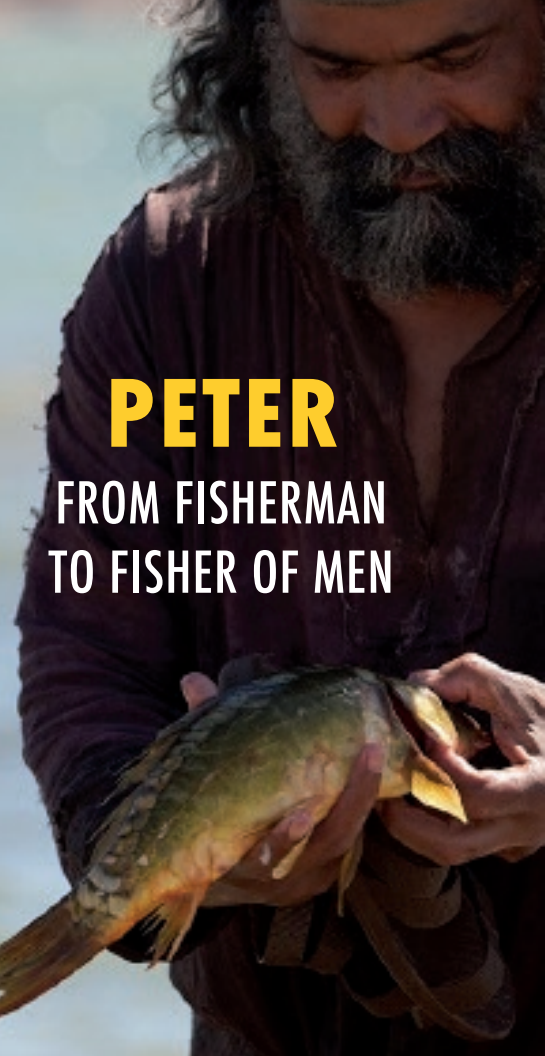




PETER

**FROM FISHERMAN
TO FISHER OF MEN**

His Condition

"I am a sinful man," (Luke 5.8 KJV) confessed Peter, revealing the sinful condition he inherited from Adam, just like we all did. Romans 5.12 KJV declares, *"by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."* Although it's not our fault that we were born in that spiritual condition, we are guilty for what we have done since then. Have you understood the seriousness of your sinful condition before a holy God?

His Comprehension

In his second letter, Peter speaks of people who have a *"knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 2.20 ESV) but they are not believers. Their knowledge of Christ and His story is only intellectual and superficial at best, because they have not applied it personally to be forgiven. Peter describes their condition by saying that *"the last state has become worse for them than the first"* (2 Peter 2.20 ESV). Likewise, Peter for a time in his life had some knowledge of Christ, but he wasn't a believer. What kind of knowledge do you have of the Lord Jesus Christ?

His Conversion

Andrew, Peter's brother, heard John the Baptist proclaim: "*Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!*" (John 1.29 NKJV). Andrew believed in Christ, the Lamb of God, and then found Peter and "*said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus*" (John 1.41-42 NKJV). That was the moment of his conversion. Peter, upon recognizing the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior, received the forgiveness of his sins and was truly converted. Peter preached in Acts 10.43: "*everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name*" (ESV). Have you believed in Christ to be forgiven and truly converted?

His Contemplation

Years later, Peter wrote in his first letter what he had contemplated regarding the crucifixion and resurrection of his Savior. "*For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit*" (1 Peter 3.18 NKJV). Even though there is much suffering in the world, there is only One who suffered for the sins of others. Even though

many have died, there is only One who died for a world of sinners. Have you contemplated the cross of Christ and His empty tomb?

His Conviction

Peter was convinced that the salvation of his soul was not found in himself, much less in a religion, but in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That is why he preached in Acts 4.12 KJV regarding Jesus Christ: *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* The Lord was patient with Peter and is also patient with us, *“not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”* (2 Peter 3.9 KJV). Have you repented in order to be saved?

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