

Matthew 10:26-33

26 "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. **27** What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. **28** Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. **29** Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. **30** And even the hairs of your head are all counted. **31** So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. **32** "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; **33** but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Romans 6:1-11

1 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? **2** By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? **3** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. **6** We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. **7** For whoever has died is freed from sin. **8** But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. **9** We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **10** The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. **11** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.