

Where to find abundant life

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John 10:7-10

1. Without life in Christ, we are dead.

John 10:10

"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life..."

Genesis 2:15-17

"The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will certainly die."

2. Life is short, desire Christ.

James 4:13-15

"Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that."

3. Life is full of distractions, live free in Christ.

John 10:7

"Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them...The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy..."

James 4:4-5

"You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us?"

Walking in Abundance

1. In Jesus we will be saved.

John 10:9

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved."

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

2. In Jesus we will be safe.

John 10:9

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. *They will come in and go out...*"

Philippians 1:20-21

"I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."

3. In Jesus we will be satisfied.

John 10:9

"I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and *find pasture*."

Galatians 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

4. In Jesus life will be abundant.

John 10:10

“The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).”

Romans 5:17

“For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.”