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ABOMINABLE IDOLATRIES

_____ will the lost react to us?

QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

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- 2 What kind of mindset does God want us to have about sin?
- 3 In what way have genuine Christians died to sin? How does that make a true difference in their life?
- 4 Can Christians have victory over sin?
- 5 What are the advantages to dependently following God's Will over your own desires and thinking?
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