

Sunday School Lesson

May 14, 2023

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2 Peter 1:4-14

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Questions for Us Today

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How has your life changed since you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior?

How have you responded when you heard false teaching?

Sunday School Lesson Objective

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To understand why and how Peter wrote this second letter to early Christian believers in various locations.

Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1

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1. Bibliography

2. Points of Information: Peter

Sunday School Lesson Segments - 2

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3. Lesson Context

4. Lesson Text

5. Remember This

Points of Information – Peter

Peter's first name was actually Simon. Jesus gave him the surname "Peter" after the word for a stone or a rock: Greek = "petros." John 1:42.

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After Peter proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah (the Christ), our Savior stated: **"Upon this rock I will build my church."** Matthew 16:16, 18.

Points of Information – Peter

Jesus recruited Peter and his brother (Andrew) as they were out fishing with their father (Jona/Jonah). Matthew 4:18-19; Mark 1:16-17. Peter became a leading member of the original Twelve Disciples.

Peter, along with John and James, was a member of an inner circle of the original Twelve Disciples.

Points of Information – Peter

Peter was impulsive early in his discipleship. At one point, in a wayward move to protect Jesus, Peter grabbed a sword and cut off the ear of one of the men (Malchus) who had come to arrest our Savior in the Garden of Gethsemane. Matthew 26:51; Luke 22:50; John 18:10.

Points of Information – Peter

Peter grew and matured. He preached a powerful sermon on the historic Day of the Pentecost. Acts 2:14-41.

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Peter found that the Gospel was not to be only for the Jews, but given to the Gentiles as well. He proclaimed the impartiality of the Lord by saying "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism." Acts 10:34 (NIV).

Points of Information – Peter

It is believed that Peter was crucified (upside down, since he felt unworthy to be executed exactly as Jesus was) in Rome around A.D. 67. Jesus foretold Peter's death in John 21:18-19 and Peter acknowledged this in one of his letters, 2 Peter 1:14.

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Lesson Context - 1

In his first letter, Peter focused on encouraging the early Christians and comforting them regarding the suffering they were experiencing, with more to come.

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Lesson Context - 2

Since he would die soon, and with the persecution of the early Christians increasing, Peter reminded them to live Godly lives and to be very knowledgeable regarding our faith and beliefs.

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Prologue

2 Peter 1:1-3

Introduction

2 Peter 1:1 (NLT)

This letter is from Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to you who share the same precious faith we have. This faith was given to you because of the justice and fairness of Jesus Christ, our God and Savior.

2 Peter 1:2

May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

2 Peter 1:3

By His divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know Him, the One who called us to Himself by means of His marvelous glory and excellence.

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Text – UMI Outline #1

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2 Peter 1:4

Promises to Empower

2 Peter 1:4

And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

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Text – UMI Outline #2

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2 Peter 1:5-9

Spiritual Growth

2 Peter 1:5

In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge,

2 Peter 1:6-7

and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,

and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

2 Peter 1:8-9

The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But, those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.

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Text – UMI Outline #3

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2 Peter 1:10-11

Confidence in Our Calling

2 Peter 1:10-11

So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away.

Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Text – UMI Outline #4

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2 Peter 1:12-14 + 15

Remember

2 Peter 1:12-13

Therefore, I will always remind you about these things – even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught.

And it is only right that I should keep on reminding you as long as I live.

2 Peter 1:14-15

For our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me that I must soon leave this earthly life,

so I will work hard to make sure you always remember these things after I am gone.

Remember this:

Be steadfast in your faith and knowledgeable in God's Holy Word – particularly when you are confronted with false teaching.

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