

Introduction to First Peter: Get a Piece of the Rock

Learning to listen and to accept who we are as Believers brings Joy

1 Peter 5:12 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark.

John 1:35 - 37 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

40 – 41 One of the two, who heard John speak and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ~~He found first his own brother~~ **He was the first to find his own brother** Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).

42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon {transliterated literally: "*the Listener*"} the son of John; you will be called *Cephas" (which is translated Peter)."

*Cephas: (Aramaic) an individual rock lying by itself

Matthew 16:16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona {literally, "*son of Jona*"}, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

18 "I also say to you that you are Peter {transliterated literally: "**Petros*"}, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

*Petros: (Greek) a rock embedded in bedrock

Deuteronomy 32:4 "The Rock! His work is perfect, for all His ways are just; a God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.

Psalm 18:2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Daniel 2:34 "You continued looking until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and crushed them.

35 "Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

1 Peter 2:4 And coming to Him as to a living stone {lit. "**lithos*" } which has been ~~rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God~~ ~~but is choice and precious in the sight of God,~~ **regarded as not worthy, but is chosen as precious, as God sees it.**

*Lithos: (Greek) a rock embedded in construction

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

Isaiah 50:4-5 The Lord GOD {i.e. Adonai Yahweh} has given Me the tongue of ~~disciple~~ **a learner**, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word.

He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as ~~a disciple~~ **a learner**.
The Lord GOD has opened My ear; and I was ~~not disobedient~~ **not not listening**.

4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, ~~reserved~~ **placed under armed guard** in heaven for you