

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

TIMES OF SERVICES:
 (temporary during pandemic)

Sunday
 Worship 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday:
 Bible Study 7:00 P.M.



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**An “Interview” with Peter, the Apostle
 (Part 1)**

by Bryan Gibson

Obviously, it’s impossible to do a “live” interview with Peter. However, by examining both his life and teaching, we can conclude what his answers would be to these questions. Yes, it will be necessary to fill in some gaps from teaching elsewhere, but every effort will be made to keep the teaching perfectly in line with Scripture. The plan is to do this “interview” in three parts.

Question: Tell us how you were first introduced to Jesus.

Answer: Through my brother, Andrew. He learned about Jesus from John the Baptist, who one day pointed to Jesus walking by and said, “Behold the Lamb of God.” That same day Andrew followed Jesus to the place he was staying and spent the day with Him. He came to me as soon as he left and said, “We have found the Messiah.” He then took me to meet Jesus, who when He saw me said, “You are Simon the son of Jonah. You

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shall be called Cephas” (or Peter), a name which means stone or rock. I appreciate His patience with me, because it sure did take me awhile to become the rock He wanted me to be. [See **John 1:35-42.**]

Question: It was several months later when Jesus called you to follow Him. What convinced you to do it?

Answer: By that time I had spent more time with Jesus and had gotten to know Him better. But you need to know what happened the day He called me. James and John and I spent the previous night fishing and caught nothing. Jesus came along while we were washing and mending our nets. There were so many people who wanted to hear Jesus teach that He asked me to put my boat out a little distance from the land so He could teach the multitudes from there. When He stopped speaking, He said to me, “Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch.” I was tired from the previous night, and I didn’t think we would catch anything, but I did what He said. Before long we had caught so many fish that the net began to break. James and John brought the other boat to



help us, and we filled up both boats with so many fish that the boats began to sink. I was so overwhelmed by the greatness and power of Jesus that I fell at His knees and said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” Jesus then said to me, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” How could I possibly say no to Him? When we got to the shore, I left everything behind and followed Him. [See **Luke 5:1-11; Mark 1:16-20; Matthew 4:18-22.**]

Question: Leaving everything behind, at least to some, might seem very difficult. Any regrets?

Answer: None whatsoever. When I reminded Jesus later that we had left all to follow Him, He said: “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life.” Before this exchange with Jesus, He offered a rich young ruler the opportunity to follow Him. He turned Jesus down, because he mistakenly thought he would lose too much. Not very smart—to turn down an investment that yields a hundredfold! [See **Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30.**]

Demetrius has a good testimony from ALL, and from the TRUTH itself (3 John 1:2). If Demetrius can do it, so can we.