

## **Part 2 Introduction 1 Peter 1:1 ‘Peter, an Apostle’**

- Last Sunday: infamous date, July 19 AD 64 persecution against Christians started
- Peter wrote to the *Diaspora*: Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia Asia and Bithynia
- Peter’s themes: how to live victoriously without losing heart, wavering in the faith
- Not becoming bitter in persecution, and looking to Christ’s glorious return

### **I. A Man Called Peter**

- Jesus spoke powerfully to Peter blessings, but also the strongest rebukes
- Only Peter reproves our Lord, at the same time he makes the boldest confessions
- Peter is the leading character in the first 12 chapters of the Acts of the apostles

### **II. Peter was the Spokesman for the Twelve Disciples**

- In the Gospels, Peter was the spokesman of the 12, he verbalized everything
- Peter asked the meaning of the difficult sayings of our Lord (Matt 15) forgiveness (Matt 18) reward of those who left all to follow (19), temple & his return (Mk 13)
- The matter about taxes (Matt 17), he questioned him after his resurrection (Jn 21)

### **III. Peter’s Name and His Character**

- When Jesus met Peter, he changed his name from Simon bar-Jonah (John) to Peter
- Why is Peter & Simon used interchangeably? Reason 1# his secular identity
- # 2: possibly, when Jesus calls him Simon, when Peter acts like his old sinful self

### **IV. Christ Poured into Peter’s Life the Right Experiences**

- 1) Peter’s *great revelation*: Peter confesses Jesus - Messiah (John 6:66; Matt 16:18)
- 2) Peter’s *great remission*: Jesus had to put Peter in his place (Matt 16:23)
- 3) Peter’s *great restoration*: Peter denied Jesus 3 times (Matt 26:31 & Jn 21)

### **V. Christ Used These Experiences to Mold Him into His Leader**

- 1) Jesus taught Peter about *submission*: pay taxes (Matt 17:25-27; 1 Pet 2:13,14)
- 2) Jesus taught Peter about *restraint*: not to use a sword (Matt 26:52; 1 Pet 2:21-23)
- 3) Jesus taught Peter about *humility*: Peter was humbled (Matt 26:33; 1 Pet 5:5)
- 4) Jesus taught Peter about *grace*: he learned forgiveness (Matt 18:21 & 1 Peter 2:3)
- 5) Jesus taught Peter about *sacrifice*: (Jn 21:19): Peter hears of his death (2 Pet 1:14)
- 6) Jesus taught Peter about *love*: do you love me?...x3 (John 13:35 & 1 Peter 1:22)
- 7) Jesus taught Peter about *courage*: (John 21:19 & Acts 4:19)
- 8) Jesus taught Peter to have *faith*: (Mark 16:7 & 1 Peter 5:10)