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Introduction

Last week we looked at the first part of Jesus' statement here:
"I am come that they might have life..."

We said that:

***JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT A PARTICULAR SORT OF LIFE! —
SPIRITUAL LIFE!***

***JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT A PARTICULAR SOURCE OF LIFE!—
HIMSELF!***

And then we touched on two other points that actually lead in to the last part of what Jesus was saying here:
"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Some may look at that and think, "I don't even know what that means!"

But as we left last week I gave you a hint about the words that are translated **"more abundantly!"** They are translated from a word that means **"superabundant in quantity; superior in quality; excessive; "**

***JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT A PARTICULAR SPAN OF LIFE!
—ETERNAL, EVERLASTING, NEVER ENDING!
Superabundant in quantity!***

***JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT A PARTICULAR SUPERIORITY OF
LIFE!—A LIFE LIKE HIS!
Superior in quality!***

So, today let's begin to look at this "LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY" that comes our way because of Jesus, the SOURCE OF OUR LIFE! Because He is not only the SOURCE OF OUR LIFE, but He is the SOURCE of that LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY!

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Now understand that **this world would define that phrase "more abundantly" differently than what Scripture shows it to be!**

Many would look strictly at life in "the nasty now and now" and say God wants us to live this physical life in such a way as to **"go for the gusto!"** And make no mistake, there are plenty of folks that are living their life that way!

They think of abundant life in terms of just this earthly, physical life and getting all the fun and pleasure they can out of living an unrestrained life! The entertainer/actor Jackie Gleason... *"We only have one life, let's live it up!"*

But we know that **living an unrestrained life full of sin seeking the pleasures of this world brings death, not life!**

An unrestrained life full of sin and pleasure will kill your physical life!
(e.g. Drug and alcohol abuse, sexual immorality, and even gluttony)
An unrestrained life full of sin and pleasure will kill your family life!
(i.e. When God set boundaries for us He set them for a reason!)
An unrestrained life full of sin and pleasure will kill your other relationships and friendships! *(e.g. The prodigal son!)*

Many in this world think of success in financial terms! And because we might not have an abundance of wealth as a Believer they snicker and laugh! Some of them would say, *"Boy have you ever been duped by your religion and your Jesus!"* And many of them would rail against Scriptures such as **John 10:10** as not being true. And they would rail against our God as being either absent or non-existent! But that's the world for you!

And even the false preachers and teachers of the so-called **"prosperity gospel"** define **"more abundantly"** differently than what Jesus is talking about here!

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They would say that the LORD wants us as Believers to **prosper materially** and to be **healthy physically**, so if you happen to be a believer and you are not **prospering materially** and **healthy**, then something is wrong with you! NO!

So, what did Jesus mean when He said He came to give us **“LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY”** Is that even possible in such a world as ours? We know that it is possible because it is what the Lord Jesus Christ said that He came to give us!

So, we’re going to break this down into two parts—today and next Sunday:
JESUS WAS TALKING ABOUT A PARTICULAR SPAN OF LIFE!
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Now, there are some folks who believe and teach that once a man is saved, he must be completely free from any acts of sin or else God will take His salvation away from him. But listen, anyone who believes that sinless perfection is possible is self-deceived!

The Bible says so in **1 John 1:8**, (which, by the way, was written by a believer to other believers) *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”*

There are others who teach that there is a POINT OF SIN that a believer reaches in their life where they lose their salvation.

Now understand, the folks who teach this can’t give you any Scripture to substantiate **at what point** someone would actually lose their salvation, but nevertheless, they teach it.

Let me remind you that according to Genesis 3 it only took one sin of simple disobedience to plunge man into sin! One simple sin! So, if it is possible to lose one’s salvation, why would it be any different for a man to lose his salvation and be lost again?

Can a child of God lose their salvation? No! No way! Can’t happen!

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A person does not become a child of God by keeping God’s law or by reforming their life, nor by any acts of righteousness on their part!

A person becomes a child of God by being born into God’s family by God’s good grace through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary!

Now understand that when I speak of **“a child of God,”** I refer to **someone who has genuinely repented of their sin of unbelief and have turned by faith looking to the Lord Jesus Christ and Him alone for salvation!**

Such a person, the Bible teaches, is **“born again,”** and as such becomes a **child of God!**

John 1:12—“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”

There is a lot of confusion over this subject of **Eternal Security** because of **HUMAN REASONING!** **“I don’t understand how it can be that way.”** But listen, human reasoning is flawed and tainted by sin!

But, **the BIBLE IS OUR ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY for living! And, there are a good number of BIBLE REASONS why a child of God can never be lost!** I want to give you some **BIBLE REASONS** why believers are **ETERNALLY SECURE** in their Salvation! **Because our belief in the doctrine of Eternal Security is based on God’s Word where it should be based!**

I. A CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST AGAIN BECAUSE GOD’S POWER IS WHAT KEEPS HIM SAVED!
(1 Peter 1:3-5; John 10:27-29)

If salvation were to be maintained by our own power, then we could easily understand that it would not be difficult to lose it.

But the Bible teaches that it is NOT OUR POWER, but rather the POWER OF GOD that keeps us saved!

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So, if a child of God could lose salvation, then God would have failed in His clearly revealed intention to KEEP us!

Jude 1:24 “Now to him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

II. A CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST AGAIN BECAUSE “EVERLASTING LIFE” AND “ETERNAL LIFE” HAVE NO END! (John 3:16, 36; John 5:24; John 6:40)

Everlasting life simply means that *the new life* which God gives to the believer is a *life that will never end*.

If there were any possibility of losing it, then it could not be called “*everlasting*” or “*eternal*” life.

If words mean anything at all, then **these Scriptures tell us that when a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, God gives him a life that is everlasting or eternal—that is, a life that has no end!**

Because, **if he could lose it**, it certainly **could not and would not** be called *everlasting* or *eternal*. And understand that the Bible clearly shows that “*eternal life*” or “*everlasting life*” begins when one is born again, not when they get to heaven—It is a **PRESENT POSSESSION!**

III. A CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST AGAIN BECAUSE SALVATION IS BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH, NOT BY LAW OR BY WORKS! (Romans 4:3-8)

No person was ever saved by keeping the law nor by their own good works, neither in Old Testament times or since Christ died and rose again.

Abraham **who lived before the law**, was saved by grace through faith! (*Vs. 3-5*)

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David, **who lived under the law**, taught that those in his day were not saved by their works! (*Vs. 4-7*)

In New Testament times, the Apostle Paul told both the Church at Ephesus and the young preacher Titus that salvation was by grace through faith. (*Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5*)

If God bestows initial salvation without effort but then requires us to perform in order to maintain our salvation, then salvation is not a gift at all but rather is something we must work in order to have!

If a Christian must work at righteousness to maintain possession of salvation, then the possession of that salvation ultimately rests on works even if one claims it is initially given freely!

That stands in direct contrast to what the Word of God says!

IV. A CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST AGAIN BECAUSE OUR REDEMPTION IS AN ETERNAL REDEMPTION! (Hebrews 9:12; 10:10, 14)

The redemption of our souls from sin that was made possible by Jesus Christ on Calvary’s cross, is an eternal matter!

What I’m saying is that **what was accomplished at the cross was done once and for all and is sufficient for the purpose for which God intended it!**

Those who deny eternal security fail to realize that their position implies that there is some defect in the redemption obtained by Christ on the cross!

If a Christian can lose salvation and suffer punishment because of sins, then somehow Christ’s work on the cross must not have completely solved the sin problem! That is an insult to Christ’s work on the cross!

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Galatians 3:13 “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:”

Titus 2:14 “Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity...”

Ephesians 1:7 “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”
[Redemption is already a present possession!]

1 Peter 1:18-19 “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” **[Redemption past tense!]**

If there is the possibility of sins existing for which a believer must spend an eternity under God’s wrath would mean that the cross did not fully satisfy (propitiate) God’s wrath over sin!

Romans 3:25 “Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation**, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;”

1 John 2:1-2 My little children, these things I write to you, that ye sin not. And if any man sinneth, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: **2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**

1 John 4:10 “Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins.”

Either there has been redemption for our sins or there has not been redemption for our sins! Which is it?

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Either there has been a propitiation of God’s wrath on our behalf or there has not been a propitiation of God’s wrath on our behalf!

Either Christ’s work on the cross finished the sin problem or not!
John 19:30 “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”

Colossians 2:13 “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, **having forgiven you all trespasses;**”

V. A CHILD OF GOD CAN NEVER BE LOST AGAIN BECAUSE JESUS IS OUR SUBSTITUTE! (2 Corinthians 5:21)
There is so much that we can never explain about the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, but this much we do know: **He died for us!** That is, **He died in our place and in our stead!**

It is CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS (not human righteousness or human merit) that is the basis of the believer’s acceptance and standing with God!

Our self-righteousness did not save us in the first place, and **it is not the basis upon which salvation is continued!**

Isaiah 64:6 “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

According to the Scripture in **2 Corinthians 5:21**, **God counted Christ as a sinner and punished Him on the cross of Calvary, and He counts us as righteous!**

Christ’s righteousness brought us our salvation! So the real issue is not the endurance of human righteousness, but the eternal nature of Christ’s righteousness!

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A believer cannot lose his righteousness or righteous legal standing before God because **Christ's righteousness is eternal!**

Romans 4:5; 5:17-19

*1 Corinthians 1:30 "But of him [i.e. of God] are ye in Christ Jesus, who from God is made to us wisdom, and **righteousness**, and sanctification, and redemption:"*

*Ephesians 1:6-7 "To the praise of the glory of his grace, in which **he hath made us accepted in the beloved**: 7 In whom we have **redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace;"*

*Colossians 2:10 "**And ye are complete in him**, who is the head of all principality and power:"*

Conclusion

A child of God can never be lost:

Because The Life That Christ Gives Is Superabundant In Quantity!

God's Power Keeps Him Saved!

"Everlasting Life" and "Eternal Life" Have No End!

Salvation Is By Grace Through Faith, Not By The Law Or By Works!

Our Redemption Is An Eternal Redemption!

Jesus Is Our Substitute!

The question is—Are you a child of God?