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“Peter”

Progressing Towards Perfection

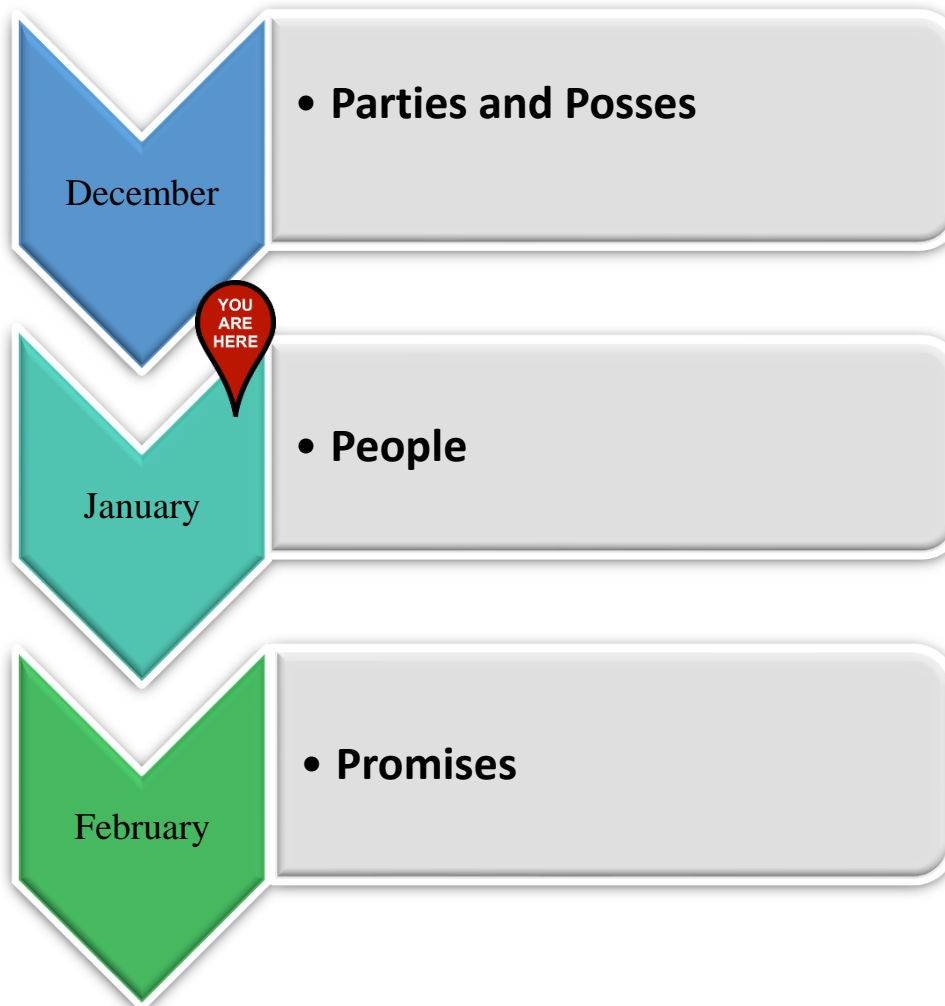
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Welcome to Church

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“Paul prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them” Acts 16:25

“ to loose the prisoners appointed to death” Ps 102:20



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Beginning with the letter P People

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7th January

- **Pharoah** - Work with God not against Him!

14th January

- **Peter** - The Rock – who became stable!

21st January

- **Paul** - Much learning maketh thee..wise?

28th January

- **Philip** - A Preacher and dedicated follower.



See Him Coming

Glory and power to the one who
loves us,
Honour and praise him forever;
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord
Jesus.

Glory and power to the one who
freed us
From all our sins by his blood;
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord
Jesus.

CHORUS

See him coming on the clouds of
heaven,
Every eye behold him now.
He's the Living One, the first and
last

Who once was dead,
But now he lives forever and ever.

Glory and power to the one who
made us
A kingdom of priests for God's
service;
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord
Jesus.

[CHORUS]

Jesus is the Living One,
Who died and came alive;
Jesus is Almighty Lord,
Who was and is to come!
(Repeat)

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing
loss,
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen
One,
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking
voice,
Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me
life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection

Why should I gain from His
reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

(REPEAT)

I love you Lord

I love you Lord,
And I lift my voice,
To worship you
Oh my soul rejoice

Take joy my King
In what you hear
May it be a sweet,
Sweet sound in your ear.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11: 2-4

Peter in History

1. The Apostle Peter is the only other Apostle who can be said to be Paul's equal in terms of significance for the history of the early church.
2. His given name was Simon, but he would become most well-known as Petros, the Greek translation of the Aramaic nickname, 'Cephas' (meaning "rock"), given to him by Jesus (Matt. 16:18).
3. His prominence in the early church is anticipated by his special naming by Jesus and would develop in light of his association with the church at Rome (1 Peter 5:13).
4. Mark, which is thought to be the first written Gospel, likely wrote his gospel based on Peter's account of Jesus' ministry.

Adapted from <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/5-things-peter>

Who was Peter

1. Family man

- Originally from Bethsaida then lived in Capernaum, both cities on the coast of the Sea of Galilee.
- He was married and his mother-in-law featured in one of the miracle accounts.

2. Just an Ordinary Man

- As a fisherman, he was an ordinary working man not an academic or cleric used to dealing with philosophical issues.

3. Chosen to become the “rock”

- He became a leader among the apostles.
- He continued to lead in the early church, although he did have his challenges.

4. Part of Jesus “inner circle”

- One of the first two disciples chosen.
- First to recognize Jesus as the “Christ”.
- Witnessed the raising of Jairus’ daughter.
- Witnessed the transfiguration.
- One of the three apostles chosen to pray with Jesus in the garden before his arrest and crucifixion.

5. A pillar in the early church

- Primary preacher at the 1st Pentecost.
- The recognition that the Gospel message was also for the Gentiles.
- Understanding of the promise to the ‘circumcised’.

What can we learn from Peter's life?

1. Jesus Christ overcomes fear.

Whether stepping out of a boat onto a tossing sea or stepping across the threshold of a Gentile home for the first time, Peter found courage in following Christ. *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.* 1 John 4:18

2. Jesus Christ forgives unfaithfulness.

After he had boasted of his fidelity, Peter fervently denied the Lord three times. It seemed that Peter had burned his bridges, but Jesus lovingly rebuilt them and restored Peter to service. Peter was a *former* failure, but, with Jesus, failure is not the end. *If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.* 2 Timothy 2:13

3. Jesus Christ patiently teaches.

Over and over, Peter needed correction, and the Lord gave it with patience, firmness, and love. The Master Teacher looks for students willing to learn. *I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go.* Psalm 32:8

4. Jesus Christ sees us as He intends us to be.

The very first time they met, Jesus called Simon “Peter.” The rough and reckless fisherman was, in Jesus’ eyes, a firm and faithful rock. *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.* Philipians 1:6

5. Jesus Christ uses unlikely heroes.

Peter was a fisherman from Galilee, but Jesus called him to be a fisher of men. *And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.* Luke 5:10.

Because Peter was willing to leave all he had to follow Jesus, God used him in great ways. As Peter preached, people were amazed at his boldness because he was “unschooled” and “ordinary.” *Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.* Acts 4:13.

Being with Jesus Christ makes all the difference.

Derived from <https://www.gotquestions.org/life-Peter.html>

Jesus first meets, then calls Peter to follow Him

John 1:29-42

²⁹ The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

³⁰ This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. ³¹ And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

³² And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode

upon him. ³³ And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

³⁴ And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

³⁵ Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

³⁶ And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God! ³⁷ And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou? ³⁹ He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰ One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messias, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. ⁴² And he brought him to

Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.

Matthew 4:17-20

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

¹⁸ And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

¹⁹ And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

²⁰ And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

Peter recognizes Jesus as the Christ

Matthew 16:15-20

¹⁵ He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

¹⁶ And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

¹⁷ And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

¹⁸ And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

¹⁹ And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

²⁰ Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

Hymn 79

Moderato. MISSIONARY HYMN—8 lines 7s. & 6s.

The light of life is flowing
 The darkness to dispel,
 And is in truth revealing
 The mys'tries of the fall;
 All Isr'el it is bringing
 From ev'ry distant shore
 No more will they be mourning
 Their blindness to deplore.

The laws from Zion coming
 All Isr'el will obey,
 The gospel light all shining
 Will lead to perfect day:
 On th' earth they will be reigning,
 The Bridegroom and the Bride,
 And in their light, all shining,
 The nations shall reside.

....V3 over

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Hymn 79 (ctd)

That tree of life, once guarded
By swords of flaming fire,
Is now to Isr'el offer'd
Its fruit they do desire,
The nations will be healed
Throughout this earthly ball,
The man of sin revealed,
Ans truth receiv'd by all.

Matthew 14:21-34

²¹ And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

²² And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

²³ And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

²⁴ But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

²⁵ And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

²⁶ And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

²⁷ But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

²⁸ And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

²⁹ And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

³⁰ But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

³² And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

³³ Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God. ³⁴ And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.

Mark 14:29-32

²⁹ But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.

³⁰ And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice.

³¹ But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

³² And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

John 21:15-19

¹⁵ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

¹⁶ He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

¹⁷ He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time,

Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

¹⁸ Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldst: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldst not.

¹⁹ This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

Message

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Hymn 101

How blessed whose sins have
pardon found,
No more in judgement to appear!
Whose guilt remission has
obtain'd,
And whose repentance is sincere

When Israel their sins disclos'd
The guilt that tortur'd them within,
Then thy mercy interpos'd
And healing oil and wine pour'd in,

And all who seek Thee shall
succeed
In finding Isr'el's God of grace;
And from death's dreadful
sentence freed
Shall see again their Father's face