

## A Love of the disciples [ Peter ]

Mark 14:27 “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’”<sup>28</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”<sup>29</sup> Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”<sup>30</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice[e] you yourself will disown me three times.”<sup>31</sup> But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

## 1. Before the cross. Peter said;

- 1) “Even if all fall away, I will not”
- 2) “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.”

- Peter’s faith : **Trusting own strength and thoughts**  
I am all right I won’t leave Jesus  
I have a strong faith, better than other disciples  
I can die with Jesus.

## 2. When Jesus went to the cross :

- Peter’s faith : He was filled with fear, he was led by his emotions and ran away.  
He denied Jesus 【Mark 14 : 37】 disciples ran away  
He wept hardly 【the word of Jesus was fulfilled 】

## 3. Mourning and weeping time

Mark 16: 10 She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.  
11 When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.<sup>12</sup>  
Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country.  
13 These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.<sup>14</sup> Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; ***he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.***

- Peter’s unbelief : He could not believe that witness of the resurrection of Jesus  
He was under mourning: Lost Jesus, betrayed Jesus

## 4. Resurrection of his faith

- Resurrection of his faith and restoration 【John 21 : 17~18】
- Receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit 【Acts 2】

Faith according to one's own abilities and ideas had to die. Peter ran away from Jesus due to fear in the face of His crucifixion. He thought he could die with Him, but he could not. He experienced the weakness of the flesh. After sorrow and anguish, he experienced Jesus' resurrection, restoration of relationship, re-calling, and fullness of the Holy Spirit, and was transformed into a faith that asks for help through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was transformed into a faith that does not fear martyrdom.

## 2. Paul's love of God

Acts 9:1 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

## 1. Before encounter with Jesus

- Paul's faith : Persecuting Christians and Jesus was obeying God  
Righteousness by obeying the Law of Moses

## 2, After encounter with Jesus

- Passing through darkness ; 3 days darkness and fasting 【Acts 9 : 9】

## 3. After receiving the Holy Spirit and sight

- Paul's faith : He received spiritual and physical sights  
He start preaching the gospel 【Acts 9: 17~19】

Faith that justifies by works of the law had to die. Paul was well versed in God's law, but he did not know God's plan of salvation through Jesus. After meeting Jesus, he was in darkness for three days. After three days of sorrow and anguish, he learned how to obtain righteousness by grace and faith, not by deeds of the flesh. Instead of working under the authority of man [high priest], he preached the gospel by the manifestation of God's power through the Holy Spirit.

## 3, Die to flesh and live by the Holy Spirit

Gal 5:24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.  
25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

**Rom 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.**

## Application

## 1. Check your faith

A. I believe in Jesus, but I don't pray much. My own thoughts and plans come first.

B. I believe in Jesus, I pray, but my own thoughts and plans come first.

C I leave everything to Jesus and always decide things by prayer. Whatever I do, I seek the Word and walk by the Word that has been given to me.

## 2. Unless the faith of the flesh die you cannot live by the Spirit

- Faith by flesh

- Righteousness by works

- When you are in suffering, you can die to the flesh and be made alive by the Spirit.

## 3. Evan John Roberts 's prayer 'Lord bend me'