A CHURCH OF GOD AT WOODSTOCK and Truth On The Web Ministries Peter and HIS Letters

Part 1: Peter and HIS Audience



2 Peter 1:16

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For we have not followed **cunningly devised fables**, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses** of his majesty.

2 Peter 1:21

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: **but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost**.



Luke 5:4–11 [4-7]

Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

Luke 5:4–11 [8-11]

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When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 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**. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.



Matthew 14:26–31

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

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Matthew 16:21–23

From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou sayourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.



Luke 22:31–34

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And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, **both into** prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.



John 18:10–11

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Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?



Luke 22:55–62 [55-59]

And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean



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Mark 16:6–7

And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, **tell his disciples and Peter** that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.



1 Corinthians 15:3–5

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that **he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve**:



Luke 24:33–35

And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Lord is risen indeed, **and hath appeared to Simon**. And they told what things were done in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.



John 21:1, 4

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John 21:7

Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea. 19

John 21:15 ...feed my lambs John 21:16 ...feed my sheep John 21:17 ...feed my sheep John 21:19 ...follow me



Acts 1:4–5

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And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but **ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days** hence.



Acts 1:15–16

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Acts 2:14

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, **lifted up his voice**, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Acts 3:6

Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.



Acts 4:7–12 [7-10]

And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Acts 4:7–12 [11-12]

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.



Acts 5:3

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Acts 15:6–11 [6-9]

And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Acts 15:6-11 [10-11]

Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? **But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.**





Peter – 'Extrabiblically'



Early Church tradition says that Peter probably died **by crucifixion** (with arms outstretched) at the time of the Great Fire of Rome in the year 64.

The death of Peter is attested to by Tertullian (c. 155 – c. 240) at the end of the 2nd century in his Prescription Against Heretics, noting that Peter **endured a passion like his Lord's**. In his work Scorpiace 15, he also speaks of Peter's crucifixion: "The budding faith Nero first made bloody in Rome.

Origen (184–253) in his Commentary on the Book of Genesis III, quoted by Eusebius of Caesaria in his Ecclesiastical History (III, 1), said: "Peter was <u>crucified at Rome</u> with his <u>head downwards</u>, as he himself had desired to suffer."

Peter of Alexandria (d. 311), who was bishop of Alexandria, wrote an epistle on Penance, in which he says: "Peter, the first of the apostles, having been often apprehended and thrown into prison, and treated with ignominy, was last of all <u>crucified at Rome</u>."

Jerome (327–420) wrote that "<u>at Nero's hands</u> Peter received the crown of martyrdom being <u>nailed to the cross with his head towards</u> <u>the ground</u> and his feet raised on high, asserting that he was unworthy to be crucified in the same manner as his Lord."



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Apostolic succession

Belief that the ministry of the Church is held to be derived from the apostles by a continuous succession, which has usually been associated with a claim that the succession is through a series of bishops. As a result, claiming authority over the Church is bestowed on those who are in the line of succession. Not only excluding others but elevating those who are as superior.



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1 Corinthians 1:10–13

Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?
Hebrews 7:22–25

By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better **testament**. And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.



Hebrews 12:2a

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;

Romans 8:33–34

Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.





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G4687 – speirō - spi'-ro

Probably strengthened from G4685 (through the idea of extending); to scatter, that is, sow (literally or figuratively): - sow (-er), receive seed. *Total KJV occurrences: 53*

Matthew 13:3

And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a **sower** went forth to **sow**;

1 Corinthians 15:43

It is **sown** in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is **sown** in weakness; it is raised in power:



G1289 - diaspeirō - dee-as-pi'-ro

From G1223 and **G4687**; to sow throughout, that is, (figuratively) distribute in foreign lands: - scatter abroad. *Total KJV occurrences: 3*

Acts 8:1

And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all **scattered abroad** throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Acts 11:19

Now they which were **scattered abroad** upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.





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John 7:35

Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the **dispersed** among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?

James 1:1

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are **scattered abroad**, greeting.





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G3927 - parepidēmos — par-ep-id'-ay-mos From G3844 and the base of G1927; an alien alongside, that is, a resident foreigner: - pilgrim, stranger. *Total KJV occurrences: 3*



Deuteronomy 23:20a

Unto a **stranger** thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury:

Exodus 12:43

And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no **stranger** eat thereof:

Deuteronomy 10:19

Love ye therefore the **stranger**: for ye were **strangers** in the land of Egypt.



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2 Peter 3:11–13

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? **Nevertheless we, according** to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.



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