

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for July 17, 1988**

**Peter's Denial of Christ
Matthew 26:69-75
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Introduction: **Psalm 51**: "Forgiveness the greatest gift of all," the forgiveness of sin. Peter's failure brought him the ultimate guilt a person could bear.

In **1 Corinthians 9:24-27** Paul did not assume that he would finish the race. As with Paul, our mental set must be to run the race and fight the fight.

Peter had been boastful and defiant about his stand that he would never fall away (**Matthew 26:31-35**).

Peter was complacent. He felt his love and commitment would see him through any temptation. At Gethsemane Peter slept instead of praying as Christ did.

The words of Christ crushed Peter when he heard the cock crow; he remembered them.