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The Peter Profile



BACKGROUND. THE PETER PROFILE



Try to create your own sketch of Peter using this simple and effective method:

1. Use a concordance or Bible app, do a search on "Peter".
2. Create a table of 6 columns (example below) and make a list of all the occurrences. You may wish to use the "notes" page at the end of this section.

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Acts	Letters
			John 13v6-9		

(You may want to also refer to 'Harmony of the Gospels' to help piece the events in the gospels together)

3. Try to write a brief description of what you learn about Peter from each place*
4. Build your own profile about Peter. What he does, what he says, his ups and downs

Simon...Peter

- **John 1v35-42**

- **Simon** – HEB “*hearing*” (Simeon – Leah’s 2nd son)
- **Son of Jonah**
 - Impulsive and passionate...wore his heart on his sleeve...like Jonah
 - God had to develop his spiritual sight...like Jonah...**LIKE US!**
 - Sign of Jonah – **3** (P J J , Denied x3, Disbelief x3, Love x3, Gentiles called x3)
- **Called** – CR **Mark 1v29** “*surnamed*” = to impose a name.
 - Hence Christ a set plan and purpose with Peter
- **Peter** – GK “*rock*” (Petros)

Peter the Rock

- Matt 16v16-23

- Amazing “highs” (v16, Matt 14v28, John 6v69)
- But some significant “lows” (v23, John 18, Gal 2v11)

“You are Peter (petros) and upon this rock (petra) I will build my ecclesia”

Isa 28v16, 1 Peter 2v4-8

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Peter's Rock

"You are the Christ the Son of the Living God"*

**Not the God of the dead, but of the living (Mk 12)*

"He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ...therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2)

"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power...Him God raised up the third day" (Acts 10)

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Peter's Denials

- All gathered together for *"The Lord's supper"*.
- **Peter's 1st warning** – **John 13v36-38**
 - Peter's boast *"I will lay down my life for you"*. Christ *"You will deny me thrice"*
- Other apostles dispute who is the greatest – **Luke 22v24-30**
- **Peter's 2nd warning** – **Luke 22v31-34**
 - Peter's boast *"I am ready"*. Christ *"Three times deny you know me"*
- Christ advises disciples about struggles when he is gone – **Luke 22v35-38**
- Christ encourages them to the peace of God – **John 14**
- They sing a hymn and leave upper room - **Matt 26v30; Mark 14v26; Luke 22v39; John 14v31**
- Jesus speaks to them about the vine and the comforter – **John 15**
- Jesus encourages them to overcome the world – **John 16**
- Jesus prays for his disciples and us – **John 17**
- **Peter's 3rd warning** – **Matt 26v31-35, Mark 14v27-31**
 - Peter's boast *"Although all will be offended, not I"*. Christ *"You will deny me thrice"*
- Jesus in agony in Gethsemane – **Matt 26v36-46; Mark 14v32-42; Luke 22v39-46; John 18v1**
 - Notice that Jesus takes "Peter, James and John" here again. During his agony he focuses on Peter, and Jesus even prays 3 times! (**Find the references to Prayer in Peter's letter**)

Key Lesson

“And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you¹, that he may sift you as wheat:

But I have prayed for thee², that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren”

(Luke 22v31-32)

1. You = the disciples. (Satan = Jewish leaders)
2. Thee = Peter himself! Why was Peter's faith failing? **(v33)**

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Peter's Restoration

- **KEY** – Identify parallels between **John 18** and here in **John 21**
- After Peter's boast he was to deny the Lord **THREE** times **before a fire of coals**.
- Now Jesus has recreated that scene in order to restore Peter. To help him **acknowledge the forgiveness of God** and **reconfirm his important calling**.
- As there was a public **THREEFOLD** denial of Jesus, so Christ was going to **publicly restore Peter** through a **THREEFOLD** affirmation of his love.

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Thinky Things

	JESUS	PETER
v15	<p>1 A. “Do you <u>love</u> me <u>more than these</u>?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love = <p>1 C. “<u>Feed</u> my <u>lambs</u>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feed =• Lambs =	<p>1 B. “Yes Lord, you <u>know</u> that I <u>love</u> you”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love =• Know =
v16	<p>2 A. “Do you <u>love</u> me?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love = <p>2 C. “<u>Feed</u> my <u>sheep</u>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feed =• Sheep =	<p>2 B. “Yes Lord, you <u>know</u> that I <u>love</u> you”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love =• Know =
v17	<p>3 A. “Do you <u>love</u> me?”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love = <p>3 C. “<u>Feed</u> my <u>sheep</u>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feed =• Sheep =	<p>3 B. “Lord, you <u>know</u> all things, you know that I <u>love</u> you”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love =• Know =• Know =

1st Question

- “That he chooses to make Christ himself judge of it, rather than say any more of it himself; though he modestly declines saying that he loved him more than the rest of the disciples did, having had an experience of his vanity and self-confidence. He was sure he loved Christ heartily; but whether he loved him more than the rest did, he chose not to say”

(Gill's Commentary)

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Peter's Restoration

1 st Question	2 nd Question	3 rd Question
Do you love (agape) me MORE than the others do? (Based on his boast Matt 26v33)	Do you love (agape) me to the point you would suffer with me? Share the fiery trials?	Do you love (phileo) me? Is your affection for me as strong as you claim it to be?
Only YOU know that I love (phileo) you...its not about comparison!	Only YOU know I love (phileo) you...I can't boast in myself, "flesh is weak" ...I'm NOT ready!	Peter grieved = 1 Peter 1v3-9 ("heaviness" v7) Lord you ONLY perceive (eido) what is in my heart...only you know (giosko) the love (affection) I have for you
Nourish the little lambs (Now you are not lording over them)	Shepherd the sheep...now you are humble enough to lead!	I am the true shepherd...you are now ready to carry on that work and shepherd my sheep.