

**Things Peter and Paul say ....  
Are They DIFFERENT .... or the SAME ? You Decide !**

We have, for years, always focused on **differences** .... on **contrasts** .... between Peter and Paul .... but in this message, we will examine just **some of the similarities** with Peter and Paul.

**1) Peter and Paul both preached that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son:**

'Christ' is the Greek word for the Hebrew word 'Messiah.'

At Jesus' trial where He was condemned to death, that was the very matter in question:

**Matt 26:63** But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

Earlier, when Jesus questioned His disciples about Who **they** said He was .... Peter responded:

**Matt 16:16** And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

Just after Saul's salvation and physical healing from blindness, yet before his name was changed to Paul .... he went **right away** .... to the places of assembly for the Jews, to show that Jesus was the Christ, God's Son:

**Acts 9:19-22** And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.  
20 And **straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.**

21 But all that heard him were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed them which **called on this name** in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests?

22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, **proving that this is very Christ.**

After Paul's name change (Acts 13:9) and his commissioning ....

he still focused on the same issue .... of Who Jesus was:

**Acts 18:5** And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that **Jesus was Christ**.

**2) Both Peter and Paul knew Jesus the Christ .... as the foundation on Whom the church was built:**

Jesus told Peter:

**Matt 16:18** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and **upon this rock** (Peter's confession in Matt 16:16, that Jesus is the Christ) **I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Paul laid the foundation .... built upon Jesus the Christ:

**1 Cor 3:10,11** According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, **I have laid the foundation**, and another **buildeth** thereon. But let every man take heed how he **buildeth** thereupon.

**11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

**Both Peter and Paul showed**

**3) believers are considered as the house of God**

**4) Jesus is the corner-stone of that house:**

Peter compared the family of God to building a house .... with Jesus being the 'block of great importance' in binding together the sides of a building .... the topstone of a building that holds it stationary:

**1 Peter 2:5-7** Ye also, as lively stones, **are built up a spiritual house**, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

**6** Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a **chief corner stone**, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made **the head of the corner**,

That was Peter's message to the rulers of the people and elders of Israel:

**Acts 4:11** This is **the stone** which was set at nought of you builders, which is become **the head of the corner**.

Paul also described the family of God like a spiritual house ....

with Jesus portrayed in the same way:

**Eph 2:19-22** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens with the saints**, and of **the household of God**;

20 And **are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets**,  
**Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**;

21 In whom **all the building** fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom **ye also are builded** together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Again, Paul illustrated the same principal:

**1 Cor 3:9** For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, **ye are God's building**.

**5) Both Peter and Paul preached 'calling on the name of the Lord':**

On the subject of **Jesus' name**, Peter taught salvation through it:

**Acts 4:12** Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Peter quoted Joel's prophecy about the day of the Lord, and calling on

His name for salvation:

**Acts 2:20,21** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable **day of the Lord** come:

21 And it shall come to pass, that **whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved**.

Paul also used Joel 2:32 .... and applied it to the saints at Rome:

**Rom 10:13** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Paul addressed believers at Corinth who **called on Jesus' name**:

**1 Cor 1:2** Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place **call upon the name of Jesus Christ** our Lord, both theirs and ours:

## 6) Both Peter and Paul preached 'no difference' in Jew and Gentile:

Peter was actually the **1st person** to come out with this new issue:

**Acts 15:7-9** And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that **a good while ago** God made choice among us, that the Gentiles **by my mouth** should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 And **put no difference between us and them**, purifying their hearts by faith.

Paul also explained there is no difference (also Rom 3:22):

**Rom 10:12** For there is **no difference between the Jew and the Greek**: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

**Gal 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

## 7) Both Peter and Paul began all their epistles with 'Grace and Peace':

Peter began both of his 2 epistles ... by sending grace and peace:

**1 Pet 1:2** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: **Grace** unto you, **and peace**, be multiplied.

**2 Pet 1:2** **Grace and peace** be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

Over the years, we 'grace preachers' often pointed out that Paul began all his epistles with grace and peace.

### 8) Both Peter and Paul wrote about 'standing in grace':

Peter wrote about it:

**1 Pet 5:12** By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the **true grace of God wherein ye stand**.

Paul wrote about it:

**Rom 5:2** By whom also we have access by faith into this **grace wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

### 9) Both Peter and Paul mentioned 'the gospel of God':

Peter questioned the destiny of those who don't obey it:

**1 Peter 4:17** For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not **the gospel of God**?

Paul said he was separated unto the gospel of God in Rom 1:1, and he ministered it:

**Rom 15:16** That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering **the gospel of God**, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

Paul preached the gospel of God .... to the Corinthians:

**2 Cor 11:7** Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you **the gospel of God** freely?

.... And Paul preached the gospel of God .... to the Thessalonians:

**1 Thess 2:9** For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you **the gospel of God**.

## 10) Both Peter and Paul said to 'watch and be sober' in the context of the coming day of the Lord:

Peter said it:

**1 Pet 4:7** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore **sober**, and **watch** unto prayer.

Paul said it:

**1 Thess 5:6** Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us **watch** and be **sober**.

## 11) Both Peter and Paul preached about 'the last days':

The **last days** began at Pentecost with the coming of the Holy Ghost, as Peter prophesied:

**Acts 2:17,18** And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Peter also wrote of the **last days** in his 2nd epistle:

**2 Pet 3:3** Knowing this first, that there shall come **in the last days** scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

Paul wrote of the **last days**, too .... and what dangerous times they will be:

**2 Tim 3:1** This know also, that **in the last days** perilous times shall come.

A grace preacher told me that those were **2 DIFFERENT SETS** of last days. He said that Peter and Paul were **not** talking about the same time. However, I found no scripture verses to indicate they are different.

## 12) Both Peter and Paul wrote about the Lord's appearing:

Peter said it:

**1 Pet 1:7** That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at **the appearing of Jesus Christ**:

Paul said it:

**Titus 2:13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious **appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**;

## 13) Both Peter and Paul said Jesus will 'judge the quick and the dead':

Peter said it twice:

**Acts 10:42** And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he (**Jesus**) which was ordained of God to be **the Judge of quick and dead**.

**1 Pet 4:5** Who shall give account to him (**Christ**) that is ready to **judge the quick and the dead**.

Paul said it:

**2 Tim 4:1** I charge thee therefore before God, and **the Lord Jesus Christ**, who shall **judge the quick and the dead** at his appearing and his kingdom;

## 14) Both Peter and Paul wrote about 'getting a crown' when Christ appears:

Peter wrote about it:

**1 Pet 5:4** And when the chief Shepherd shall **appear**, ye shall receive a **crown of glory** that fadeth not away.

Paul wrote about it:

**2 Tim 4:8** Henceforth there is laid up for me a **crown of righteousness**, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at **that day**: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love **his appearing**.

## 15) Both Peter and Paul preached about 'the day' that GOD comes:

Turn to 2 Peter chapter 3 and hold your place here for awhile:

**2 Pet 3:3-16** Knowing this first, that there shall come **in the last days** scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is **the promise of his coming?** for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

**The last days contain the coming of Christ ....**

**in flaming fire (2 Thes 1:8) .... to judge and make war (Rev 19:11,12):**

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, **reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack (or slow) concerning **his promise (what promise? .... the promise of His coming - as in verse 4)**, as some men count slackness; but is **longsuffering** to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But **the day of the Lord will come** as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto **the coming of the day of God (that is when Jesus comes, as in verse 7)**, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? (as in verses 7 and 10)

13 Nevertheless we, according to **his promise (what promise? .... the promise of His coming - as in verses 4 and 9)**, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. (Skip verse 14 for a minute.)

**Peter testified that Paul wrote about the same things in every letter**

15 And account that the **longsuffering** of our Lord is salvation; **even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;**

**16** As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things (**what things? .... the things, the events, about His coming**); in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

## **16) Both Peter and Paul said the day of the Lord will come**

**'as a thief in the night':**

Peter said it:

**2 Pet 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Paul said it:

**1 Thess 5:2** For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

## **17) Both Peter and Paul wrote for saints to be 'without spot':**

Peter said it .... in the context of the coming of the Lord:

(Hold this verse, as we'll use it again in a minute.)

**2 Pet 3:14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, **without spot**, and blameless.

Paul said it .... also in the context of the coming of the Lord:

**1 Tim 6:14** That thou keep this commandment **without spot**, unrebukeable, **until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ**:

Paul also wrote .... for the church to be without spot:

**Eph 5:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, **not having spot**, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

## 18) Both Peter and Paul wrote for saints to be 'blameless':

Peter said it in the context of the coming of the Lord:

**2 Pet 3:14** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things (**what things? ... the things, the events, about His coming**), be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and **blameless**.

Paul said it 4 times .... and always in the context of the Lord's coming:

**1 Cor 1:7,8** So that ye come behind in no gift; **waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

8 Who shall also confirm you unto **the end**, that ye may be **blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

**Phil 2:15,16** That ye may be **blameless** and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice **in the day of Christ**, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

**1 Thess 3:13** To the end he may stablish your hearts **unblameable** in holiness before God, even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** with all his saints.

**1 Thess 5:23** And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be **preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

Paul

**Col 1:22** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and **unblameable** and unreprouvable in his sight:

## 19) Both Peter and Paul call believers a 'peculiar people':

Peter wrote it. (Hold this verse because we'll come right back to it.)

**1 Pet 2:9** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, **a peculiar people**; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Paul wrote it:

**Titus 2:14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a **peculiar people**, zealous of good works.

**20) Both Peter and Paul showed believers came out of darkness**

.... and into light:

Peter showed it:

**1 Pet 2:9** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness into his marvellous light**:

Paul showed it:

**Eph 5:8** For **ye were** sometimes **darkness**, but now are **ye light** in the Lord: walk as children of light:

**Col 1:12,13** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers **of the inheritance of the saints in light**:

13 Who hath **delivered us from the power of darkness**, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

**21) Both Peter and Paul wrote that God does not respect persons:**

Peter said it twice:

**Acts 10:34** Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons**:

Peter used it in the context of the judgment of works:

**1 Pet 1:17** And if ye call on the Father, who **without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work**, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

Paul said it 3 times:

**Rom 2:11** For there is **no respect of persons** with God.

**Eph 6:9** And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; **neither is there respect of persons with him.**

Paul used it in the context of the judgment of works:

**Col 3:25** But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is **no respect of persons.**

**22) Both Peter and Paul wrote about believers being 'partakers of Christ's sufferings':**

Peter said it:

**1 Pet 4:13** But rejoice, inasmuch as **ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings**; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

Paul also wrote about it:

**2 Cor 1:5-7** For as **the sufferings of Christ abound in us**, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as **ye are partakers of the sufferings**, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

**23) Both Peter and Paul wrote about what God has in store for believers .... 'in heaven':**

Peter wrote:

**1 Pet 1:3-5** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To **an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Paul wrote:

**Col 1:5** For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

**Eph 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings in heavenly places** in Christ:

This is not an exhaustive study .... but just some of the things that God says .... through both Peter and Paul's writings.

Are they the same or different? You decide!

We know that Paul is the apostle to the Gentiles (Rom 11:13) .... and that to him was given the dispensation of grace (Eph 3:2) ....

We should be careful to **RIGHTLY** divide God's word:

**2 Tim 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The verses are the final authority .... not any man!

*This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"*