



## **PART 14: THE UN-RELIGION OF JESUS**

Reading Romans is like the experience of a man groping in a dark church tower who reaches out to grab whatever he can – and grasps the rope that rings the bell that wakes up the entire community.

~ *Karl Barth*

The New Testament knows nothing about a theology that remains on the theoretical level. All theology, all teaching about God, has implications for life, for when we learn about God, we learn about ultimate reality. In Romans 12, Paul makes it clear that the moral life of the Christian grows directly out of the theology of the gospel.

~ *Douglas J. Moo*

There is no greater incentive to holy living than a contemplation of the mercies of God.

~ *John Stott*

In the New Testament religion is grace, and ethics is gratitude.

~ *F. F. Bruce*

No worship is pleasing to God which is purely inward, abstract and mystical; it must express itself in concrete acts of service performed by our bodies.

~ *John Stott*

The first verse of Romans 12 is one of the most important in all the Bible and contains more key theological truths for its size than perhaps any other verse of Scripture.

~ *Kenneth Boa*

The problem with living sacrifices is that they keep crawling off the altar.

~ *Max Anders*

The one true mark of a saint of God is the inner creativity that flows from being totally surrendered to Jesus Christ.

~ *Oswald Chambers*

Like anybody else, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will.

~ *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

I know not your gods. Jesus Christ is my God. Beat, tear or burn me, and if my words offend you, cut out my tongue; every part of my body is ready when God calls for it as a sacrifice.

~ *Theodore of Heraclera, martyred in 306 C.E.*

If your understanding of the Gospel does not make you want to give up everything to follow Jesus, then you don't really understand the Gospel.

~ *Robert Bilmont*

The path of self-sacrifice is the path of self-fulfilment.

~ *N. T. Wright*

I am not ashamed of the gospel.

~ *The Apostle Paul*