

9. (Week of October 22, 2017)

**Peter's Ministry to Samaritans and Gentiles**

**Memory Verse:** "To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Acts 10:43 (ESV)

- Sun:** Acts 8:1-13 – What impresses you in this account of Philip's ministry in Samaria?
- Mon:** Acts 8:14-25 – Why do you think the apostles sent Peter and John to Samaria? Why did Peter deal so severely with Simon?
- Tue:** Acts 9:32-43 – Compare and contrast Peter's miracles with the miracles of Jesus Christ. What conclusions do you draw?
- Wed:** Acts 10:1-16 – What important lesson was the Lord teaching Peter through this vision?
- Thu:** Acts 10:17-33 – How did God provide further guidance to Peter? How does the Lord guide us in our lives?
- Fri:** Acts 10:34-48 – What was the special significance of Peter's sermon and the response to it? Have you believed in Jesus Christ?
- Sat:** Acts 11:1-18 – This passage reviews the story of Acts 10. How have you seen Jesus' words to Peter in Matthew 16:18-19 fulfilled in the book of Acts?

10. (Week of October 29, 2017)

**Peter at the Jerusalem Council**

**Memory Verse:** "But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

Acts 15:11 (ESV)

- Sun:** Acts 12:1-17 – What qualities of Peter stand out in this dramatic story of his escape from prison?
- Mon:** Acts 15:1-11 – What role did Peter play in this important council at Jerusalem? Of what truths did he remind the assembly?
- Tue:** Acts 15:12-21 – Explain the decision of the Jerusalem Council. What relevance does it have for our lives today?
- Wed:** Acts 15:22-35 – Repeat Tuesday's questions.
- Thu:** Galatians 1:11-24 – Peter meets Paul. What do you think was the significance of this meeting? What do you think they talked about?
- Fri:** Galatians 2:1-10 – According to these verses, what special assignment had God given Peter? What do you learn here about the relationships between Peter, Paul, and the other apostles?
- Sat:** Galatians 2:11-16 – Why was Peter rebuked by Paul? What does this incident show you about Peter? About us?

11. (Week of November 5, 2017)

**Peter's First Letter**

**Memory Verse:** "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul."

1 Pet. 2:11 (ESV)

- Sun:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3, 10-17; 3:5, 21-23 – How were the Corinthian believers misusing the name of Peter (Cephas) and other Christian leaders? How should we view spiritual leaders?
- Mon:** 1 Corinthians 9:1-5 – What facts do we learn about Peter (Cephas) in verse 5?
- Tue:** 1 Peter 1:1-12 – To whom is Peter's first letter addressed? (Consult a map.) What does he teach us about salvation in these verses?
- Wed:** 1 Peter 1:13-21 – How should Christians live and why?
- Thu:** 1 Peter 1:22-2:3 – Repeat Wednesday's question.
- Fri:** 1 Peter 2:4-10 – What do these verses teach us about the church of Jesus Christ? Are you fulfilling your purpose?
- Sat:** 1 Peter 2:11-17 – How should Christians live in relation to the world? In relation to the government?

12. (Week of November 12, 2017)

**Peter's First Letter (cont'd)**

**Memory Verse:** "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

1 Pet. 2:24 (ESV)

- Sun:** 1 Peter 2:18-25 – How should Christian employees relate to difficult bosses? How is Christ an example and help to us in this?
- Mon:** 1 Peter 3:1-7 – How should Christian wives relate to difficult husbands? What special instruction is also given to husbands?
- Tue:** 1 Peter 3:8-18, 22 – How can you get along well with others (vv. 8-12)? How should we respond to unjust treatment by unbelievers (vv. 13-18)?
- Wed:** 1 Peter 4:7-11 – How should believers occupy themselves as we await the end of the world?
- Thu:** 1 Peter 4:12-19 – How should we react to ridicule or mistreatment by unbelievers?
- Fri:** 1 Peter 5:1-5 – What do you learn here about the responsibilities of elders? Of younger people toward the elders?
- Sat:** 1 Peter 5:6-14 – What steps should we take when we pass through suffering and trial? Take these steps right now.