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Going deeper: Read all of Romans 6. Describe what it means to be dead to sin and alive to Christ. How do you become alive? How do you live with Him? How should you live your life and present yourself to the world around you?

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A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing, and suffers nothing, is worth nothing." Martin Luther

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"Salvation without discipleship is cheap grace." Dietrich Bonhoeffer