

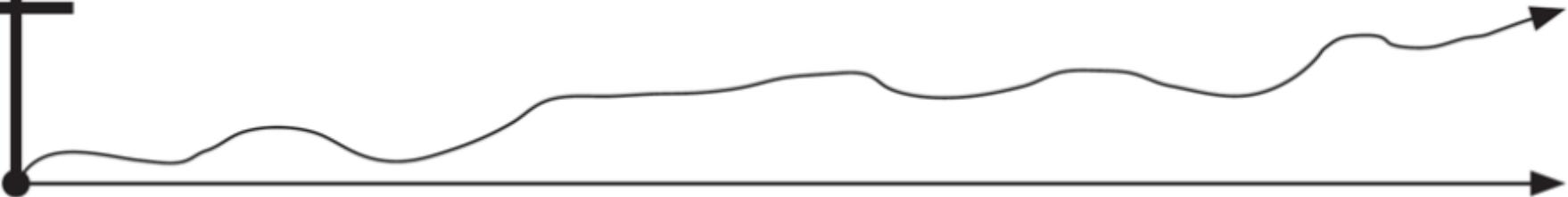
# Abiding

IN OUR  
RISEN LORD

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN • CHAPTERS 11-21



## Sanctification Process



spiritual person: submits to Christ as both Savior and Lord; may at times live like a “carnal” person in some areas; inevitably grows through means of grace.

<sup>15</sup> Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he entered with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, <sup>16</sup> but Peter stood outside at the door. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the servant girl who kept watch at the door, and brought Peter in. <sup>17</sup> The servant girl at the door said to Peter, “You also are not one of this man's disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” <sup>18</sup> Now the servants and officers had made a charcoal fire, because it was cold, and they were standing and warming themselves. Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

John 18:15-18, 25-27 (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. So they said to him, “You also are not one of his disciples, are you?” He denied it and said, “I am not.” <sup>26</sup> One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, “Did I not see you in the garden with him?” <sup>27</sup> Peter again denied it, and at once a rooster crowed.

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# Hope for Fickle Christians

John 18:15-18,25-27

## Big Question:

What hope is there for fickle Christians?

1. We are all fickle Christians
2. The Gift of Repentance
3. The Power to Fight Sin

# We Are All Fickle Christians

- Peter was a leader among the twelve Apostles
- Every Gospel recounts his failure
- The Gospel writers often use Peter to represent us
- The significance of the name “Simon Peter”



# We Are All Fickle Christians

- Denials come with increasing force
- John leads us to contrast Jesus and Peter in John 18 by jumping back and forth between them

“Jesus stands up to his questioners and denies nothing, while Peter cowers before his questioners and denies everything.”



# We Are All Fickle Christians

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:8

# The Gift of Repentance

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## 4. What they did after the betrayal

Judas does not repent and return to Jesus



Peter does repent and return to Jesus

# The Gift of Repentance

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

# Power to Fight Sin

## Our Enemy's Power is Limited

### He Does Have Power

- Judas was prompted by Satan to betray Jesus (John 13:2)
- When Judas betrayed Jesus, Satan entered him (Luke 22:3, John 13:27)
- While part of God's sovereign plan, and influenced by Satan, Judas still willfully chose to betray Jesus

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## Our Enemy's Power is Limited

“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Luke 22:31-32

- Satan wants to shake us up, but he has to ask permission

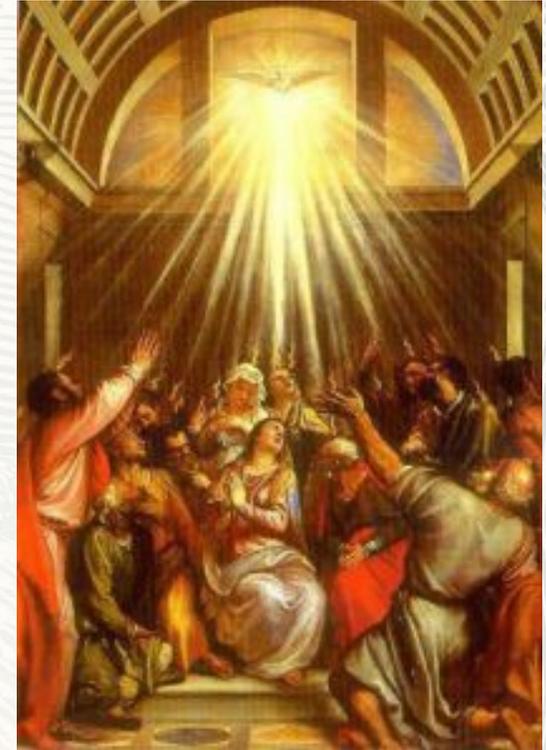


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## We Have God the Holy Spirit

At Pentecost, believers received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and he now dwells within all believers

- He convicts us of wrongdoing
- He transforms our desires to align with his
- He empowers us to resist temptation
- He provides strength when we are weak
- He guides us towards righteousness
- He illuminates God's Word so that we might understand it and be transformed by it



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“Then Peter, *filled with the Holy Spirit*, said to them, “... let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:8-12

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- We remain prayerful/vigilant (Ephesians 6:10-20, 1 Peter 5:8)
- We walk by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)



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