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... we can choose to follow a new King

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... we are free from accusation

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... we need not fear death

so that by his death he might ... free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. (Col. 2:15)

... we are called to overcome as Jesus did

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