

“Living Like Jesus will Judge”

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2. Suffering unjustly is the cost of following Christ in this life, but there is a reward beyond measure in the next. **Rom 8:18**

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