

THE APOSTLE EARNS HIS PLACE OF SERVICE.

I Peter 1:1

Introduction:

- A. What would most people do after such humiliation?
 - 1. The answer is universal, quit!
 - 2. John 21:3- .

- B. Jesus never gave Simon up to Satan.
 - 1. Luke 22:61. "And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter."
 - 2. Mark 16:7- "Mary Magdalene, Salome, Mary the mother of James, a young man said...go your way, tell his disciples, and Peter."

- C. Jesus never de-commissions.
 - 1. Preachers quit -- Demas. Col. 4:14.
 - 2. Churches fold-up.

I. THE APOSTLE LOOSES HIS FEAR AND STATES THE TRUE NATURE OF JESUS

Acts 2:14,22-36

- A. Pentecostal address.
 - 1. Fulfillment of prophecy. vs. 16

- B. Before the council. Acts 4:13, 18-21.
 - 1. "they saw the boldness of Peter and John." vs. 13
 - 2. "commanded them not to speak." vs. 18
 - 3. They're answer. vs. 19
 - 4. "so when they had further threatened them, they let them go." vs. 21

- C. Before the council again. 5:28.
 - 1. Peter's answer. vs. 29
 - 2. The apostles beaten. vs. 40

I I . THE APOSTLE AND TWO GOOD CHURCH MEMBERS .

- A. Acts 5:1-11. (vs. 40)
 - 1. Some people cannot exist without praise.
 - a. Satan filled their hearts.
- B. They could have kept what they had.
 - 1. They wanted to have their cake and eat it.
- C. Does God do this today?
 - 1. I really don't know.

I I I . THE APOSTLE AND THE LADY'S AUXILIARY. ACTS. 9:36.

- A. Dorcas, full of good works and almsdeeds.
 - 1. True reflection of service. vs. 36.
- B. The true (spiritual good) work of women. vs. 39.
 - 1. Did not shew the pot holder and trinkets they had sold them.

I V . THE APOSTLE AND HIS PREJUDICE. ACTS 10:1-

- A. Cornelius, an Italian.
 - 1. Not a Jew, not a fit subject of evangelism.
- B. White is not the only color.
 - 1. Prejudice and race hatred is not according to the Bible.