

**Peter's Denial of Jesus/
Jesus is Taken to Pilate**
Matthew 26: 69-75 and 27: 1-2

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Verse 69 - 71

Denial #1 - A servant girl accuses Peter

Peter, the boastful, crumbled at the accusation of a girl

God had to deal with ***“Peter Pride”!***

Pride = an excessive love of one’s own excellence

Think of Satan: ***“I will be like the Most High”***
Isaiah 14: 14

Peter would fail, and we will fail

Remember: ***The Christian life is direction,
not perfection!***

God Demands Direction & not Perfection!

1 Jn 1:7-10 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Verse 71 - 72

Denial #2 - Another girl accuses Peter

The crowd around the fire was getting too hot for him, so Peter changes location

He withdraws to the gateway, it is darker there, less people there

Peter thought, like many today, he would be hidden in the darkness

Psalm 139: 12

Hebrews 4: 13

The light always exposes the darkness; *it drives away the darkness!*



Our culture wants your light out of sight and out of mind!

It intimidates you to withdraw!

DON'T!!

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

This time Peter accelerates, “*denies with an oath*”, adding clout to his denial of Jesus



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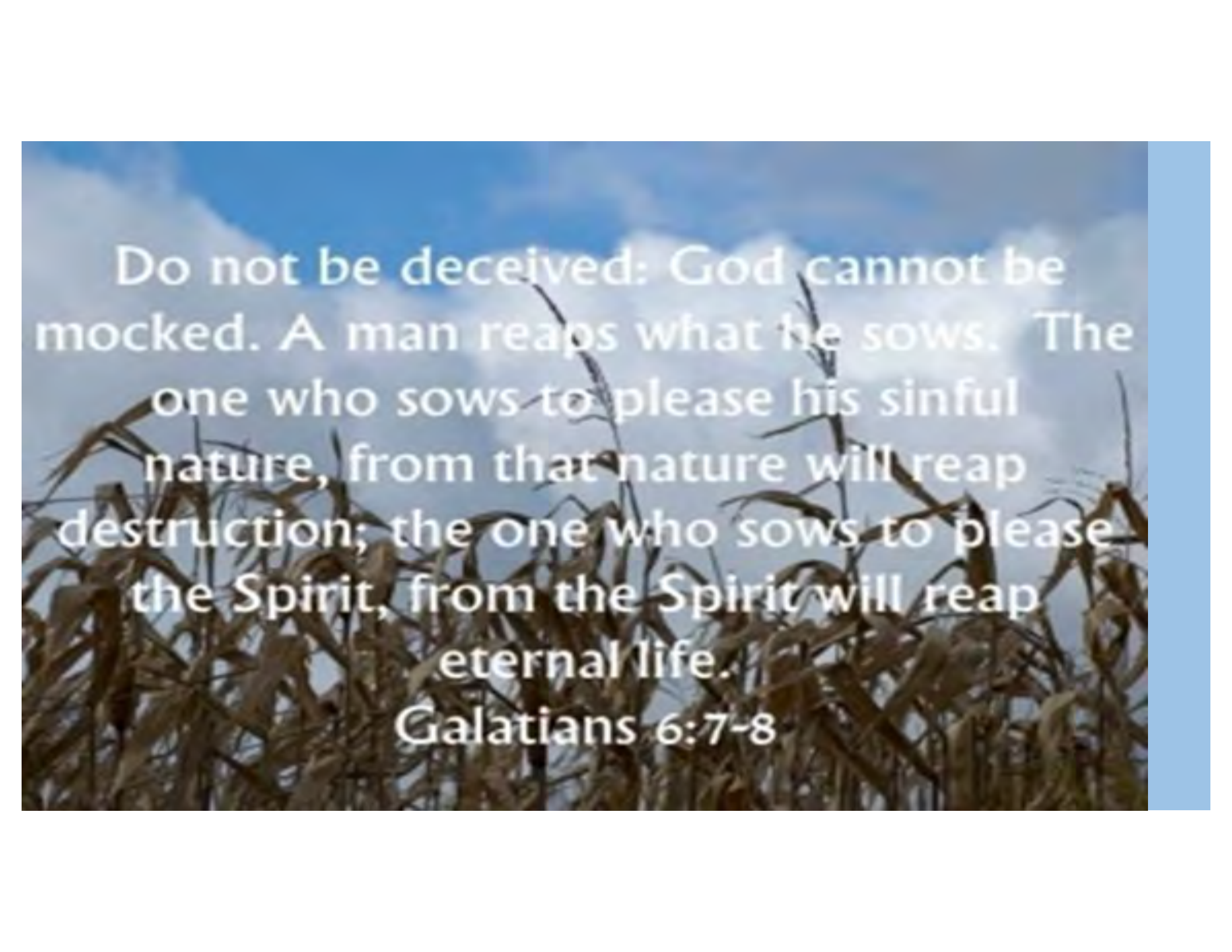
Peter's descent: ***"I do not know the Man!"***

Jesus is a mere man?

HOW SAD!!

**A believer cannot sin without feeling the pain
and consequences of sin**

The reaping and sowing principle is real!

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Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Galatians 6:7-8

Verse 73 - 75

Denial #3 - The crowd accuses Peter

Peter is fully exposed; Peter cannot hide by denying Christ

Peter goes into full defense mode:

“He began to curse and swear saying, “I do not know the Man!”

Luke adds this detail:

“Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.” Luke 22: 60-61

“So he went out and wept bitterly.”

Satan attacks with guilt, shame, and discouragement

Certainly, Peter was feeling this!

When attacked, you counter with the Truth of the Word:

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8: 1

Condemnation: No judgment made against you

Christ took our judgment, guilt, and shame on the cross!

NO believer, who confesses and repents, needs to live in guilt and shame!

YOU HAVE BEEN SET FREE!!

Verse 27: 1-2

**Jesus is sent to Pilate for the first of
3 illegal, civil trials**

Off to Pilate Jesus goes

**Rome had to put their stamp of approval
on murdering Jesus**

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Jesus had to deal with Peter's pride

Peter, after his three denials of Christ, was not seen as prideful again

Peter was broken, and Peter was restored -

John 21: 15-20

Jesus said these amazing words to Peter, and also to each of us who stumble:

"FOLLOW ME"

**Jesus did not leave Peter languishing in his past,
but encouraged Peter to move past his failures**

Folks, this is the normal Christian life

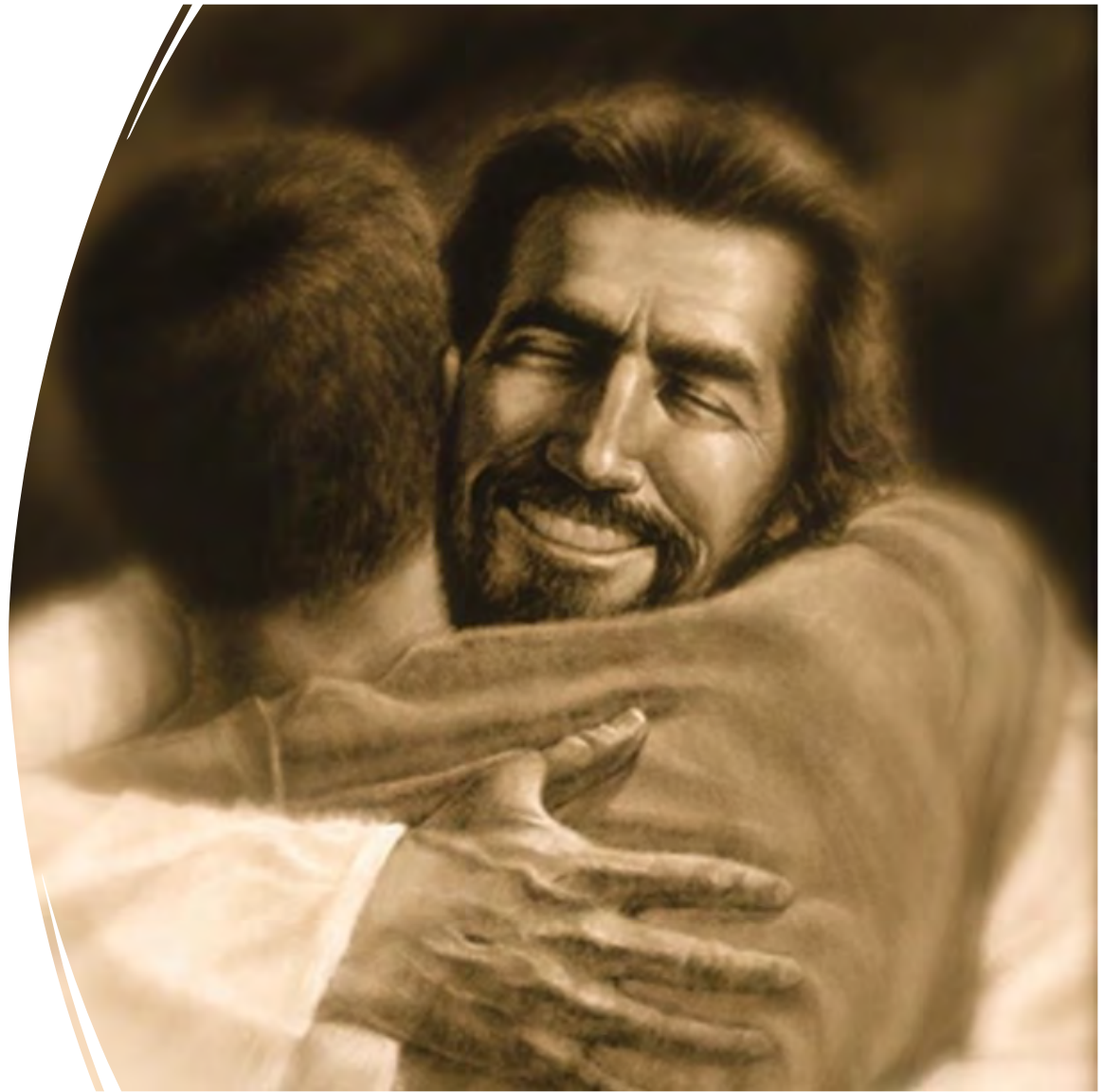
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ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD!

***Jesus is always waiting with arms wide open
to welcome you!***

***THIS IS
AMAZING
LOVE!***





Jesus said
"Come follow Me"

"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" (Revelation 22:17)