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So Extra: Living In Abundance

Colossians 2:6-7 - *And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him.⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.*

Living In Abundance Is Bearing Fruit Even When Sin And Falsehood Surrounds Us

Receiving Christ In The Past Is A Present Reality In Our Lives Today

It's When We're Rooted, Built Up, And Established That We Overflow With Thanksgiving

John 10:10 - *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* ESV

A Life Exemplified By Spiritual Strength, Joy, Peace, And A Sense Of Purpose That Rises Above Earthly Situations

Psalms 16:11 - *You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.*

The Glory And Joy Of Heaven Is Jesus

Philippians 3:20-21 - *But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior.²¹ He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.*

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 - *Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win!²⁵ All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize.²⁶ So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing.²⁷ I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.*

- 1) Eternity With Jesus.
- 2) The Power Of A Transformed Life.

Living In Abundance Requires A Transformed Mind

1. God's Eternal Nature.

Psalm 90:2 - *Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from beginning to end, you are God.*

Revelation 1:8 - *"I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One."*

2. Eternal Life.

John 3:16 - *For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*

3. Eternal Truth.

Psalm 119:89 - *Your **eternal word**, O LORD, stands firm in heaven.*

4. Eternal Perspective.

2 Corinthians 4:18 - *So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, **we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen**. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.*

5. Eternal Judgment.

Hebrews 9:27 - *And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment*

Proverbs 28:6 - *Better to be poor and honest than to be dishonest and rich.*