

# The Abundant Life

Text: John 10:10

## Introduction:

1. Jesus came to give a superabundance of life!
2. The word for “more abundantly” refers to that which is “over and above” or “more than necessary.” (Cf. Matthew 5:37, 47; Mark 6:51; 14:31; Ephesians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 3:10; 5:13)
3. Sadly, many have the idea that being a Christian hinders one from joyful, abundant living.
4. Jesus did not come to stunt growth, but to expand it – unto eternal life in Heaven (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18)!
5. It is sin that keeps man from growing and robs one of life.

## I. The Abundant Life Is Centered on Jesus

- A. The emptiest heart is the one centered upon self (Matthew 16:24-26).
- B. The emptiest doctrine is that centered upon man’s will (2 Corinthians 4:5).
- C. The emptiest life is the one centered upon self (2 Corinthians 5:14-15).
- D. The greatest commandment is to love God above all else (Mark 12:29-30).
- E. The second greatest is to love one’s neighbor above self (Mark 12:31).
- F. Only then can one live the abundant life (cf. Philippians 1:21-24).

## II. The Abundant Life Is Purposed by God

- A. God’s purpose was accomplished through Jesus (Ephesians 3:10-11).
- B. That purpose continues to be accomplished by the disciples of Jesus (1 Corinthians 3:6-9).
- C. There can be no greater purpose in life than to work together with God!
- D. This makes life abundant in any situation (Philippians 1:12-14).

## III. The Abundant Life Is Focused on Eternity

- A. “Life will never be full if we only think of our short span here on earth.”
- B. God has placed eternity in man’s heart (Ecclesiastes 3:11 ASV).
- C. Jesus has made eternity known through his death and resurrection (2 Timothy 1:10).
- D. All must learn to factor eternity into their lives!

## IV. The Abundant Life Is Freed from Sin

- A. Sin binds and limits life (2 Peter 2:20-22).
- B. Jesus came to bring freedom (Luke 4:18-19)!
  1. Gospel – *good news*
  2. Healing – *restoration*
  3. Deliverance – *salvation*
  4. Sight – *clarity* (Mark 4:12)
  5. Liberty – *freedom* (John 8:32)

- C. Fellowship is not to exist between truth and error (2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:11; 2 John 9-11).