Introduction

- 1. 2 Peter 1:1
- 2. Peter tells who he is
 - a. He is a servant some translations have a bondservant.
 - i. This is voluntary or involuntary subjection or subservience
 - ii. Metaphorically one who gives himself up to another's will; those who serviced in used by Christ in extending and advancing His cause among men.
 - iii. The word is used in Rom 6:16-18
 - b. He is an apostle
 - i. This is a delegate; an ambassador of the Gospel a commissioner of Christ
 - ii. He is listed first in every list of the apostles Matthew 10:2; Mark 3:14-16; Luke 6:13-16
 - iii. He was given the keys of the kingdom Matthew 16:19 (the others were too Matthew 18:18) and we have his speech recorded in Acts 2 the others spoke also Acts 2:14. He was the speaker to the Gentiles Acts 10
- 3. Peter has been described as hopeful, bold, confident, courageous, frank, impulsive, energetic, vigorous, strong, loving, faithful, changeable, inconsistence, forward and rash.
- 4. By tradition he was martyred in 67A.D. at about 75 years old
- 5. Peter went through many problems or temptations in his life, but he continued on. We need to learn this lesson today
- 6. When a child begins to walk and falls down, he does not quit and we would not let him do so. The same ought to be so in our spiritual lives 1 Peter 2:2
- 7. Let us look at several events that are recorded and learn to keep on going.

II Discussion

- 1. Peter walking on the water Matthew 14:22-32
 - a. Vs 28-29 Peter is walking on the water
 - b. Vs 30 Sees the storm, took his eyes off the Lord and he began to sink
 - i. How many of us would even get out of the boat
 - ii. Don't take your eyes off the Lord Hebrews 12:1-2
 - c. Vs 31 Help was there immediately
 - d. Vs 32 He was rebuked by the Lord, did he quit?
- 2. Get thee behind me Satan Matthew 16:21-23
 - a. Jesus tells of His death Vs 21
 - b. Peter rebukes Him Vs 22
 - c. Peter had already confessed Him to be the Son of God Vs 16
 - d. Peter is then rebuked Vs 23 Jesus calls him Satan, he is acting like Satan
 - e. What would we do if someone called us Satan?
 - f. Notice Peter Matt 17:1 he is still following the Lord and the Lord still has him as part of the inner circle John 6:68

- 3. Put again thy sword into his place Matthew 26:52
 - a. Peter comes to the defense of Jesus shows his love for Jesus enough to fight for Him
 - b. Peter is again rebuked for trying to do what he thought was right
 - c. We try to do what is right and it turns out wrong, what do we do?
 - d. The Lord had all the protection He needed Vs 53
- 4. I do not know the man Matthew 26:69-75
 - a. Don't be so quick to judge Peter about these events
 - b. He confessed Matthew 16:16; Peter was part of the crowd that cried Hosanna to Him Matthew 21:9; this man also said he would not be offended because of the Lord Matthew 26:33
 - c. Peter was outside standing with the wrong crowd
 - d. He remembered the words of the Lord Vs 75
 - e. Peter failed again, what would we do? What did Peter do
- 5. Peter in Antioch Galatians 2:11-13
 - a. How far had Peter come in his growth? 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18
 - b. Peter is still having problems Galatians 2:12
 - c. This time Paul rebukes him vs 11
 - d. Peter failed again, what did Peter do? Did he get mad a Paul and take it out on the church?

III Conclusion

- 1. Peter was a servant and an apostle, but he made mistakes and he never quit.
- 2. Peter failed a lot when trying to do his best, we are like that, but let us be like Peter and never quit
- 3. Let us resolve to live for Christ no matter what comes our way Revelation 2:10

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