

THE GREAT TRAGEDY OF DENIAL

Luke 22:54-62

INTRODUCTION:

Denial is to refuse to admit the truth or reality of something that is unpleasant, to know what is true, yet confess a falsehood.

- “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).

In today’s sermon, we will study five aspects of “The Great Tragedy of Denial.”

- I. THE CAUSE OF DENIAL (vv. 54-55)**
 - A. Following Christ Afar Off** (v. 54; Daniels 6:10)
 - B. Fellowship with the Enemy** (v. 55; 2 Cor 6:14-7:1; 1 John 5:21)
- II. THE DENIAL OF PRETENSION (vv. 56-57)**
 - A. Peter pretended not to know Jesus** (v. 56)
 - B. Peter denied Jesus** (v. 57)
- III. THE DENIAL OF DISCIPLESHIP (v. 58)**
 - A. Peter denied being a Disciple of Christ** (v. 58, John 18:17, 25)
 - B. Peter had previously confessed Jesus** (Matt 16:13-16; 26:33-35; Luke 22:31-33)
- IV. THE DENIAL OF IGNORANCE (vv. 59-60)**
 - A. Peter’s speech of dialect was of a Galilean** (v. 59; Mark 14:70)
 - B. Peter Claimed Ignorance** (v. 60)
- V. THE ANSWER OF DENIAL (vv. 61-62)**
 - A. Peter remembered the Lord’s Words** (v. 61)
 - B. Peter left the crowd to be alone with God** (v. 62)
 - C. Peter expressed Godly sorrow** (2 Cor 7:10)

CONCLUSION:

- A. What Should We Do?**
- B. What To Do When We Deny Christ?**
- C. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8)