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Topic: **Life of Christ: Get Thee Behind Me Satan**

Scripture text: Mark 8:31-33

1. Peter was a genuine believer so this was not a case of demon possession as he had the Holy Spirit in him. "Devil" has the meaning of an accuser while "Satan" has the meaning of an adversary. The Lord Jesus Christ used the word "Satan" to describe Peter because he was opposing the Lord Jesus from doing the Father's will.

2. This is a warning to us that just because we are truly born again believers, it does not mean that we cannot become a tool of Satan. Instead of doing God's will, we may end up doing the will of Satan. We have to be on guard and careful. By his action, Peter was standing between the Lord Jesus and His Heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus wanted Peter to get out of the way.

3. The Lord Jesus taught the disciples that He was here to do the Father's will, which was to suffer, be rejected, be killed and rise again. Peter could not accept it because it meant that his life would change. He had his own idea and agenda and did not want to accept God's will. He was blinded by his own selfish desires.

4. We must learn to align our will with the will of God. Do not stand in the way of someone doing God's will. Do not prevent others from drawing closer to God. Always seek to do the Father's will.