

WHAT HAPPENED TO PETER'S MINISTRY

ADDRESSING DISPENSTIONAL CHANGE

*"Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle,
even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me."*

~ 2 Peter 1:14

1. Introduction

- a. Acts describes Peter's Pentecostal ministry, and Paul's ministry among Gentiles
- b. We learn that Paul and Peter had different gospels (offers from God)
 - i. Gospel of kingdom vs. gospel of grace - Luke 9:2-6, 18:33-34 vs. 1 Cor 15:1-4
 - ii. Gospel of the circumcision vs. gospel of the uncircumcision - Gal 2:9
- c. If Paul's ministry and pattern is for us today, what happened to Peter's ministry?

2. Peter/Paul both taught faith in Christ

- a. Peter and Paul taught faith in Jesus as Christ, Son of God, and King of God's kingdom
- b. Peter and Paul taught Christ's/ and resurrection from the scriptures - 1Co 15:11
- c. Notice Paul's rebuke in 1 Cor 1:12-15 – 1 Cor 3:5-9 – 1 Cor 4:11
- d. Notice Gal 1:23 how that he taught the faith he once destroyed – Acts 9:13, 9:20, 26

3. Peter/Paul ministered in different locations and times

- a. Peter taught new covenant blessing and kingdom in Israel – Lk 24:47, Acts 1:6-8, 3:19
- b. Paul taught mystery of Christ /new creature to all men – Act 9:15, Gal 1:16, Rom 15:20
- c. This became a problem in Acts 15:1-2; but is resolved see Galatians 2:1-10
- d. Peter shut down the great commission – Matt 28:19-20 compared to Gal 2:9
- e. The kingdom come would not be preached to all nations!
- f. Paul kept going to Jews among Gentiles which now included fallen Israel – Acts 7:51

4. Peter's ministry expansion stopped in Acts

- a. Acts shows Israel in decline, the fall of Israel, the decline of Peter's ministry.
- b. Acts also records the expansion of Paul's ministry by the Holy Ghost.
- c. Acts 1:6 - Peter's ministered the rise of Israel's kingdom by the return of Christ
- d. Christ would come, Israel would be saved, all will be restored – Isa 59:20, Rom 11:26
- e. Jews only Acts 1-7:51, "astonished" - 10:45; water baptism diminished - 11:15-17; The last time Peter speaks - Acts 15:7-11; Jews zealous of the law – Acts 21:18-20
- f. Jews reject salvation, Gentiles get it w/o Israel, no kingdom has come - Acts 28:27-28

5. What happened to Peter's ministry

- a. The principle of ministry transition in John 3:30; God gives the increase
- b. James dies by the sword - Acts 12:1-2; Peter anticipates death – 2 Pet 1:14
- c. His disciples were scattered, some false teachers taught error – 2 Pet 2:1-3, Titus 1:10
- d. Some ministered Christ with Paul - Barnabas, John Mark (Col 4:10), Junia - Rom 16:7
- e. Peter's last epistle encourages continued belief in Christ & his future kingdom return
 - i. **But** the gospel of the circumcision, salvation to Israel, is not yet fulfilled.
- f. God is now longsuffering to bring salvation to more – as Paul writes – 2 Peter 3:9, 16
- g. Jerusalem is destroyed in 70 AD and Israel is scattered, the kingdom is not yet
- h. Peter's ministry of Christ to Israel was replaced by Paul's ministry of Christ to the world