

# THE ABUNDANT LIFE

## Introduction

- 1) **John 10:10** – Jesus, the good shepherd, said concerning His sheep, “*I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more **abundantly***”
- 2) “**Abundant**” (Gk. *perissos*) – all-around, more than, beyond what is anticipated, exceeding expectation, more abundant, going past the expected limit, over and above, more than necessary, supremely, surpassing
- 3) To many in this world *abundance* means “all you can eat” “supersize” “lifetime warranty” “winning the lottery” “endless possessions”
  - a) Those who see abundance only in worldly terms are shortsighted and lack the preeminent joy of the spiritually abundant life (Lk. 12:15; Mk. 12:42-44)
- 4) The opposite of abundance is **scarcity** – shortage, lack, an inadequate amount
- 5) When it comes to God providing what we truly need, there is not scarcity, but abundance!!

## **I) To Instruct Us, God has Abundant Revelation (2 Timothy 3:16)**

- A) Faith comes by hearing God’s word (Rom. 10:17)
- B) Has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3)

## **II) To Save Us, God has Abundant Grace (Romans 5:20)**

- A) Jesus was sent to earth “full of grace and truth” (Jn. 1:14, 16-17)
- B) This grace “has appeared to all men” (Titus 2:11; Psalms 13:5-6)

## **III) To Forgive Us, God has Abundant Pardon (Isaiah 55:7)**

- A) God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins (1 Jn. 1:9)
- B) Because of his mercy, God has removed our sins (Psalms 103:10-14)

## **IV) To Fill Us, God has Abundant Providence (Psalm 36:8)**

- A) We are filled with daily blessings of food and gladness (Acts 14:17)
- B) God rewards those who are faithful in good works (Lk. 6:38; Psalms 23:5)

## **V) To Calm Us, God has Abundant Peace (Philippians 4:7)**

- A) Jesus provides the peace that calms the troubled soul (Jn. 14:27)
- B) God’s peace can help keep us from stumbling (Psalms 119:165)

## **VI) To Gladden Us, God has Abundant Joy (Isaiah 35:10)**

- A) Our joy will be full when we keep Jesus’ commandments (Jn. 15:10-12)
- B) In Christ we will be able to rejoice always (Phil. 4:4)

## **VII) To Strengthen Us, God has Abundant Power (Ephesians 3:20)**

- A) God can do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think
- B) We will be strengthened according to His glorious power (Col. 1:11)

## Conclusion

Without God, your life will lack spiritual instruction, salvation, forgiveness, resources, provisions, peace, joy, and strength. God be praised that because of His **abundant blessings**, we have an abundance “for every good work” (2 Cor. 9:8). Because of His **abundant mercy**, we have a “living hope” (1 Pet. 1:3). Do you enjoy an abundant life? Living in Christ will bring spiritual abundance and eternal salvation that only He can provide!