

LIFE OF
PETER

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Course Goals

- To understand the scope and source of Peter's character transformation
- To imitate Peter's growth in Christ-like character
- To prepare to defend a scriptural view of Peter's role and authority in the early church

Schedule of Lessons

Date	Lesson
Sunday, Sept 20	1 – Meeting the Master
Wednesday, Sept 23	2 – A Weekend with Jesus
Sunday, Sept 27	3 – Peter Among the Apostles
Wednesday, Sept 30	4 – Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do
Sunday, Oct 4	5 – Peter at the Transfiguration
Wednesday, Oct 7	6 – The Last Supper and Crucifixion
Sunday, Oct 11	7 – Begotten Again by the Resurrection
Wednesday, Oct 14	8 – Using the Keys to the Kingdom
Sunday, Oct 18	9 – Confronting the Jewish Leadership
Wednesday, Oct 21	10 – Preaching in Judea and Samaria
Sunday, Oct 25	11 – Preaching to the Gentiles
Wednesday, Oct 28	12 – Peter's Sufferings
Sunday, Nov 1	13 – Peter on Suffering and False Teaching

Lesson 12

Peter on Suffering and False Teaching**Objectives**

- List the basic subjects of 1 Peter and 2 Peter
- Explain the relationship shown in Peter's letters between suffering and false teaching

Introductory Notes

In 1 Peter, Peter warns his readers that persecution is coming, and that they will suffer for the name of Christ. In 2 Peter, he warns the same readers that false teaching is also coming, and that they must prepare to defend the truth of the gospel that they had received. The need for these warnings and admonitions, and the relationship between the two crises, are demonstrated first in Peter's own experiences.

Text Questions

1. Peter Slated for Execution, **Acts 12:1-19**
 - a. What action of Herod indicated the seriousness of his intentions to wipe out the church (vs.2)?
 - b. Whom did he seize next? Why?
 - c. What was the church doing while Peter was imprisoned? Where?
 - d. How did Peter spend the night before he was to be brought before the people?
 - e. As the angel released him, what did Peter think he was seeing?
 - f. When they were reunited, what did Peter tell the brethren to do?
 - g. Where did he go?
2. Peter Compromises the Faith, **Galatians 2:11-17**
 - a. What mistake did Peter make in Antioch?
 - b. What does Paul say motivated Peter's behavior (v.12)?
 - c. What does Paul imply that Peter had abandoned or denied by his behavior (vv.16-17)?
3. Peter on Suffering, **1 Peter**
 - a. What difficulty are the recipients of Peter's letter about to face (**1:6; 4:12-16**)?
 - b. What commands does Peter give his readers in the following verses?
 - i. 1:13
 - ii. 1:14-15
 - iii. 2:2
 - iv. 2:11

v. 3:15

vi. 4:1

c. Where was Peter when he wrote this epistle (5:13)?

4. Peter on False Teaching, **2 Peter**

a. What additional problem does Peter tell his recipients they are about to face (**2:1-3**)?

b. From ch.2, what seems to motivate these false teachers?

c. What answers does Peter provide for the challenges his readers will face to their faith?

i. 1:5-11; 3:11-12

ii. 1:15-19; 3:1-2, 15-16

iii. 1:20-21

iv. 2:4-10; 3:8-10

Thought Questions

1. Why might Peter have been sleeping so soundly in Acts 12, especially given John 21:18-19?

2. What do you think made Peter's temptation in Galatians 2 so difficult for him to resist?

3. How would Peter's commands in 1 Peter (question 3b) help a Christian who was suffering persecution? What help and applications should we take from them?

4. Assuming, based on 2 Peter 3:1, that these letters were written to the same audience, why might Peter need to follow a prediction of persecution with a warning about coming false teaching?