



PETER THE DISCIPLE

There is good news for those of us who have made serious mistakes in our past. Let's look into some Biblical case studies.

1. What **happened** to Peter in Matt. 4:18-20? _____
2. What **family** members did he have? (Matt. 8:14-15)

3. What did Peter **do** in Matt. 14:22-33? _____
4. What did he **ask** about in Matt. 15:10-20? _____
5. What did he **say** in Matt. 16:13-20? _____
6. What did he **question**? (Matt. 16:21-23) _____
7. What did he **pay**? (Matt. 17:24-27) _____
8. What was **hard** for him? (Matt. 18:21-35) _____
9. Did he like being a **believer**? (Matt. 19:27-29) __Y__N
10. Was he a proud or a humble man? (26:33-35) __Proud__Humble
11. Was he strong or a weak believer? (26:36-45) __Strong__Weak
12. What **happened** in Matt. 26:69-75 _____

Is there really anything listed above regarding Peter that is not true of us also? Does any of this stuff disqualify him from being a believer? Does any of this stuff drive away God's love from him? Peter was a normal guy with all the "ups-and-downs" we have. Notice Matt. 26:75. After Peter screwed up, "he WENT OUT and cried". God did not say, "you are no good". Peter said to himself, "I am no good."

13. __Y__N Does Matthew mention Peter in chapters 27 & 28?
14. __Y__N Does Mark mention Peter in chapters 15 & 16 before the resurrection?
15. __Y__N Does Luke mention Peter in chapters 23 & 24 before the resurrection?

16. ___Y___N Does John mention Peter in chapters 20 & 21 before the resurrection?
17. Explain why Peter is absent during all the narrations of the crucifixion story. _____

*Notice Luke 24:49 - "But all His acquaintances and the women who had followed Him from Galilee, STOOD AT A DISTANCE, watching." Peter was one of these. He had failed; he denied that he even knew Jesus. He checked out on his life as a believer. His life of usefulness was over. He gave up the **one chance** he had to make a difference in his family, his community, and in the group of believers he had come to love. He gave up on himself but Jesus had not. That "**Jesus of second chances**" met him on the beach.*

18. ___Y___N Do you think that Peter is the only guy (whether believer or not) who can have a second chance?
19. If your life has not gone the correct direction, then you have missed something in your life that you really wanted. What have you missed? _____
20. What do you want a second chance to do? _____
21. What happened in Peter's second chance?
 Acts 2:38-41 _____
 Acts 4:13 _____
 Acts 5:22-32 _____
 Acts 8:14-25 _____

Peter was a regular working man and he chose to follow the Lord. He had all the struggles and questions that most men have. Sometimes, he was right and sometimes, he was wrong. Often, he said the wrong thing. Give him some credit: he hung out with other men who were living out the truth in their lives; he asked questions when he "didn't get it". He was willing to share his faith, his struggles, and his successes.

22. ___Y___N Will you grab hold of that second chance that is being offered to you?