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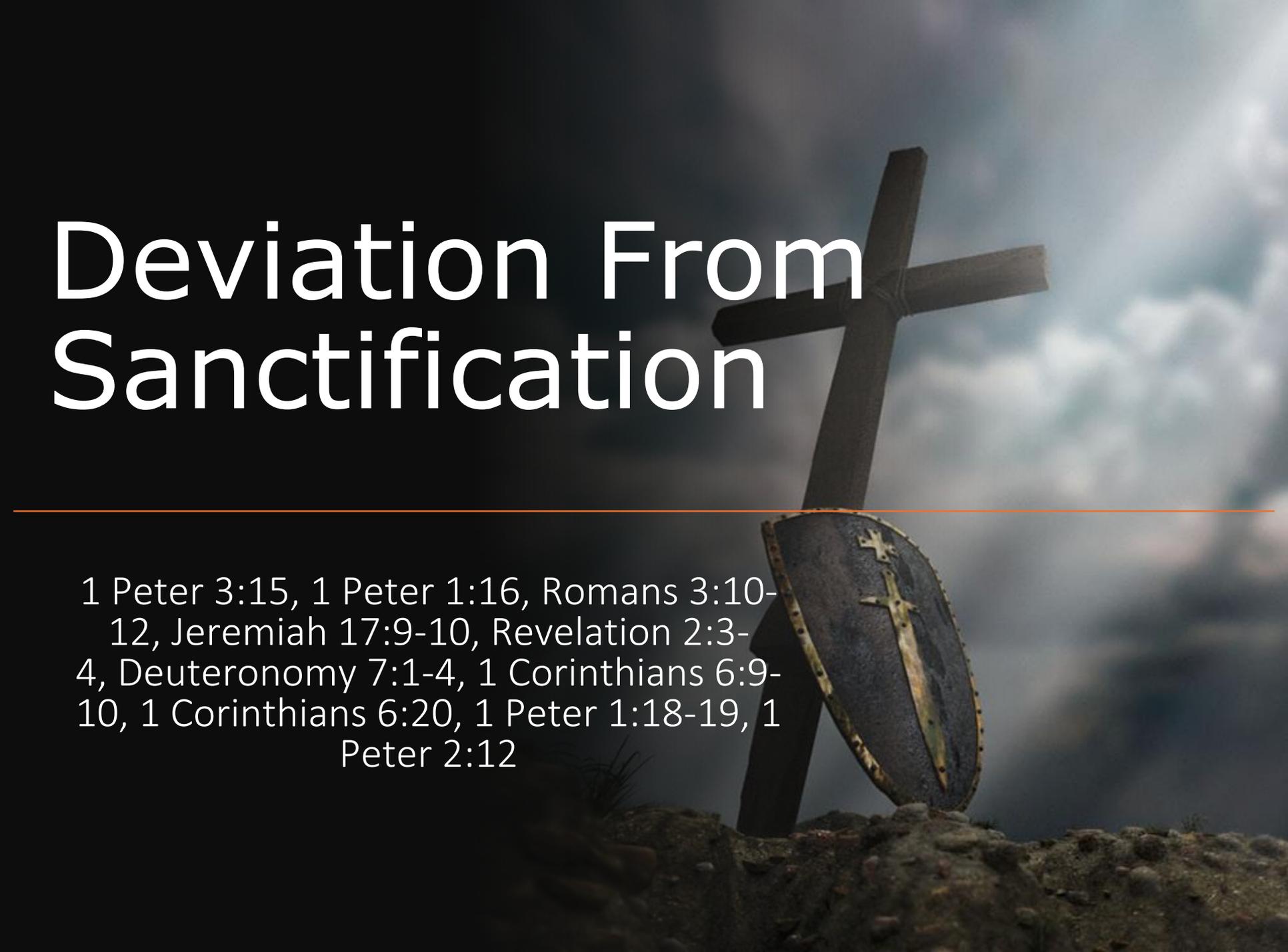
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The Path To Deviation
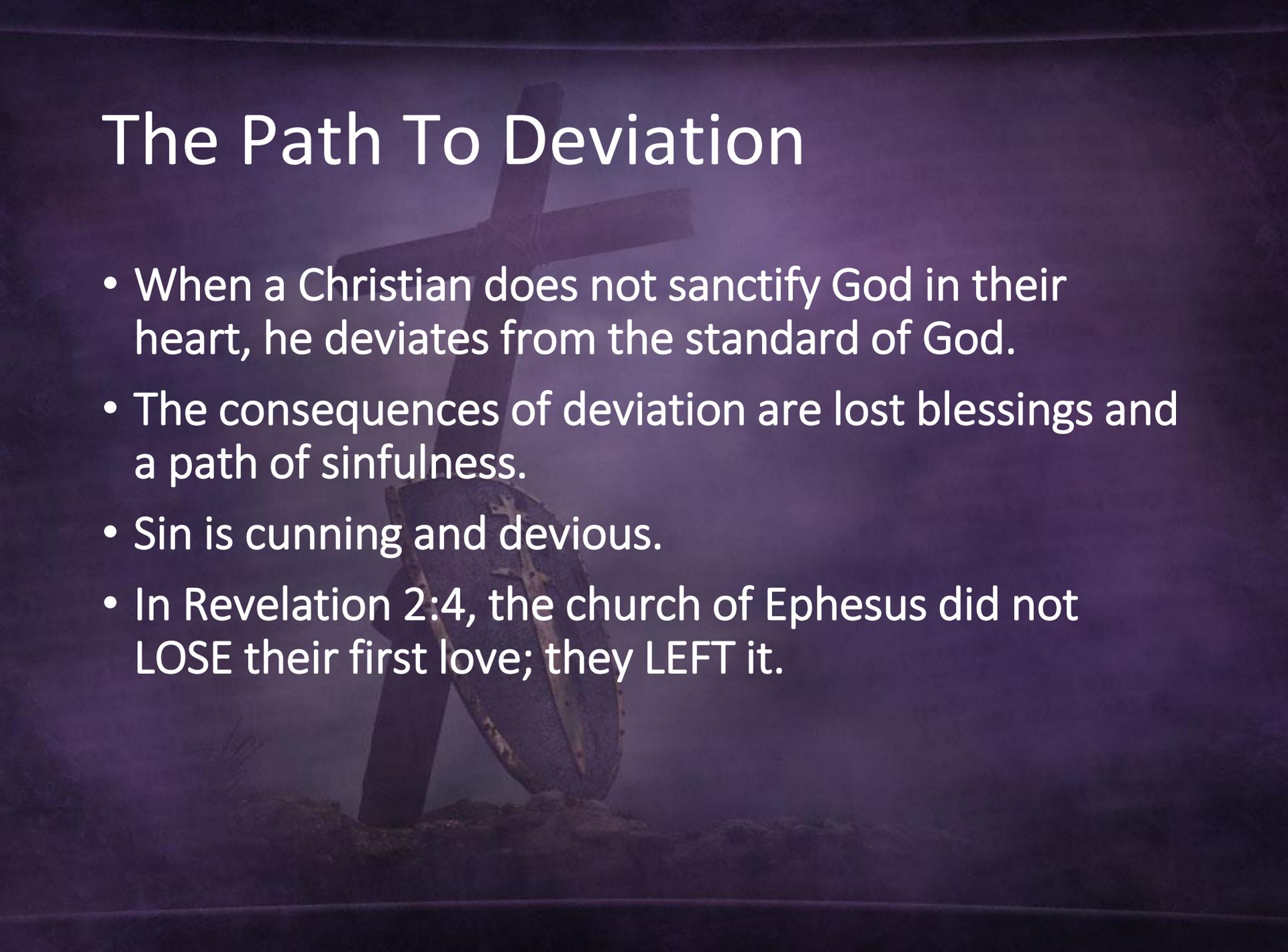
- When a Christian does not sanctify God in their heart, he deviates from the standard of God.

- The consequences of deviation are lost blessings and a path of sinfulness.

- Sin is cunning and devious.

- In Revelation 2:4, the church of Ephesus did not LOSE their first love; they LEFT it.

Sanctify Christ As Lord In Your Hearts
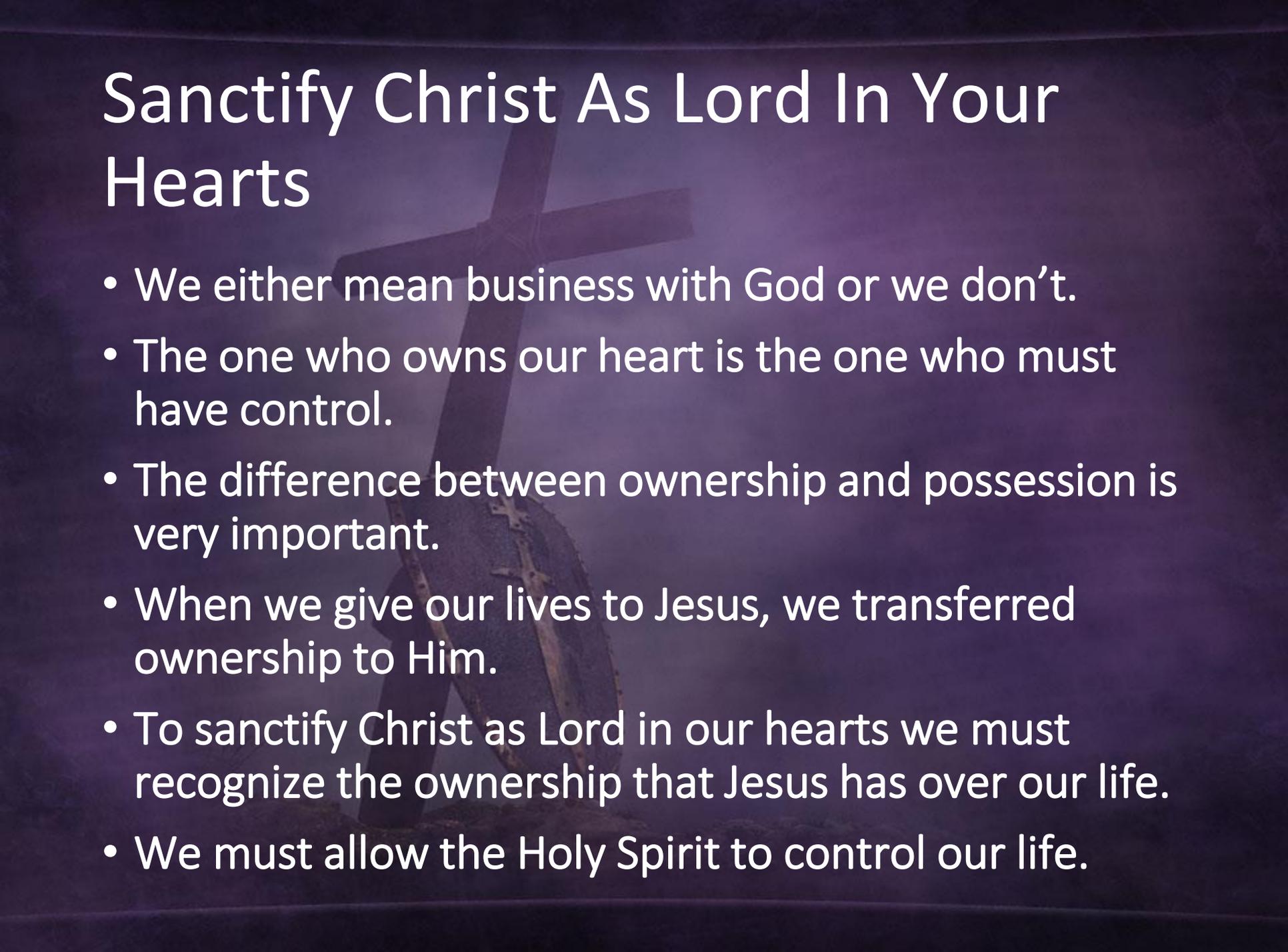
- We either mean business with God or we don't.

- The one who owns our heart is the one who must have control.

- The difference between ownership and possession is very important.

- When we give our lives to Jesus, we transferred ownership to Him.

- To sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts we must recognize the ownership that Jesus has over our life.

- We must allow the Holy Spirit to control our life.

Be Careful About Failing The Lord
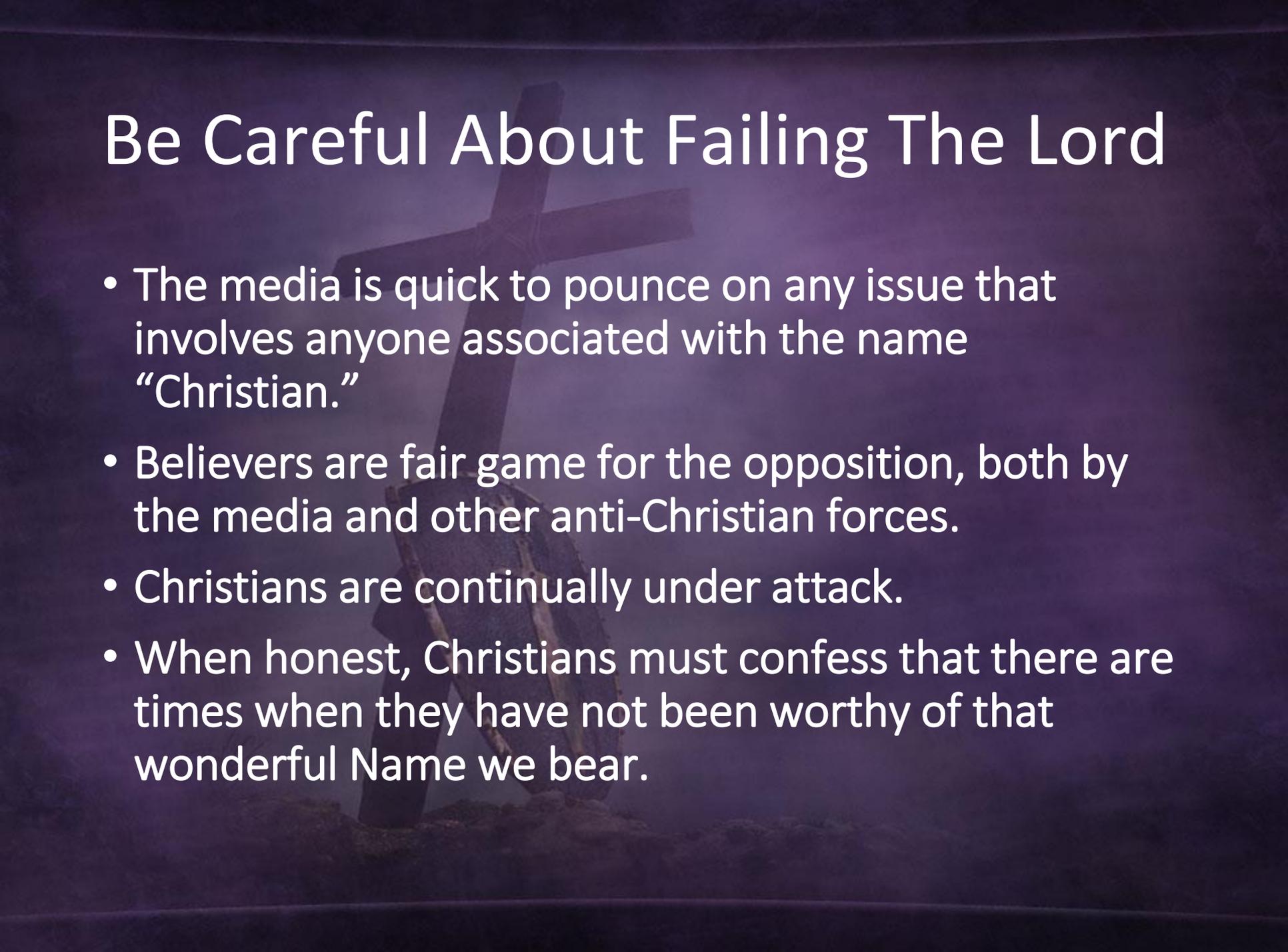
- The media is quick to pounce on any issue that involves anyone associated with the name "Christian."

- Believers are fair game for the opposition, both by the media and other anti-Christian forces.

- Christians are continually under attack.

- When honest, Christians must confess that there are times when they have not been worthy of that wonderful Name we bear.

The Sanctified Life
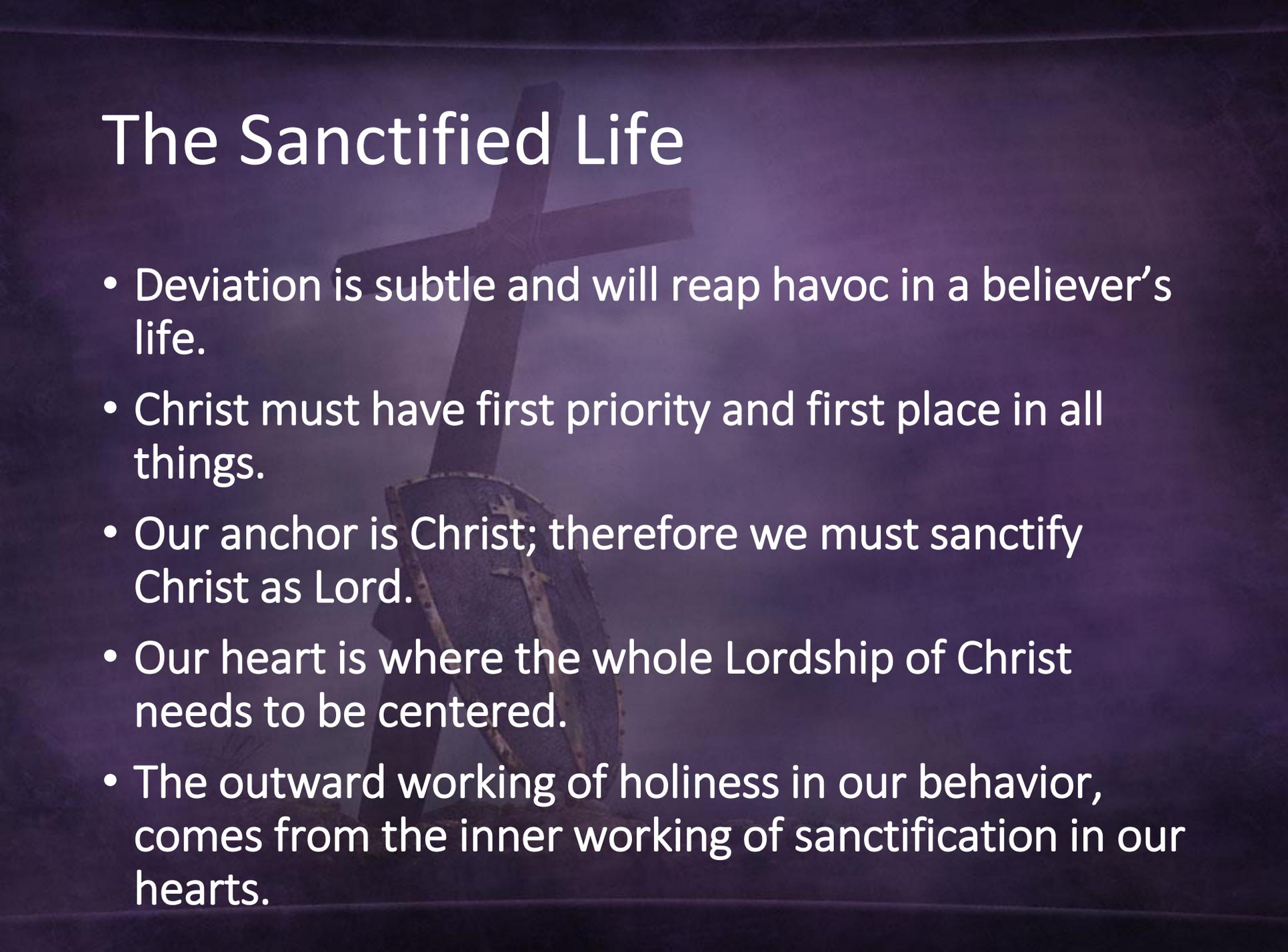
- Deviation is subtle and will reap havoc in a believer's life.

- Christ must have first priority and first place in all things.

- Our anchor is Christ; therefore we must sanctify Christ as Lord.

- Our heart is where the whole Lordship of Christ needs to be centered.

- The outward working of holiness in our behavior, comes from the inner working of sanctification in our hearts.

Conclusion
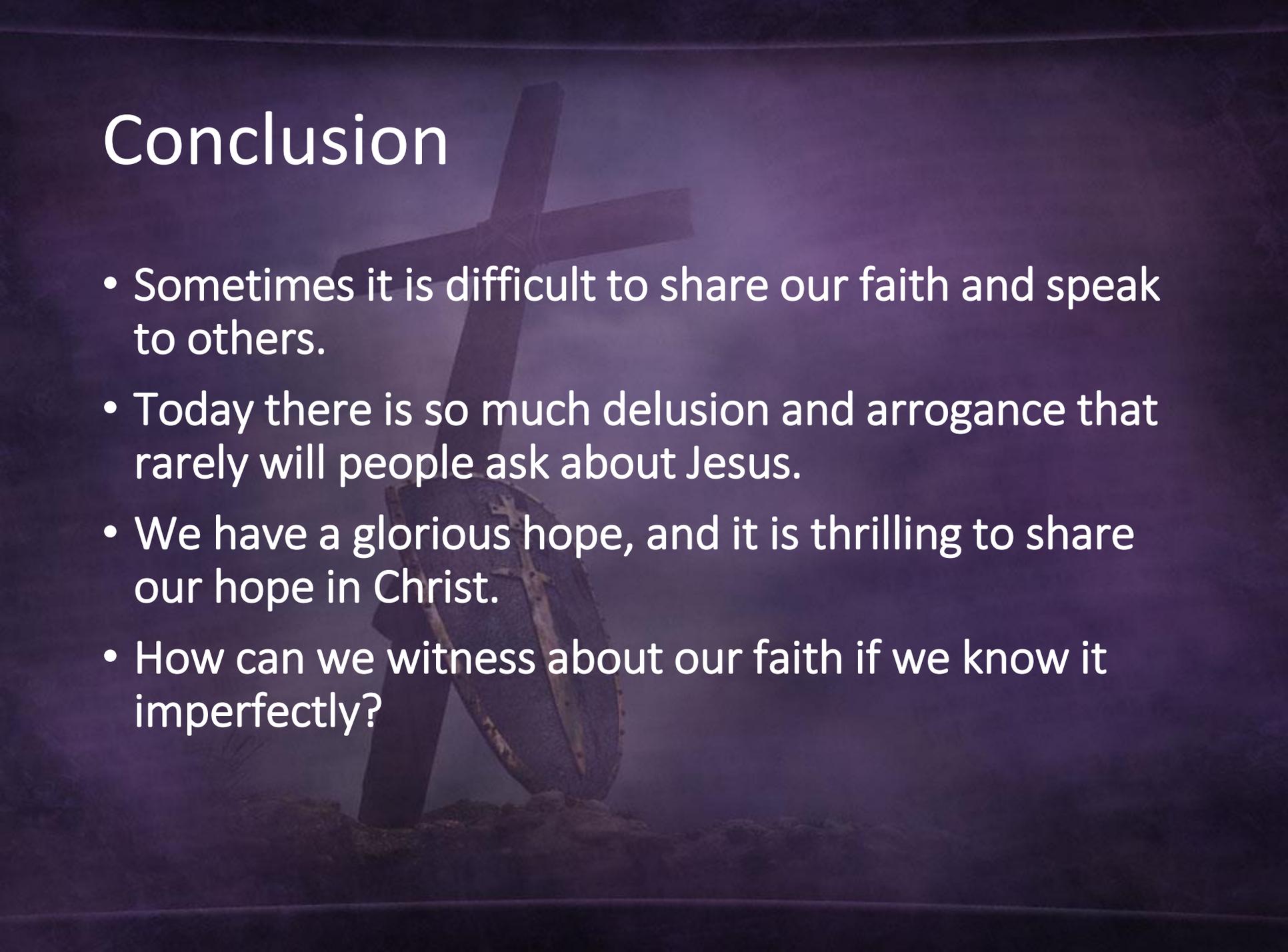
- Sometimes it is difficult to share our faith and speak to others.

- Today there is so much delusion and arrogance that rarely will people ask about Jesus.

- We have a glorious hope, and it is thrilling to share our hope in Christ.

- How can we witness about our faith if we know it imperfectly?