primary spokesman and leader in early church
- Primary ministry to the Jews
- Walked in extraordinary power.
- We first to bring the gospel to the Gentiles in Acts 10:38 ff.
- Primary figure in Book of Acts 1-15 – after Council of Jerusalem no significant mention
- Peter and Paul had no apparent theological conflict.
- Heavy focus on cross and resurrection from the dead
- Legend about his death unsubstantiated
- Gospel of Mark is fundamentally Peter's version of life of Jesus recorded by Mark.

### **Mark**

- Cousin of Barnabas
- Went with Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey (
- Leaves Paul and Barnabas in Perga (Acts 13:13)
- Paul refuses to take Mark on the second missionary journey. (Acts 15:37-39)
- Barnabas replaced by Silas.
- Paul approves of Mark (2 Timothy 4:11)
- Mark becomes a companion of Peter (1 Peter 5:13)
- Mark writes Peter's gospel.

# 1 Peter 1: 1- 10

## VS 1- 2

- Peter is the apostle to the Jews; Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles.
- Election and foreknowledge of God – Ephesians 1: 4-6
- Sanctification of the (Holy) Spirit – Romans 6
- Obedience – our responsibility to be submissive to God. (John 14:15)
- The Blood of Jesus – we are daily cleansed by the blood of Jesus (1 John 1:9; Eph 1:7)

## **Remember: Three Phases of one Salvation**

- Justification – free from the PENALTY of sin (see Romans 5)
- Sanctification – free from the POWER of sin (see Romans 6)
- Glorification – free from the PRESENCE of sin (see Romans 8 and Revelation 21, 22)

## VS 3

- Abundant mercy – law vs grace – mercy vs judgment
- Born again – new life in Christ.
- Lively hope – Because of the resurrection of Jesus
  - Salvation – Acts 4:12
  - Redemption – Ephesians 1:7
  - Forgiveness of sins – Ephesians 1:7
  - Eternal life – John 6:40, 47
  - Born Again – John 3:16
  - Declared Righteous – Romans 4:5, 2 Corinthians 5:21
  - Spiritual gifts to empower ministry – 1 Corinthians 12
  - Resurrection from the dead. – 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

## VS 4 - 5

- Our inheritance
  - Imperishable – never be removed.
  - undefiled – never be spoiled.
  - Unfading – always fully present for us.
  - Reserved and kept for you in heaven.
  - Jesus – store up your treasure in heaven. (Matthew 6:19-21).
  - We are protected by God Himself because of our faith.
    - John 17:12 – I have guarded them and lost none.
    - John 10:28 – no one can snatch you from my hands.
    - Luke 21:18 – not a hair on your head will perish.

VS 6 – 9

- Rejoicing amidst trials, temptations, and difficulties.
  - Proof of faith – we do not compromise or quit but stand.
  - The value of this faith is greater than gold.
  - Faith is tested by fire to refine and deepen our knowledge of God.
  - James 1:2-4
  - Romans 8:18
  - Suffering for the cause of Christ is part of the journey.
  - Philippians 3:10
  - Matthew 5:11-12
  - John 15:20
  
- Loving Jesus who we have not seen. (John 20:29)
- Believing in Jesus whom we have not seen. (Romans 10:9-10; 17)
- Unspeakable joy and glory.
- The end of our faith is the salvation of our souls.