

Christians Are Not Perfect Just Perfectly Forgiven!

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 5:13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 20:30-31 Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; (31) but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

When our faults, weaknesses, and problems really come to light, we sometimes try to mask them with pretense.

Superficiality and insincerity are poles apart. Peter was superficial while Judas was insincere and hung himself. It is true that Jesus showed us the Father but the Apostles, more often than not, showed us, us. Let's examine the worst case scenario, Peter himself, and see how Jesus treated him when he failed. We might then sense how Jesus will treat us when we fail Him and repent.

I. Jesus Took Peter Back on a “From-Now-On” Basis. *Luke 5:1-11*

II. Jesus Stretched Out a Helping Hand to Peter When He Thought He Was Sinking. *Matthew 14:22ff*

III. Jesus Christ and His Death, Burial, and Resurrection Were Doubted by Peter, but Then Just Six Days Later and All Was Forgiven. *Matthew 16:16-23; 17:1-7*

IV. Jesus is Totally Denied by Peter in *John 18:15-27* and Peter Cursed and Swore to the Fact in *Matthew 26:74*. But He Was Mentioned by the Resurrection Angel — Peter Was Restored. *Mark 16:7*