

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES – AGAIN AND AGAIN

I was bidding on security key fobs recently on eBay, but I was outbid. Later I got an email from the seller with a **SECOND CHANCE** offer. If I still wanted the item for my highest bid, he had some available for that price, so I bought them. Then I thought, **WOW!** I'm so glad God is willing to give me a second chance when I need it! Aren't you glad we have a God who is always ready to bless His children with a second chance? In fact, I call Him the God of second chances – AGAIN and **AGAIN**, because He is constantly giving me second chances! How about you?

There are tons of examples in Scripture of God giving His people second chances. You could write a book about them (there's an idea). But I want to focus on one New Testament example – **PETER!**

Consider and discuss how Jesus gave Peter second chances from some of the following scriptures. (Choose a few to discuss).

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| 1. Peter walking on water | Matthew 14:22-33 |
| 2. Peter identifies Jesus as Christ | Matthew 16:15-23 |
| 3. Peter's denial predicted by Jesus | Matthew 14:27-31 |
| 4. Peter denies Christ | Matthew 26:69-75 |
| 5. Jesus includes Peter in His invitation | Matthew 16:5-7 |
| 6. Jesus restores Peter's relationship | John 21:1-7; John 15-19 |
| 7. The results of Pentecost | Acts 2:37-41 |
| 8. Samples of Peter's post Pentecostal ministry | Acts 4:8-20; Acts 8:14-25; Acts 9:36-43; Acts 10:27-48 |

QUESTIONS?

1. How many second chances has Jesus given you?
2. When was the last time God gave YOU a second chance?
3. Do you know anyone who needs another second chance?
4. What can you do to help them get another second chance? (Like prayer, sharing your second chance stories with them, telling them about the God of second chances, etc.).

PRAY: Thank God for your second chances. Thank Him for your brothers and sisters in your chapter. Pray for opportunities to share your story with someone else who needs a second chance from Jesus.