

*The Touch of the Master's Hand - A Man Called Peter*

**“A New and Improved Peter”**

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2 Corinthians 3:17-18

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***Introduction:***

- A. Do you wish there was an \_\_\_\_\_ that could cause whatever kind of transformation we wanted?
- B. Question: Can \_\_\_\_\_ really \_\_\_\_\_?
- C. One of the parts of the story of Peter's life that we want to discuss today occurred on the Day of \_\_\_\_\_, which took place \_\_\_\_\_ days after Passover.

***I. The Story***

- A. Acts 1:3-11
  - 1. And so the disciples, including Peter, returned to \_\_\_\_\_ and continued to meet together, devoting themselves to prayer and \_\_\_\_\_ as Jesus had instructed them.
- B. Acts 1:15-17, 20-22
  - 1. What do you notice is \_\_\_\_\_ about Peter at this point?
    - a. Notice the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
    - b. Notice the grasp of \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. Acts 2:1-16
  - 1. Before Pentecost, Peter and the other disciples were \_\_\_\_\_ to be associated with Jesus or to tell others about Jesus.
  - 2. But in contrast to that, after they received the Holy Spirit in such a powerful way, they were \_\_\_\_\_ to publically proclaim the Gospel message.
- D. Acts 3 - 4
  - 1. Peter and John healed a man \_\_\_\_\_ from birth and end up in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. When they were commanded not to teach in the name of Jesus, Peter and John replied, “Is it right in the sight of God to listen to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than to \_\_\_\_\_?”
- E. Acts 5
  - 1. After another arrest and being freed from jail by an angel, they are questioned again by the Jewish leadership and answer, “We must obey \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.”

***II. The Application***

- A. What was it that had transformed Peter and the other apostles?
  - 1. Part of the transformation came because of their \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
  - 2. But I would say that most of the transformation came from the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ that was now in them.
- B. Jesus taught about the Holy Spirit (Jn. 7:37-39; 14:16-17, 25-26; 16:7-8, 13-14).
- C. Paul often discussed the way the Holy Spirit works in our lives (1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:26; Gal. 5:16, 22-25; Eph. 4:30).
- D. The Holy Spirit lives in us to \_\_\_\_\_ us, \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us, but the Spirit will not act against our \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. When we walk in the Spirit, follow the lead of the Spirit, and keep in step with the Spirit, then we will \_\_\_\_\_ in the likeness of \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro.A. elevator. B. people, change. C. Pentecost, 50. I.A.1. Jerusalem, waiting. I.B.1. different. I.B.1.a. understanding, perspective. I.B.1.b. Scripture. I.C.1. scared. I.C.2. emboldened. I.D.1. crippled, jail. I.D.2. you, God. I.E.1. God, men. II.A.1. faith, resurrection. II.A.2. Holy, Spirit. II.D. teach, empower, transform, will. II.E. grow, Christ.