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The wages of sin is death and we have all earned them; but He took them all upon Himself, for us all; so that we can freely receive His gift of eternal life.

Having received eternal life, we should no longer be ensnared by our selfish short term desires.

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YOU MIGHT BE A LUKEWARM CHRISTIAN IF.....

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If you only communicate with God when there is an emergency.

If your life is not much different from the unbelieving world.

If you think more about your earthly life than heaven and eternity.

If you do whatever it takes to relieve guilt, without repentance;

from denial and blame to even religious exercises.

If you desire salvation from sin’s penalty but not from its power.

If you want Christ’s benefits without conforming to His character.

If you gage your spiritual condition by comparisons with others.

If you do not have the joy of the Lord due to living apart from Him.

If you are a full-time minister and a part-time Jesus follower.

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