

Peter: The Rock

By TERRY JONES

"Thou art Simon the son of Jona; thou art called Cephas, which is by interpretation, a stone." (John 1:42).

Simon Peter was a fisherman and we can judge by the Scriptures that he was by no means the soft type. He might even be called a "loud mouth" if he lived in our modern society. Peter's motto seems to have been "speak now, think later." He was impulsive and quick to speak up although his answers were often incorrect. Peter was like an eager schoolboy trying to impress his teacher on the first day of school with his fast answers. We could easily say Peter was very human.

One day Peter's brother Andrew met Jesus and was convinced that He was the Christ or Saviour the world had been waiting for. Andrew wanted to share Jesus with his brother so he went to Peter and told him about Jesus. Then the two of them went back to see Jesus and Peter was soon won to the Saviour. A short while later Jesus went to the scene where the two brothers were fishing and invited them to become fishers of men. This was an invitation to follow Jesus everywhere He went and help Him set up His kingdom in the hearts of men. The Bible gives the following account of Peter

and Andrew's response, "And they straightway left their nets and followed Him." They didn't stop and question Jesus at all but were ready and willing to follow in the footsteps of the Master.

To make a long story short Peter became "the rock" Jesus predicted he would be. It was Peter who stood and preached such powerful sermons to the very people that had crucified his Lord. He was being used by the Holy Spirit in such a great way that three thousand souls believed in Christ in one single day under Peter's preaching. It was the same rugged fisherman that healed the palsy and raised Dorcas from the dead. It was Peter the rock that was crucified upside down because he felt he wasn't worthy to die in the same manner Jesus did. Yes, the same Peter that denied his Lord three times in one night became the rock that Jesus knew he could be.

The moral of this story is, no matter how little education you have, no matter what rung of the social ladder you belong to Jesus sees something in you that the eyes of men can't see. Jesus can make you into a new person just as He did Peter if you will surrender your life to Him, trust in Him and follow Him. Give Jesus your life and He'll make you into a rock of Gibraltar for God.

Carolyn Curtis Weds Robert Edw. Driggs

Miss Carolyn Lee Curtis became the bride of Robert Edward Driggs Saturday, July 14, in Park View Baptist Church in Portsmouth. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Franklin Curtis of Portsmouth. The bridegroom's parents are Fulton Driggs of Williamsburg and Mrs. Gertrude Driggs of Portsmouth. He is a grandson of Mrs. Dixie L. Nixon and formerly lived in Chowan County.

The Rev. Thomas J. Powers officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage to her father, wore a gown of white silk organza designed with a portrait neckline of Alencon lace and short sleeves. The front of the full skirt was enhanced by appliques of Alencon lace, while the back swept into a chapel train beneath an obi back sash decorated with appliques of lace. The veil of imported illusion fell from an open lace and pearl pill box crown. The bride carried a colored bouquet of pink sweetheart roses and lily of the valley.

The maid of honor, Miss Susan O'Connor of Panama, wore a light green dress with matching

accessories. She carried a nosegay of pink carnations.

Joyce Driggs, sister of the bridegroom, and Debbie Branner were flower girls. They wore matching dresses in pink and green nylon, cut with full skirts and decorated with appliques and puff sleeves. They carried nosegays of pink carnations.

John H. Colten of Richmond served as best man, while the groomsmen were James A. Driggs and Leon F. Driggs, brothers of the bridegroom, LeRoy F. Curtis, brother of the bride, and Frank B. Wickers of Richmond.

The mother of the bride wore a beige silk sheath designed with a removable silk jacket which closed in back. She wore beige accessories and a cascade of yellow roses.

The bridegroom's mother wore a dark blue silk sheath decorated with tiny bows at the portrait neckline. She wore dark blue and white accessories and corsage of pink roses.

Following the reception in the social hall of the church, the couple left for a wedding trip to Williamsburg. The bride traveled in a grey cotton suit with red and white accessories and a corsage of red carnations. They will reside in Portsmouth.

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