

He Came to Give Us a More Abundant Life

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"Then said Jesus unto them again, 'Truly, truly, I say unto you, **I am the Door of the sheep**. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not hear them. **I am the Door; through Me if any man enters in, he shall be saved**, and shall go in and out, **and find pasture**. The thief does not come but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I came so that they might have Life, and that they might have It (Life) More Abundantly. I am the Good Shepherd**; the Good Shepherd **gives His Life for the sheep**. ... I am the **Good Shepherd**, and I know My sheep, and I am known by them. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; **and I lay down My Life for the sheep**. And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; they also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice; and there shall be one flock, and **One Shepherd**. Therefore My Father loves Me, **because I lay down My life**, that I might take it up again. No man takes it from Me, but **I lay it down of Myself**. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. This commandment I have received of My Father." (John 10:7-18)

I Came: from the Greek words ***ego elthon*** which mean: I came; In context: Jesus came to earth being sent by the Father, to be **the Door** that we must pass through in order to be saved, and to have Everlasting Life Abundantly.

They Might Have Life: from the Greek words ***zoen echosin*** which mean: life they-may-have; **Life:** life, both of present physical life; and of present and future spiritual existence. In context: the kind of 'Life' that comes from and is sustained by God's self-existent Life through Christ Jesus.

More Abundantly: from the Greek word ***perisson*** which means: more-abundantly; more, greater, excessive, abundant, exceedingly. Properly: all-around, more than; beyond what is anticipated, exceeding expectation; going past the expected limit. From ***perissos*** (an adjective, derived from ***peri***, "all-around, in-excess").

Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus is found through His Salvation:

The Abundant Life that believers receive - in and through Christ Jesus - is received when someone believes in Jesus, and enters into a sheep and Shepherd relationship with Jesus Himself. Jesus is the Good Shepherd of His sheep; and Jesus is the Door through which His sheep must pass through to get into the pastures of the Abundant Life that Jesus promises. The 'way' that we pass through the Door - who is Jesus - is through the laying down of the Good Shepherd's Life for His sheep, which Jesus free willingly did, so that they (His sheep) might be saved from their sins. Jesus did this through His death on the Cross. It is as it says:

"He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the cross, so that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes you were healed. For you were as sheep going astray; but now you have returned unto the **Shepherd and Overseer of your souls**." (1 Peter 2:24-25)

Believers entry into the Abundant Life pastures of God's Eternal Kingdom begins when they are saved; and it continues unto the forever and ever eternal future. And there are many new blessings that believers receive which are encompassed through the Abundant Life in and through Jesus, both in the present time and within the eternal future. It is a new Abundant Life founded upon becoming new creations in Christ Jesus:

"Therefore, if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold, **all things have become New**." (II Corinthians 5:17)

"Therefore, we are buried with Him (Jesus) through baptism into death; so that as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **we also should walk in Newness of Life**." (Romans 5:4)

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Please consider the following New Things
that believers have within their New Abundant Life in Christ Jesus:

Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus is 'promised' to those who put their trust in Jesus

"And He (Jesus) said unto His disciples, 'Therefore I say unto you, take no thought **for your life**, as to what you shall eat; nor for the body, as to what you shall put on. **Life** is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; and neither have storehouse nor barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more are you better than the birds? ... Consider the lilies how they grow: they do not toil, nor do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. If then God so clothes these plants, which is today in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; **how much more will He clothe you**, O you of little faith? And so, do not seek what you shall eat, or what you shall drink, nor be you of a doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after; and your Father knows that you have need of these things. But rather **seek you the Kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you**. Fear not, **little flock**; for **it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom**.'" (Luke 12:22-32)

Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus is found within the Good Shepherd's Pasture!

"The LORD is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Yes, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I will fear no evil**; for You are with me; and Your rod and staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; and my cup overflows. **Surely Goodness and Mercy shall follow me all the days of my life**; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." (Psalms 23:1-6)

Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus is found with our new family in Christ Jesus!

"Then Peter began to say unto Him (Jesus), 'Lo, we have left all, and have followed You.' And Jesus answered and said, 'Truly I say unto you: there is no man (no one, or no person) who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and for the gospel's sake, but **he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time**, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; **and in the world to come eternal life**.'" (Mark 10:28-31)

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all who believed were together, **and had all things common**; and they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the Temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their food **with gladness and singleness of heart**, praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." (Acts 2:41-47)

"And the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and of one soul; nor did any of them say that any of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power the apostles gave witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and abundant grace was upon them all. Nor was there any among them **who lacked**; for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the apostles' feet; and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." (Acts 4:32-35)

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Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus is found within the 'Rest' that we believers receive:

"All things are delivered unto Me by My Father; and no man knows the Son, but the Father. Nor does any man know the Father, except the Son, and he to whom the Son shall reveal Him. Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you Rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find Rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." (Matthew 11:27-30)

Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus is found within the peace of God that the Prince of Peace, Jesus, gives to us who believe!

"These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you; and not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid." (John 14:25-27)

Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus is found within the Love of God that is being perfected in us who believe:

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is Love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might Live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the Love that God has for us. God is love; and he who dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment (in the sense of judgmental punishment). He who fears is not made perfect in Love. We love Him, because He first loved us." (1 John 4:7-19)

"For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the Love of Christ, which surpasses knowledge, so that you might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, Unto Him be glory in the Church through Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Ephesians 3:14-21)

Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus is found in the Joy of Christ Jesus fulfilled in us:

Jesus prayed: "Holy Father, keep through Your own Name those (Believers) whom You have given to Me, so that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your Name; and those whom You gave to Me I have kept, and none of them is lost, except the son of perdition; so that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now I am coming to You; and these things I speak in the world, so that they might have My joy fulfilled in themselves." (John 17:11-12)

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Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus comes with freedom from bondage to sin:

“Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed on Him, 'If you continue in My word, then are you My disciples indeed; **and you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.**' They answered Him, 'We are Abraham's descendants, and were never in bondage to any man; how do You say, 'You shall be made free?' ' Jesus answered them, 'Truly, Truly, I say unto you: whoever commits sin is the slave of sin; and the slave does not abide in the house forever. But **the Son abides forever.** Therefore, if the Son shall make you free, **you shall be free indeed!**'” (John 8:31-36)

Our abundant Life in Christ Jesus involves fellowship with God forever and ever within His Glorious Kingdom:

“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.' And He who sat upon the throne said, '**Behold, I make all things New.**' ” (Revelation 21:1-5)

“And I saw no Temple in it (in the City): **for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple of it.** And the City had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it; for the Glory of God did illuminate it, and **the Lamb (Jesus) is the Light of it.** And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in the light of it; and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. And the gates of it shall never be shut at all by day; for there shall never be night (darkness) there.” (Revelation 21:22-25)

“And he showed me a pure river of **Water of Life**, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it (the City), and on either side of the river, was there **the Tree of Life**, which bears twelve kinds of fruit, and yields her fruit every month; and the leaves of the Tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse; but **the Throne of God and of the Lamb (Jesus) shall be in it**; and His servants shall serve Him. **And they shall see His Face**; and His Name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; **for the Lord God gives them light**: and they shall reign for ever and ever. ... Blessed are they who do His commandments, so that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the City” (Revelation of John 22:1-5, 14)

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It is a more Abundant Life made possible only through the Salvation from sin accomplished for us through the sacrificial death of Jesus on the Cross !!

Some of the New Things of Life that we now have more abundantly are:

Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters, & Dwelling Places in the New Jerusalem!
Restoration of our souls! Freedom from fear of evil, punishment, and torment!
Goodness and Mercy from God towards us all the days of our eternal Lives!
Green pastures and still waters abounding in Rest, Peace, Love, and Joy!
Freedom from sin! And the Father & Son given Right to the Tree of Life!

Lord Jesus thank you for Giving up Your Life on the Cross so that we might enter into our wonderfully More Abundant New Life that we now, and forever, have in and through You !!

Thank You Father in Heaven for preparing a a truly wonderful New Home for us within Your celestial City – the New Jerusalem !!

All Praise, and Glory, and Honor, and Dominion belongs to You the Father, Son and Holy Spirit !!