

We must begin by reading the Great Commission as given by the Lord Jesus in several scripture locations.

The Great Commission as given in Matthew, Mark, Luke and Acts.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (Taken from a copy of the Book of Matthew written by Eusebius in the fourth century) "Word Studies on the Holy Spirit" E. W. Bullinger; Kregel Pub. Org Pub. 1895.

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Luk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Only 11 apostles received the Great Commission from the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus saw no need to call another man to replace Judas and make the group back up to 12. If there had been a special need for a twelfth member, Jesus would certainly not have left the world without appointing one. We remember that Jesus called 70 other men in Luke 10, and gave them the same commission to preach and power to work miracles that he had given the 12 in Luke 9.

Notice that the Great Commission given by Jesus said that the preaching of the Gospel was to begin at Jerusalem, then to Samaria, about 30 miles north of Jerusalem, and then to every nation on earth, even to the uttermost parts of the earth and to every creature, meaning Gentiles as well as Jews for a witness unto them.

The Great Commission also was very clear that each of the 11 apostles had exactly the same commission and hence duty to go to all the world. Jesus didn't divide the work among the apostles. Each apostle had exactly the same commission and their territory was not divided in any way as by geographical area or racial composition.

THE GREAT COMMISSION given by Jesus Christ in person opened the doors of salvation to the entire world and to every race on earth without distinction. Jesus Great Commission cannot be changed, only fulfilled.

In Acts 3 when Peter and John were going to the temple, Peter said to the lame man who was asking alms, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee. In the Name of Jesus Christ arise and walk." But he did not arise and walk as Peter commanded.

Peter's statement contained a basic truth technically...but to preface his healing ministry with such a statement was not just a poor choice of words, it was a statement of self-glorification which put the focus for healing on the minister. Peter's statement, if taken literally, put the power for healing and the choice of who gets healed on Peter and not on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus always said according to YOUR FAITH, so be it unto you. Or, YOUR FAITH has made you whole. Peter said, such as I have; but Jesus said, such as you have. Peter said according to my gift but Jesus said according to your faith. "I" comes before "J" only in the alphabet. But evidence reveals that Peter couldn't read.

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he handed the food first to the 12 and they took the food to the many thousands of people who were seated in groups of 50. Peter could have said to a group of 50, "Such as I have, give I unto

thee" and have been technically correct. But what Peter handed to his group of 50 did not come from Peter, it only came through Peter. But it all came from the Lord Jesus Christ. Even more-so with physical healing.

Peter's statement is therefore a tragic misrepresentation of the healing ministry given by the Lord Jesus. Jesus always required the sick to have faith for their healing. Jesus never healed anyone apart from faith. But Peter's command obviated Christ's command requiring faith to be healed. Heb. 11:6.

Therefore, as a result of Peter's command, nothing happened. Notice that the cripple man did not obey Peter's command to arise and walk. So Peter reached down and took hold of the man and began to lift him up. Then the man finally received a miracle and began to leap and walk. It is interesting to note that the term used here when Peter, took hold of the man, is the same term used when in Matthew 16:22, Peter took hold of Jesus and told him that he would not go to the cross.

Contrast Peter's idea of power from God with Paul's: Paul said, "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us". (2Co 4:7) Not what we have, but Christ in us. The focus and force of Paul's statements about the power for the ministry was always on Jesus Christ.

Persecution of the Church increased greatly after the great revival of the Day of Pentecost. The church members sold their property and laid the money at the apostle's feet to be used for the care of the entire community. A certain man and wife sold their home and kept back part of the money but reported to Peter that the amount given was the total sale price.

In Acts 5: 2-10, Peter said, " You have lied to God. Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." Think about Peter's response. It is a dangerous precedent indeed. Ananias was looking directly at Peter and speaking only to Peter, but Peter said you are lying to God. Again, a grain of truth in that statement did not justify the gross misrepresentation of the mind and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter used his great gift of power to decree a death sentence for the new converts for lying about a voluntary gift they were giving for the good of the entire community of new believers in Jerusalem. To lie and say you never knew Jesus or to lie about a sum of money given to the Lord's work, which lie is worse? Did Jesus kill Peter when Peter lied?

Did the Lord kill Peter when he lied the first time saying he was not a follower of Jesus Christ? Did he? Did the Lord kill Peter when he lied the second time a point blank lie that he was not a follower of Jesus? Did he? Did Jesus kill Peter when he lied the third time and swore an oath that he never knew a man named Jesus? Did he? Would you want to sit under a leader who judged in that manner?

How could Peter assign the death sentence for a new convert who voluntarily sold his home and voluntarily gave the money to Peter for the good of the new Church community, but held back part of the money and lied about the amount he gave? Even the cruel Roman law would not hand out such punishment for such a lie. Nothing in the Law of Moses ever ministered the death sentence for such a minor violation of law.

How could Peter possibly misrepresent the righteousness and love of Jesus Christ by killing a new convert for lying about a sum of money which he was giving to the Church community? Would Peter have better used his gift to call the new converts aside and tell them that they lied and give them a chance to repent and restore the babes in Christ to favor with the Lord? Jesus said, Feed my sheep, not kill my sheep.

What would I AM of the Old Testament have said about it:

Eze 33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

What would I AM of the New Testament have said about it:

Luke 9:56, James and John wanted to call down fire on some Samaritans who refused to allow Jesus to use their roadway. But Jesus rebuked the new converts saying, " **I am not come to destroy men's lives but to save them.**" Peter heard this admonition by the Lord Jesus, but Peter didn't remember the message.

AND furthermore: If we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. 1 John 2:1; AND furthermore: If we confess our sin, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and cleanse from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:7,9.

Peter misused his gift just as Sampson misused his great gift of power in his own best interests. Peter misrepresented the message and ministry of the Lord Jesus among men by imposing the death sentence upon two new converts instead of rebuking them and leading them to turn from their evil and live.

And what is even worse; Sappriah, the wife of Ananias, came in later to see Peter. Peter, knowing she was now a widow, set her up like an FBI sting operation used to trap dangerous criminals by asking her, "Did you sell your house for so much?" She said yes. Immediately Peter handed her a death sentence and didn't shed a tear or offer any remorse for the sad events. The church unceremoniously dug a hole and threw the new converts in. No funeral of weeping or sorrow for the twin tragedy.

Peter actually led the woman into a death trap instead of informing her of the tragedy that had just happened to her husband. Peter led her into evil purposely when he could have warned her not to commit the sin, he instead led her into the sin and then assigned the death sentence upon the poor widow woman, a new convert to Christ. We are being merciful to say, we are witnessing a mind of diminished capacity. Watch for Peter to be sidelined from the ministry shortly for such unChristlike behavior. Watch for him to disappear completely.

Great fear came on all the people and no man dared join himself to them. Peter's misuse of his gift stopped the revival and enshrined a crushing blasphemy in the minds of the public, i.e. a gross misrepresentation of the nature and character of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter was truly the Sampson of the New Testament.

Was the motive of Ananias and Sappriah from an evil heart? Of course not. The persecution of Christians made their future very uncertain. They voluntarily sold their own home and brought the money to Peter. But they held back some of the sale price. Their lie was inexcusable but their motive was very understandable under the circumstances. The entire city was in an uproar and uncertainty of the future was the order of the day. None of them had ever been down this path before and they wanted to hold back some of their own money as a safety net. That motive did not come from an intent to do evil. Their act would have been called sound business reasoning in 2010. But not by Peter whose M.O. had always been as an instant responder to the maximum.

When Paul met gross sin among the believers in 1 Cor. 5:5, where a man committed the despicable ungodly sin of incest with one of his father's wives, notice what Paul did to the man. Paul called on the entire church to disfellowship the man and turn the man over to the devil for the destruction of his flesh, that his soul might be saved in the Day of Judgment. Yes, Paul gave the correct judgment, but he left the door open for the possible intervention of grace. If during the man's suffering at the hands of Satan's deadly blows, he might come to his senses and repent, he might still be rescued from the eternal fire of hell and be saved in the end. Paul's judgment left a door of grace open to the church member who had fallen into such a vulgar profane sin.

Another case of Peter's misuse of the gift of God. In Acts 8, a sorcerer became a believer. The Word said he believed the message of Phillip the evangelist and was baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ. This means that he had repented of his sins.

And then when that new convert saw people receiving the Baptism of the Holy Ghost as Peter and John went around laying hands on them, he offered money saying, I want that same gift. I want to do what you are doing, that people receive the Holy Ghost. He thought that receiving the Holy Ghost was much more powerful than Phillip's healing the sick ministry. He wanted to be a minister like Peter and John. He was a

new convert and was deeply impressed when seeing people receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Was his basic motive evil. Not by any means. He wanted to be like Peter and John and do what they did.

Peter instantly told the man, "You and your money both go to hell." That is the proper literal translation of Acts 8:20.

Peter consigned the man to hell and erased any faith he might have had in believing or being baptized. Peter cancelled whatever profession of faith in Christ the man may have had. Peter didn't "strengthen the brethren" as Jesus had told him to do, instead he destroyed the brethren. Not a word of instruction from Peter to help the man understand the Gospel and repent of his sin. It was instant excommunication and consignment to hell. Peter the instant responder to the maximum was at work again. But was the man's motivation from an evil desire and a corrupt heart? Of course not. His desire was in fact admirable. But he was a new convert. He had no idea what was really happening in the new never before seen phenomena he and his entire city were all witnessing that day.

AGAIN a new convert should have been instructed in the way. If Peter had tried to build on the faith that brought the witch doctor out of his darkness and into the light of life enough to cause him to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins, the man might have made an effective leader for Jesus. But we will never know. Would you want to sit under a leader who judged after that manner?

Did Jesus send Peter to hell for ancestor worship and idolatry when he wanted to build a worship structure for the worship of two human beings, who once roamed the earth? Isn't ancestor worship an abomination worthy of damnation according to the Law of Moses? Deut. 18:11. Did Jesus send Peter to hell for focusing on worldly wealth when Peter asked what rewards he would get out of serving the Lord? Peter's motive was purely carnal. Matt. 19:27.

And worse yet: In Acts 10:1-48. Peter is sidelined from the ministry.

Peter was on the roof of a house and had been in that location for many days. The Lord Jesus had put him on the shelf to be idle until he could get the message to him that grace and the love of God is the core of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as in Luke 9:56, Jesus didn't come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

Peter was living in the most unclean location on earth, the house of a tanner who handled dead animals. The odor of death and decaying flesh filled the air 24/7 in every direction with or without the wind. According to the Law of Moses, Peter was unclean for many days because he was not just touching the unclean thing or the bed or chair or table which the unclean thing had touched but he was living in and on the most unclean things in his entire world. Peter was unclean and isolated from society for "many days". No tanner could approach the Temple of God. He had to be purified by special means first. Peter had to be purified by three heavenly blows between his eyes to purify his mind and reason, before he could be worthy to carry the Word once again to a lost sinner.

Suddenly, one day while Peter was on the roof waiting for a meal to be prepared, the Lord sent him a vision. Peter saw all kinds of animals which were good for food but which had been forbidden as food by the Law of Moses. Then the Lord told Peter to, "Arise, Peter, kill and eat." Then Peter said, "Not so Lord, for I have never eaten anything unclean." Again Peter reviled the command coming straight from I AM. Peter refused to obey. Then Jesus said: "Stop calling common and unclean what I have cleansed." No Peter had not eaten anything unclean, but he had treated saved human beings that Jesus had cleansed as unclean and deserving of death for the most minor infractions but without first trying to lead them to repentance.

But twice more the Lord showed Peter the same vision and gave Peter the same command, and twice more Peter refused the Lord's command. Peter was truly the three time man. It took three times to get any message across to him, and then he would misunderstand or forget the message altogether before sunrise. But read Acts 10:17, Peter didn't know what the vision meant, though Jesus repeated the message three times.

Peter had been wounding the Body of Christ.

Please notice the fact that Jesus' command to Peter was in the past tense. Jesus said, "Stop calling common and unclean what I have cleansed." So Peter was being upbraided for something he had done in the past.

In Acts 5 Peter assigned the death sentence to two new converts, who were saved people, but he branded them as sinners worthy of death for telling a lie. Peter stopped the revival going on in Jerusalem, at least for a season. No man would come near him or the Church activities for a while after the sudden deaths of two members. Peter had stopped the grace of God from operating for a season by his misguided judgment. Peter, like Samson of old, had misused his great gift of power.

In Acts 8 Peter called a new convert a guilty sinner at heart, excommunicated him from the church community and consigned him to hell and stopped the revival going on in Samaria.

Jesus had to give special instructions to Peter to prepare him to enter the house of the Gentile in Caesarea. Do you realize that this means that Peter could not fulfill the Great Commission to go to all the world and every creature, until Jesus gave him this further instruction and rebuke. Peter could not fulfill the Great Commission in the condition he was in at the time. Amazing to say the least.

Now in Acts 10:1-48, (Note this was at least 8 years after the Day of Pentecost) Peter receives a vision from the Lord with a rebuke that commands Peter to stop calling people whom the Lord has cleansed, common and unclean. Then the Lord tells Peter that three men are at his front door and that he is to go with them doubting nothing.

And the men arrived at Peter's door with the message that a Roman Centurion named Cornelius at Caesarea, about 31 miles north wanted to see him. The next day Peter went to Caesarea. He entered the house of the Gentile and began by informing the Roman soldier that it was unlawful for a Jew to enter the home of a Gentile. What a negative way to approach a sinner when trying to win him to the Lord Jesus Christ.

By this proclamation Peter was admitting that he had never been in the home of a Gentile before. This after being an apostle for 8 years, and being sent to the whole world by the Great Commission. Peter had never left Jerusalem or Judea to preach as Jesus commanded in the Great Commission. There is no record of Peter ever preaching outside the area of Judaea. Peter never took the Great Commission seriously.

Peter began preaching to the people in the house meeting, Act 10:43 To him (Jesus) give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. (Act 10:44) While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. The group all began speaking in other tongues. Then Peter baptized them in water in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Peter upgrades his call to Cornelius to mean Jesus had changed the Great Commission.

Jesus needed someone to preach to the Centurion in Caesarea and Peter was only 31 miles due south of there. So Jesus rebuked Peter three times to prepare him for the mission then sent him to that Gentile's house.

Peter takes his calling to go 31 miles north to a lone Gentile, to mean that Jesus changed his mind about the Great Commission and decided to choose Peter and only Peter to open the door of Grace to the Gentiles of the world. Peter thought that this Gentile was the very first Gentile (8 years after Pentecost) who had ever been won to the Lord Jesus. Again Peter is admitting that he had never witnessed to a Gentile before this event. Peter was confessing that he had disobeyed the Great Commission.

We are dealing with a mind that is diminished in normal capacity. Listen to Peter's analysis of this event before the counsel of apostles and elders. In Acts 15:1-21, Peter rises up and says to the assembly, "You know that a good while ago, God made choice among us that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the Gospel and believe. And God bore them witness that (their hearts were pure) by giving them the Holy Ghost even as he did unto us (at the beginning). So who was I to withstand God. The Gentiles are saved the same way we Jews are. God put no difference between them (Gentiles) and us (Jews) purifying their hearts by faith".

No! God had not made choice 'among them'. God had already made HIS choice and it was that 'all 11 of them' were to go everywhere to every race and nation. Peter added a racial division in the Great Commission. Peter had assumed his way to an imaginary top position again.

Peter cancelled the Great Commission as given by Jesus and declared that Jesus had changed his mind and decided to send Peter to "the Gentiles" to open the door of the Gospel to the Gentiles. (Acts 15:7-12)

By this declaration Peter was saying two things:

- a) no Gentile had yet been saved, eight years after Pentecost; and..
- b) that until Peter opened the door to Gentiles, no gentile could be saved. Both ideas were satanic in origin just as Peter's statement in Matthew 16:22,23 was directly from satan in person speaking through the mouth of Peter straight to Jesus in person. Peter didn't know satan was using him. That is the greatest tragedy of all. Whereas, the Great Commission had already assigned every preacher, minister, evangelist and Gospel worker to **go to the entire world which already included all Gentiles.**

Peter flip-flopped on his gross error later by saying that Jesus wanted him to go to the Jews and Paul and the others to go to the Gentiles. (Gal. 2:6-15). Flip-flop Peter rock. Peter re-wrote Christ's Great Commission along racial lines and misjudged the Lord's call to him to go to Caesarea and preach to a Gentile. Peter now claimed that his local mission to the one man Cornelius, was in fact a worldwide calling from Jesus to Peter only to open the door of the Gospel to the Gentiles so that Gentiles could begin being saved.

Jesus had said exactly nothing to Peter about opening the door of the Gospel to the Gentiles. This was a lie, or to be merciful let's say it was a case of diminished mental capacity and a naïve imagination.

Peter didn't know it but when the church in Jerusalem was scattered back in Acts 8, during a great persecution which followed the stoning of Stephen, *they went everywhere preaching the Gospel*. Some went to North Africa, some to Cyprus, a large island in the Mediterranean Sea and some went to Antioch. At first they preached to Jews only but then in North Africa and Antioch they began preaching to Gentiles also. Peter didn't know anything about this or he didn't take those facts into account when he pontificated about his "special" re-arranged Commission, which was all a figment of his own imagination.

Besides, Paul and Silas had already testified at the meeting in Acts 15:3, that Gentiles were being born again everywhere just like Jews. And Paul went all over the Mediterranean world winning Gentiles. So once again, Peter's testimony was mostly gross error. The church at Antioch in fact became the mother church very soon after the persecution of Acts 8, following the stoning of Stephen. The church at Antioch was made up mostly of Gentiles and Peter never preached in Antioch.

But in Galatians 2, Paul tells that later when Peter did get to Antioch to attend a meeting of the elders, he split the church and even led Barnabas astray after his error of teaching by example that Gentiles must observe certain laws of Moses in order to become Christians. Peter was a liability everywhere he went. He never went on a single missionary journey. He never established a single church. Peter's usefulness was over almost as soon as it started. How sad that Peter never fulfilled the Great Commission or any of the so called "Special Commissions" he claimed he had been especially chosen to perform.

The greatest and most damnable error connected with Peter's fumbling is often garnered from Peter's speech in Acts 15:7-12. The gross error is to imply that until Peter won a Gentile in Acts 10, no Gentile could be admitted into the Body of Christ for Peter alone could open the door to Gentiles for salvation. Peter's false blasphemy in Acts 15;7-12, said, Jesus made choice among us that by my mouth, Gentiles would hear the Gospel and believe. Jesus made no such choice and Peter opened no such door. Peter was dreaming again and the church had learned to tolerate the impenetrable rock. Peter toyed with the Great Commission in an unspeakable way. Peter's favorite words were, I, me, my.

A look back to Matt. 26:56, at the First Communion. *Jesus disowns Peter for disowning his Lord.*

But when Peter rose from his seat at the Passover which Jesus had just turned into the first Communion service, and only a short time later that same night, swore three times he never knew a man named Jesus, *the Lord Jesus disowned him.* Peter went from a seat at the door of heaven directly to a seat at the very door to hell, without batting an eye. And all within a few hours time.

After the resurrection, an angel told the women who came to the tomb, "He is not here, he is risen. Go and tell his disciples and Peter that he will go before you into Galilee just as he said." Peter was no longer a disciple. Matt. 10:32,33, Peter had heard Jesus say, if you deny me before men I will deny you. But again, Peter didn't get the message. He denied the Lord three times and was disowned by the Lord immediately, just as Jesus had taught. Peter had confessed his way in; but now he had confessed his way out.

The communion is the communion of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you partake of that communion unworthily you bring damnation upon yourself, as sickness and premature death. 1 Cor. 11:29, if you don't discern the Body of Christ you will get sick or die. If you strike the body of Christ, the Lord will strike you.

After Jesus had risen from the dead he found Peter and other apostles with him at the Sea of Galilee. Jesus led Peter in three confessions of love to cancel the three denials. But Jesus placed a curse on Peter. When you are older, you will stretch out your hands and another will lead you where you don't want to go. This was the death Peter was to die, crucifixion. Jesus never forced Peter to obey. But in death, Peter would be forced to obey.

Sampson, was led where he didn't want to go. Sampson was head strong and defied authority even the authority of Jehovah. Sampson misused his great gift of power. Sampson stretched out his hands and others led him where he did not want to go. And with his hands stretched out touching two opposing pillars of the pagan temple of the gods of the Philistines, Sampson's gift of power became his death sentence.

Peter was to stretch out his hands, and another would lead him where he did not want to go. Peter's head strong manner by which he would resist the authority of the Lord Jesus himself and his great gift of power, which he used to wound and even kill the Body of Christ, was his death sentence. Whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap.

Peter was truly the Sampson of the New Testament.

In Matthew 16:23, when Peter took hold of Jesus saying that he would not allow Jesus to go to a cross, Jesus responded, Get thee behind me Satan, thou art an offence to me. The term for offence is *scandalon* in the Greek, which means a 'trap-stick' or a snare or stumbling block.

A trap stick is used in setting a snare for small animals. One would use a small tree, a sapling, strip the limbs off then bend it over top to the bottom and tie it in that position. Then a lasso would be placed nearby on the ground covered with leaves and attached to the spring stick in such a way that then the animal would step inside the loop of the lasso to eat the bait, it would spring the trap and the sapling would quickly spring upright, tying the lasso loop tightly around the legs or body of the animal. Peter was a scandalon to Jesus because Peter loved the things that be of men and not the things that be of God. Matt. 16:24+

NOTE: The epistle of 1 Peter is written in splendid classical Greek which all authorities agree could not have come from Peter. The theology was not Peter's either. Peter was a Galilean fisherman. In Acts 4 the Pharisees and Chief Priests agreed that he was an ignorant and unlearned man. The maid in the palace who saw Peter the night of the arrest said, your speech betrays you, you are a Galilean and must know this man Jesus. The Galileans spoke a dialect of Hebrew and Greek. Peter never fed the sheep nor strengthened the brethren. Both his epistles contain gross flagrant false doctrine. The two epistles bearing his name were not published in a copy of the New Testament until the late fourth century.

Jesus used the word, 'stone' not the word rock when he changed Peter's name in John 1:42. The word is "stone". Here is the true meaning of that word "stone", a rock chip.

Discovering the "stone" that Jesus used to characterized the personality of Peter.

While approaching the giant Goliath, David picked up 5 smooth stones out of creek bed to use in his sling. The stones were flat and round. They had been rubbed smooth through being pushed down the creek bed by successive rushes of rain water, season after season, year after year. It would be flip-flopped over and over repeatedly as it was pushed down the creek bed by the rushing water.

That is the type of stone that Jesus discerned Peter would be. On everything Peter did, he flip-flopped. He left all for Jesus, but later he went back and took his wife. He left fishing, but later went back. He refused foot washing saying, Jesus you will never wash my feet, but in less than 10 seconds he flip-flopped and begged Jesus to wash his feet, hands and head also. Peter said he would never deny Jesus but he flip-flopped and denied him three times in rapid succession without remembering his loyalty pledge until at day break, a rooster crowed announcing the approaching day.

He went to see Jesus at Jordan, but left instantly without greeting the Lord or saying anything. He heard from Heaven one minute and in 30 seconds he flip-flopped and heard from satan and spoke every word from satan. He claimed in Acts 10 that God is no respecter of persons, but he flip-flopped and in Gal. 2 he jumped up from the table with the Gentiles and sat with the Jews only when he saw some of his Jewish friends coming up the road.

He laid his hands on Jesus and would stop him from going to the Cross. Jesus called him satan for making such a statement. Later Peter drew a sword and attacked a man to stop Jesus from being arrested. This was not a flip-flop, this was a mind which was diminished in capacity to learn and retain learning.

By drawing a sword and attaching a group of 16 Roman soldiers, he risked getting himself, Jesus' and all the other apostles being instantly cut to pieces. Peter never thought about that. He once again attempted to block Jesus' path to the cross, even in that eleventh hour. And measure this behavior against Peter having walked with Jesus for three and a half years and hearing all about the cross and what it meant, yet he still did everything in his power to stop Jesus from going to the cross. Satan desired Peter to sift him and finally used him and until this day, satan builds his masterpiece of religion, THE GREAT WHORE solely on Peter's legacy of gross doctrinal error, pure foolish statements and even blasphemy.

This was not just a case of flip-flopping...this was a mind of diminished capacity to learn and retain learned information. A mind diminished in the capacity to evaluate social interaction even at relatively simple and uncomplicated levels.

Peter's entire life and works were the opposite of a rock. His life was a stone, like David used in his sling. A smooth flat round stone created by flip-flopping downward, going ever downward with the flow.

Peter Vanishes Never To Be Seen Again In Ministry

In Acts 12:17, Peter vanishes. To this day, no one knows where Peter died. No one knows when Peter died. No one knows how Peter died except that he was crucified. Peter deserted Judaea and his calling under the terms of the Great Commission. Could it be that he feared his final sentence of crucifixion. He had just been released from prison due to the love of God, the ministry of angels and the prayers of the Christians going on in a home prayer meeting.

We never see Peter again as an apostle fulfilling the Great Commission. He left no epistles or instructions to the sheep. He left no church which he had founded. He left no legacy of courage except his answer to the authorities when he was questioned and called before the counsel early in his ministry. But when a man deserts his post, all the good he did before is not well remembered.

This Bible Study is given to the Body of Christ as part of the Light at the Evening time of Zech 14:7, and in sync with the prophecy that the Great Whore will be burned with fire and completely destroyed by the antichrist forces, after the church is raptured off the face of the earth. Read Rev. 17:16, and the entire chapter. The world is turning against the Roman Catholic Church more every day. Nothing like this has ever happened before on a worldwide scale.

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This study of the life of Peter began in 1978. This is one segment of that study.