

Matt 16:15-28:

Matt 16:18-19, "... And I also say to you that you are **Peter**, and on this rock **I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And **I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Matt 16:15-28: #2

Matt 16:24-25, “... ¶ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, **but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it...**”

Matt 16:15-28: #3

Matt 16:27-28, “... For what **profit** is it to a man if he gains the **whole world**, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Matt 16:15-28: #4

Matt 16:16, 23; “... **Simon/ Peter** answered and said, “**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**” But He turned and said to Peter, “**Get behind Me, Satan!** You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.” (Matt 16:23, the will of God)

Matt 16:23, the will of God

- *John 4:34*, “... Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work...”
- *John 6:38*, “... For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me...”
- *John 17:4*, “... I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do...”

John 1:40-42, "... He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "**You are Simon** the son of Jonah. **You shall be called Cephas**" (which is translated, **A Stone**). [**Mark 1:17**, they would "become"]

**What did it mean to change
Simon's name?**

“Simon” means ‘to hear
intellectually’

“Peter” means ‘a stone’ or ‘rock’,
solid, sable...’

I believe it meant “Peter” would need to
‘Grow’ into his name meaning “stone,
rock, to be that stable foundation...
(Eph. 2:20)”

Matt 14:27-32, “... And Peter answered
Him and said, "Lord, if it is You,
command me **to come to You on the
water.**” But when he saw that the wind
was boisterous, **he was afraid**; and
beginning to sink he cried out, saying,
"Lord, save me!" (Not very rock solid!)

**Matt 16:16 and 22, “... Simon/
Peter answered and said, “You are
the Christ, the Son of the living
God.” Then Peter took Him aside
and began to rebuke Him, saying,
“Far be it from You, Lord; this shall
not happen to You!”**

(Matt 16:23)

Matt 26:33-34, “... Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, **I will never be made to stumble.**” Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” sounds pretty “rock solid”
(Luke 22:60-61)

Luke 22:60-61, "... But Peter said, "Man, I

do not know what you are saying!"

Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned

and looked at Peter. And **Peter**

remembered the word of the Lord,

how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

[Not very rock solid/ not very sable!]

Peter grew in the Lord; he learned to be a STONE, 'rock solid' for the Lord! (Isn't that our lives, too)

2Peter 3:18, "... but **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen..." (Add to your faith)

2Peter 1:4-9, “... For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ...”

(2Peter 1:9; if you don't grow!)

2Peter 1:9, “ ... For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins...”