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WHY NOW?

1. The problem is real – don’t get over it too quickly.
2. The remedy is costly – don’t take it for granted.
3. The context is necessary to understand the privilege of living the life that we are set free to live.
What do you think about one person representing so many people? Is it fair? Is it democratic? Does it need to be?

What does modern man believe?

What would happen if Jesus could not represent all those who believed in Him?

Homework: Romans 6:1-14 x3