

SOME SCRIPTURAL REASONS WHY THE APOSTLE PETER WAS NOT A DENOMINATIONAL PREACHER WITH CALVINISTIC, PREMILLENNIAL, OR MODERNISTIC CONCEPTS

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THE APOSTLE PETER PREACHED AND TAUGHT:

1. That Christ is at the right hand of God and that angels, authorities, and powers are made subject to Him (I Pet. 3:22). Christ has all authority in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28:18).
2. That "*We ought to obey God rather than men*" (Acts 5: 29).
3. That "*God is no respecter of persons*" (Acts 10:34).
4. That men from every nation who will fear God and work righteousness will be accepted by God (Acts 10:35).
5. That the beginning of the church and salvation in Jesus Christ was on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) when the apostles were baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 11: 15).
6. That God raised up Christ to sit on David's throne (Acts 2: 29 - 32).
7. That Christ was then (on Pentecost) by the right hand of God in heaven reigning, and that He was both Lord and Christ (Acts 2: 33 -36).
8. That we must do something in order to be saved (Acts 2:40, 38).
9. That we are saved by the word of God (I Pet. 1:22- 23; Acts 11: 14).
10. That we have our souls purified in obeying the truth (I Pet. 1: 22) .
11. That baptism is a command: "*And he (Peter) commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord*" (Acts 10:48).
12. That baptism was "*for the remission of sins*" (Acts 2:38).
13. That baptism saves (I Pet. 3:21).
14. That the new birth is brought about by the word of God (I Pet. 1:23) -- not by the direct operation of the Holy Spirit.
15. That the name to be worn by disciples is "*Christian*" (I Pet. 4:16).
16. That every Christian is a priest and can worship and approach God through Jesus Christ (I Pet. 2: 5, 9).
17. That growth as a Christian comes from studying the word of God (I Pet. 2:2).
18. That Christians are to be "*all of one mind*" (I Pet. 3:8).
19. That a child of God can forsake the right way and go astray (2 Pet. 2:15).
20. That children of God can "*turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them*" (2 Pet. 2:21).
21. That a child of God can fall (2 Pet. 1: 10).
22. That the way a child of God is forgiven of his sins is by repentance and prayer to God (Acts 8:22). Peter knew that God's plan for His children to obtain forgiveness was

conditioned upon repentance, confession of sins (I John 1:9), and prayer (Acts 8:22). Peter did not teach that children of God are automatically cleansed.

23. That wives were to "*be in subjection*" to their husbands and to obey them (I Pet. 3: 1-6).
24. That the local church was governed by elders (I Pet. 5: 1 - 2).
25. That the authority of elders begins and ends with the local church where they are elders (I Pet. 5:2).
26. That it is right for a preacher to marry -- Peter was married (I Cor. 9:5; Matt. 8:14).
27. That he was a "servant" of Jesus Christ -- NOT a "Reverend" of Christ (2 Pet. 1:1). He did not refer to himself as "Doctor Peter". He said, "*For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble*" (I Pet. 5:5).
28. That it is wrong for a man to worship a man -- he would not allow Cornelius to worship him (Acts 10: 25 - 26).
29. That men would wrest the scriptures "*unto their own destruction*" (2 Pet. 3:16).
30. That the Old Testament scriptures did not come by the will of man, but by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1: 20 - 21).
31. That Christians are to obey the laws of government (as long as they do not violate the laws of God). (I Pet. 2: 13 -14 ; Acts 5: 29).
32. That government is "*for the punishment of evildoers*" (I Pet. 2:14).
33. That when the Lord comes the second time it will be the day of judgment and "*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.*" (2 Pet. 3:7, 10). Jesus said the wicked "*shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal.*" (Matt. 25:46).

Friend, could Peter preach on these things where you worship? I dare say that if Peter were on earth today there is not a denominational church in the land that would allow him to preach!

Peter was an inspired apostle of the Lord. What he taught was by inspiration and came from Jesus Christ, the spokesman of God (Heb. 1: 1 - 2), as he was guided by the Holy Spirit (John 16:13). Peter was a gospel preacher, a member of the Lord's church -- the one Christ told him He would build in Matthew 16:18. He used the "keys" of the Kingdom (Matt. 16:19) on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) and told believers to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2: 38). Three thousand people did what Peter (by inspiration of the Holy Spirit) said for them to do, and were added to the church (Acts 2: 41, 47).

Friend, you can be a New Testament Christian and a member of the church that Jesus built by simply doing what Peter taught on Pentecost! We teach what Peter taught here. Won't you investigate us?