

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES
WOMEN IN THE WORD
Fellowship Bible Church

The Grace of God Revealed

Lesson 8

God's Grace Revealed to Peter

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Jesus took the time to disciple Peter to prepare Him for future ministry.

Peter's limit of forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-22 *Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."*

Peter was thinking on a human level. To forgive someone of the same offense 7 times seems quite gracious! Jesus tells him that he should forgive 70x7. In other words, "so many times that it's humanly impossible."

Peter's bold claim of loyalty

Matthew 26:30-35 - The disciples are warned of their running away. Peter says *"Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away."* Jesus then tells Peter the truth about his own denial, and Peter's claim is this, *"Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!"*

Right after this. Jesus asks them to watch with Him.

Peter falls asleep

*Matthew 26:36-46 - Peter and the others could not stay awake and watch. Jesus demonstrates human weakness.

Peter cut off a man's ear

John 18:10-11 *Then Simon Peter, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ear. (The servant's name was Malchus.) So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your sword into its sheath; shall I not drink the cup that the Father has given me?"*

Peter is zealous!! I love that about him. I'm sure Jesus did too. Jesus is teaching Peter that he can trust HIM!

Peter's denial

Matthew 26:75 - *And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.*

After denying Jesus three times, Peter comes to the end of his self proclamations. He runs off weeping bitterly through the streets.

Message for Peter

Mark 16:1-8 - Why did the angel say to specifically tell Peter? Remember that Peter had just done the unthinkable. He denied his Savior. Peter would be needing encouragement!

Jesus appears to the disciples several times.

On the beach

John 21:1-8 - Peter dives right in and swims to shore. Peter had been broken and brought to the end of himself. He also knows Jesus well enough that he doesn't hide in shame, but he swims to Him to be with Him. - Relationship based on grace.

John 21:15-17 - While sitting there on the beach Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him more than these? Who are these? The other disciples. Remember that in Matthew 26, he claimed that he was more devoted to Jesus than the others.

Agape love or Phileo love

Wikipedia defines it this way. "In Christianity, agape (/ɑːˈɡɑːpeɪ, ˈɑːɡəˌpeɪ, ˈæɡə-/;[1] from Ancient Greek ἀγάπη (agápē)) is "the highest form of love, charity" and "the love of God for [human beings] and of [human beings] for God".[2] This is in contrast to philia, brotherly love, or philautia, self-love, as it embraces a profound sacrificial love that transcends and persists regardless of circumstance.

Peter was learning that he could not trust in himself.

Peter boldly shares the gospel.

Acts 2:1-41 - Peter with boldness addresses the very crowd who had crucified Christ. And 3,000 were added to the family of God.

Peter writes to the churches

1 Peter 1:3-7 - Peter understands the grace and mercy of the Lord! Peter's living hope is Christ resurrected. No longer hoping in himself. Faith (not self effort) results in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:13-16 - always be prepared to made a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

1 Peter 4:7-11 - Peter understands what he has been forgiven. He understands dependence on God and not himself.

2 Peter 1:2-9 - Grace and peace and the knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord is now Peter's focus.

Faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, steadfastness, godliness, brotherly affection, and love. If you have these qualities you will be affective for Christ. (Not more accepted) For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. If you lack these things, it does not say work harder, do better, it says that you have forgotten what Christ did for you. Cleansed you from your sins!

Peter finishes his writings with these words

2 Peter 3:9 - *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

2 Peter 3:17-18 - *You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*