

Today's Message: "Reckless"

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For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, (Romans 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death,... (Romans 6:23)

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