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Sin likes to hide. When God comes to Abraham and promises, “Sarah your wife shall have a son” (Gn 18:10), Sarah laughs because she is well past childbearing age. When confronted about her defiance of God’s promise, she responds, “I did not laugh” (18:15). *She tries to hide her sin.* When David commits adultery with Bathsheba and she becomes pregnant, he calls in Bathsheba’s husband from the battlefield and attempts to get him to sleep with his wife so that the affair might be covered. *He tries to hide his sin.* When Judas betrays Jesus for thirty pieces of silver, John adds this note to Judas’ betrayal: “And it was night” (Jn 13:30). Under cover of darkness, *Judas tries to hide his sin.*

Sin likes to hide. And yet, sin can only hide for so long. As Paul warns, “Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these” (Gal 5:19-21). Sin, says Paul, becomes *evident*. It cannot hide forever. The Greek word for “evident” is *phaneros*, from which we get the word epiphany. Indeed, in the Greek text, *phaneros* in the first word of Paul’s sentence, making it emphatic. Paul does not want us to miss this: sinfulness always reveals itself! As Jesus warns, “Nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest, nor is anything secret that will not be known and come to light” (Lk 8:17). Again, the Greek word for “manifest” is *phaneros*.

Blessedly, not only is sin revealed according to God’s judgment, our Savior is revealed according to God’s promise. As Paul writes, “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ” (Ti 2:11-13). In verses 11 and 13, the word for “appear” is *epiphaino*. Thus, though our sin may be made manifest, our Savior has also been made manifest in His birth, death, and resurrection and will be made manifest again on the Last Day. And His manifestation outshines and forgives any appearing of our sin. Christ’s appearing, in turn, trains us to renounce ungodliness and reveals in us the fruit of Christ’s Spirit: “Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal 5:22-23). And so, we long for Christ’s epiphany.