

# PETER AND PAUL: FACTFILE

The two great characters of The Acts of the Apostles, read particularly during the Easter season, are Peter and Paul.

Here is a file of their deeds, where you can find them in the Bible, and how they relate together.



## FACT

## PETER

<b>Name at birth</b>	<b>Simon</b> – the fisherman called by Jesus 🔍 <b>Luke 5.1-5</b>
<b>Calling by Jesus</b>	Simon's brother Andrew introduces him to Jesus. 🔍 <b>John 1.35-41</b> Or Jesus borrows Simon's fishing boat and shows him where to catch fish. 🔍 <b>Luke 5.1-8</b>
<b>Repentance</b>	When Simon sees the miracle, he says 'Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man'. 🔍 <b>Luke 5.8</b>
<b>Acceptance</b>	Jesus says 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people'. 🔍 <b>Luke 5.10 &amp; Matt 4.19</b>
<b>New name</b>	Jesus tells Simon 'You are to be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)'. 🔍 <b>John 1.42</b>
<b>Original occupation</b>	Fisherman 🔍 <b>Luke 5.1 &amp; John 1.35</b>
<b>Comes from</b>	Capernaum on the shore of Lake Galilee 🔍 <b>Mark 1.21, 29</b>
<b>Family</b>	Brother of Andrew 🔍 <b>Matt. 4.18</b> Son of Jonah (Bar-Jonah = son of Jonah) 🔍 <b>Matt. 16.17</b> Married (mother-in-law healed by Jesus) 🔍 <b>Luke 4.38</b> Paul says 'Cephas' was accompanied by his wife. 🔍 <b>1 Cor.9.5</b>

## PAUL

<b>Name at birth</b>	<b>Saul</b> – holds the coats as Stephen is stoned 🔍 <b>Acts 7.58</b> <b>Saul</b> – persecutes Christians 🔍 <b>Acts 8.1-3</b>
<b>Calling by Jesus</b>	On his way to Damascus, Saul is blinded by a bright light and hears a voice saying 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.' 🔍 <b>Acts 9.1-9</b>
<b>Repentance</b>	For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 🔍 <b>Acts 9.9</b>
<b>Acceptance</b>	Ananias lays hands on Saul, and then baptises him. 🔍 <b>Acts 9.17-19</b>
<b>New name</b>	'Saul' is a Jewish name, used first by Luke in Acts. 'Paul' is the name the apostle uses when writing to Greek-speaking Christians, and Luke uses this when Paul starts missionary work amongst Greeks. 🔍 <b>Acts 13.9</b>

<b>Original occupation</b>	Tentmaker – he worked with Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth. 🔍 <b>Acts 18.3</b>
<b>Comes from</b>	Born at Tarsus in Cilicia (Southern Turkey) 🔍 <b>Acts 22.3</b> Educated in Jerusalem 'at the feet of Gamaliel', a renowned Jewish scholar, who was sympathetic to followers of Jesus. 🔍 <b>Acts 5.34</b>

<b>Family</b>	Of the tribe of Benjamin (like King Saul) 🔍 <b>Rom. 11.1 &amp; Phil 3.5</b> A Roman citizen 🔍 <b>Acts 22.25-28</b>
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### Very outspoken

Says to Jesus 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God' 🔍 **Matt.16.16**  
Rebukes Jesus 🔍 **Matt.16.22**  
Tells Jesus 'You will never wash my feet' 🔍 **John 13.8**

'When Cephas (Peter) came to Antioch I opposed him to his face.' 🔍 **Gal.2.1**

Writes 'You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you?' 🔍 **Gal.3.1**

Argued with the Hellenists in Jerusalem 🔍 **Acts 9.29**

### Going wrong

Denies three times that he knows Jesus 🔍 **John 18.15-27**  
'The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered... and went out and wept bitterly.' 🔍 **Luke 22.61-62**

Writes 'I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.' 🔍 **Rom. 8.19**

### Being forgiven

The risen Jesus asks Peter three times 'Do you love me?' 🔍 **John 21. 15-19**

Writes 'Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' 🔍 **Rom. 8.24-5**

### In danger on the water

He tries to walk on water with Jesus 🔍 **Matt 14.28-33**

Shipwrecked off Malta 🔍 **Acts 27**

### Arrested

The high priest arrested the apostles and put them in prison. 🔍 **Acts 5.17**

'They seized Paul and dragged him out of the Temple.' (in Jerusalem) 🔍 **Acts 21.27-36**

### On trial

Before the council in Jerusalem 🔍 **Acts 4**

Paul before the council in Jerusalem 🔍 **Acts 23.1-11**

### In prison

Herod put Peter in prison. 🔍 **Acts 12.1-5**

Paul is imprisoned for two years. 🔍 **Acts 24.24-7**

### Escape

Peter is delivered from prison. 🔍 **Acts 12.6-18**

A plot to ambush kill Paul is foiled. 🔍 **Acts 23.12-22**

### Visions

1. With James and John, sees Jesus transfigured 🔍 **Mark 9.2-8**
2. A dream of all kinds of animals being fit to eat, signifying that Gentiles can become Christians 🔍 **Acts 10**

1. A vision of Jesus on the road to Damascus 🔍 **Acts 22.6-11**
2. 'Caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told....' 🔍 **2 Cor. 12.1-4**

### Accepting non-Jews as Christians

'I truly understand that God shows no partiality; but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.' 🔍 **Acts 10.34-5**

'There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.' 🔍 **Gal. 3.28**

### Witness to the resurrection

In the Upper Room on Easter Day, 'He appeared to Cephas.' 🔍 **John 20.19 & 1 Cor.15.5**

Paul writes 'Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.' 🔍 **1 Cor.15.8**

### Could he write letters?

'Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter...' (It is probably dictated.) 🔍 **1 Peter 5.12**

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand.' (The rest of the letter was probably dictated.) 🔍 **1 Cor.16.21**

### Performing miracles

Heals a crippled beggar. 🔍 **Acts 3.1-10**  
Many people healed by the apostles. 🔍 **Acts 5.12-16**  
Peter raises Tabitha to life. 🔍 **Acts 9 36-end**

A boy who is killed falling from a window is restored to life. 🔍 **Acts 20.7-12**  
Paul is stoned and left for dead, but lives. 🔍 **Acts 14.19-20**  
Miracles at Ephesus 🔍 **Acts 19.11-20**

### In Rome?

His martyrdom is predicted by Jesus. 🔍 **John 21.18**  
The Bible says nothing about Peter's death.

Paul arrives in Rome and preaches there. 🔍 **Acts 28. 16-end**

### Death

Peter is claimed to have been buried where St Peter's basilica in Rome now stands. 🔍 **Matt. 10.10**

Paul's death is not mentioned in Acts.  
Why was it not recorded?