

## First Words

Peter's life is \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus Christ

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ - **John 1:40-42** - *One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).*
2. His \_\_\_\_\_ by Christ - **Matthew 4:18-20** - *While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.*
3. His \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ - **Matthew 16:15-16** - *He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*
4. His \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ - **John 6:66-68** - *After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup> So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup> Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*

Peter's life was \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ

1. It is rocky because he is someone who desires the things of man over the things of God - **Matthew 16:21-23** - *From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."*

2. It is rocky because he is someone who isn't listening to what the Lord is saying to him. - **Matthew 17:4-5** - *And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*

3. It is rocky because he is someone who is concerned for earthy rewards for kingdom work and commitment. - **Matthew 19:27-29** - *Then Peter said in reply, "See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?" <sup>28</sup> Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>29</sup> And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life."*

4. It is rocky because he is someone who has confidence in the flesh and his own strength - **Matthew 26:31-34** - *Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' <sup>32</sup> But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." <sup>33</sup> Peter answered him, "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away." <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to him, "Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times."*

5. It is rocky because he is someone who can't spend sufficient time in prayer. - **Matthew 26:40-41** - *And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? <sup>41</sup> Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Peter's life was \_\_\_\_\_ far away from Jesus Christ

1. He fell \_\_\_\_\_ - **Matthew 26:73-74** - *After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, "Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you." <sup>74</sup> Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed.*

2. He fell \_\_\_\_\_ - **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.* – Greek “pikros” – mental anguish

Peter’s life is \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ – The \_\_\_\_\_

1. He experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ - **Mark 16:7** - *But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.*” – See **Luke 24:34**

**1 Corinthians 15:3–5** - *For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.*

2. He experienced a \_\_\_\_\_ - **John 21:15–17** - *When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.*

3. He experienced a \_\_\_\_\_

a. He became a \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ - **Acts 2:14 & 41**- *But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.... So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.*

b. He became a \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus Christ - **John 21:19** - *(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”*

