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People don't like to be confronted with the Truth, because as the above verses state, they don't want to be told they are wrong. If you are bound in sin, it's not God's fault. You just have made some wrong decisions in life. Do you want to have eternal life? Do you want to be free from the power of sin in your life? The choice is yours. Call on the Name of Jesus and ask Him to be the Lord of your life. He will free you from the hold that Satan's kingdom has on you.

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