

LET THE APOSTLES SPEAK – Shimon - Peter

Alright, let's journey with the Apostle Peter. Here's a glimpse into his teachings, as if he were here, speaking directly to us:

"My brothers and sisters, greetings in the name of our Lord Yahshua Messiah. I, Peter, once a fisherman, now an apostle, share these words with you, hoping to illuminate your path. Let us delve into the heart of the matter, as guided by the Scriptures."

1. The Foundation: Living Stones and the Temple

"Understand this: You are not merely individuals; you are living stones, being built into a spiritual house. You are a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Yahshua Messiah. (1 Peter 2:5). Just as a physical temple is a dwelling place, so too are you, collectively and individually, a temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19).

Expression:** "You are chosen and precious in God's [Elohim's] sight."

Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:4-5

2. From Darkness to Light: The Transformation

"Remember the time when you did not know God, when you were in darkness? But now, through Messiah, you are children of light (1 Peter 2:9). You were once disobedient, but through faith in Yahshua, you have been given a new birth into a living hope (1 Peter 1:3). You have been given His divine nature, escaping the corruption of the world (2 Peter 1:4).

Expression:** "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession."

Scripture:** 1 Peter 2:9-10

3. Holiness and Righteousness: Living Out the Divine Nature

"Now that you have been cleansed, you are to live lives of holiness (1 Peter 1:15-16). Strive for righteousness, for it is the very essence of God's character. Embrace the truth and love one another deeply (1 Peter 1:22). Let your lives be a testament to the grace you have received.

Expression:** "Be holy, because I am holy."

Scripture:** 1 Peter 1:15-16

4. Ambassadors of the Kingdom: Kings and Priests

"You are a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Peter 2:9). You are kings and priests, appointed to serve God and to proclaim His good news. Live as ambassadors of the Kingdom, representing Messiah in all you do.

Expression: "You are called to his glorious light."**

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9**

5. The Hope of Salvation: Endurance and Perseverance

"In all of this, hold firm to the hope of salvation. Endure through trials, knowing that they refine your faith (1 Peter 1:6-7). Be patient, and trust in God's timing. Remember that the end of all things is near, so be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray (1 Peter 4:7).

Expression: "The end of all things is near."**

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:7**

6. The Word of God: The Foundation of Faith

"Let the word of God dwell in you richly (Colossians 3:16). It is the foundation of your faith, the guide for your life, and the source of your strength. Study the Scriptures, meditate on them, and let them shape your thoughts and actions.

Expression: "The word of the Lord endures forever."**

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:25**

7. Love and Humility: The Cornerstone of Christian Life

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8). Clothe yourselves with humility, for God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble (1 Peter 5:5). Serve one another, and be examples to those around you.

Expression: "Love covers a multitude of sins."**

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:8**

8. The Coming of Messiah Yahshua: Living in Expectation

"Be prepared for the coming of Messiah. Live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God (2 Peter 3:11-12). Be diligent to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him (2 Peter 3:14).

Expression: "Looking forward to the day of God."**

Scripture: 2 Peter 3:12**

"These are but a few of the truths I have shared with you. Let them guide you, strengthen you, and fill you with the hope of our Adonai Yahshua Messiah. May His grace and peace be with you always."

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