

Sunday June 20th 2010
Petros
Part Two – Study Questions

1). Explain the significance of Simon's name change to Peter/Petros.

a). What might the connection through Simon Peter's father's name with the historical Jonah teach us?

2). What are the circumstances in which Peter's association with those from Asia to whom he writes begins?

3). Ga 1:18 *Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days.*

a). What has happened to Paul prior to his going to Jerusalem?

b). What do you think might be significant about his meeting with Peter?

c). 2Pe 3:15 *and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation--as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.*

d). What does Peter write here in his second letter about the ministry of Paul amongst those to whom he is writing? Is there anything you find particularly interesting in this scripture?

4) What happened in the year AD64 that gives us the last piece of the historical context for Peter's letters?

5). 1Pe 1:1 ¶ *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,*

a). Do you think there is any significance in this letter beginning with just the name Peter?

b). What does he say of himself and what does this mean?

6). 1Pe 1:1 ¶ *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,*

a). What does the word 'pilgrims' mean?

b). How should we understand what is meant by this and what scripture provides for our understanding?

c). In what way should we also consider ourselves to be pilgrims?

d). What does the word 'dispersion' mean and how does this fit with our understanding of the Matthew 13 Parables?

e). How does this relate to us? And what does it mean for us?

7). 1Pe 1:1 ¶ *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,*

a). What does the word elect mean?

b). How does the idea expressed in this word have a present application and a future fulfillment?

c). What scripture do we have that helps us understand this?

d). 2Pe 1:10 *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure,* What does this scripture exhort us to do?

e). What guarantee could we have for ourselves that we are doing what is needed to make our call and election sure?

f). How is the fruit of the Spirit described in scripture? And what is the process by which it is produced?

g). What does the ‘foreknowledge of God’ tell us and does this mean that God has preselected certain individuals?

h). What scriptures do we have that help us with this?

i). What would this mean for us personally?

8). 1Pe 1:1 ¶ *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:*

- a). What do you understand the word ‘sanctification’ to mean?
- b). What part does the Holy Spirit play in this?
- c). What scriptures do we have that describe this?
- d). What is it essential for us to do in order for the Spirit to be able to produce the work of sanctification in our lives?
- e). How important is our obedience in this?
- f). Where does the imagery of ‘sprinkling of the blood’ takes us in the O/T?

And what is the significance of what we find there?

- g). What roles are we to have as part of our calling and how would this connect with our O/T references from the last question?
- h). What does Hebrews 9:12-24 teach us about the blood of Christ in the Heavenly Tabernacle?
- i). So can we now summarize in our own words what is being taught in the second half of v2? - *through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:*

9). 1Pe 1:1 ¶ *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

- a). Is the final part of v2 just a pleasantry to help finish this part of the letter?
- b). How would we know from the scriptures what the answer to a) is?
- c). What is the Greek word translated ‘grace’ here?
- d). 1Pe 2:19 *For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.* How is the word ‘charis’ translated here?
- e). How does the use of the word here give us the key to understanding how it is used at the end of v2?
- f). What would this mean for the original recipients of Peter’s letter?
- g). How would we apply this to our own lives now?
- h). What does it mean for peace to be multiplied?
- i). What kind of ‘peace’ are we talking about here?
- j). What scripture do we have that speaks specifically about this kind of peace?
- k). What would it mean for us to have this kind of peace?

10). And so, if we try to bring this all together – What is Peter telling his original readers in the opening 2 verses of his first letter?

a). As this is also for us, what do you hear for yourself when you read these 2 verses?