ABUNDANT LIFE

Jesus said: "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10 NIV Bible).

Giving you abundant life required the supreme sacrifice: "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Why is it that most people are not experiencing the abundant life?

Because man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

There is a gap between God and mankind. He has provided a way for us to receive an abundant and eternal life, but people have made selfish choices to disobey God Almighty. These choices continue to cause separation from God. It is an evidence of what the Bible calls sin.

Man is continually trying to reach God and the abundant life through his own efforts, such as a good life, philosophy, or religion - but he inevitably fails. He says in His Word: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death" (Proverbs 14:12).

And God also said, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2), "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) and "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Every human was created with the ability and need to know God and fellowship with Him. Every day we hear of people who are rich, famous, achievers, star athletes - people who seem to have the best life can offer - yet they try to fill that empty void in their lives with "things." They even try good works, morality, and religion. Yet they remain empty, for only God, through His Son, can fill that emptiness.

Jesus Christ is the only way to God. Mankind may seek other solutions and worship other gods, but Jesus Christ, alone, died on the Cross for our sins and rose in triumph over the grave and eternal death. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and mankind. The Bible explains: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died

for us" (Romans 5:8).

He rose from the dead. "Christ died for our sins... He was buried... He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures... He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred" (1 Corinthians 15:3-6).

There is only one way provided: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). Jesus Christ is the only way to God. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

You can be brought back to God, and your relationship with Him can be restored by trusting in Christ alone to save your life from destruction.

It is not enough just to know these things. We must individually receive Jesus Christ. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20). Then we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives. "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John 1:12)

Are you willing to let go of your burdens and sins?

Are you willing to turn away and repent from your sins?

Are you willing to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior now?

At this moment you can pray the most important prayer of your life by simply saying:

Dear Lord Jesus,
I believe You are the Son of God.
I believe You came to earth.
I believe You died for me on the cross
And shed Your blood for my salvation.
I believe You rose from the dead and ascended on high.
I believe You are coming back again to earth.

Dear Jesus,
I am a sinner.
Forgive my sin.
Cleanse me now with Your precious blood.
Come into my heart.
Save my soul right now.
I give You my life.
I receive You now as my Savior, my Lord, and my God.

I am Yours forever,
And I will serve You and follow You the rest of my days.
From this moment on,
I belong to You only.
I no longer belong to this world, nor to the enemy of my soul.
I belong to You, and I am born again.

Amen!

By praying this prayer, confessing your sins, and receiving Jesus Christ into your heart, God has given you the right to become His forgiven child. The Bible gives you this assurance: "But as many as received him, to them he gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them who believe on his name" (John 1:12). If you have just received Jesus Christ into your life, we want to rejoice with you.