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Introduction

I'm not going to have you turn to our text in John's Gospel this morning because it is the same one we have been using for the last couple of weeks, Jesus' statement in *John 10:10*: "***I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.***"

The first week we saw that:

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

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

Last week we saw that:

The words that are translated "***more abundantly***" are translated from a word that means "***superabundant in quantity; superior in quality.***"

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

Today let's deals with this thought:

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

Have you ever acquired something for a particular purpose, either by gift or by purchase, and then **later on you found out that it came with a whole lot more than you realized?** (e.g. *Software for computer*)

That is much the way it is with our SALVATION IN CHRIST JESUS!

When a person gets saved (especially one who has not been in Church much), **about all they know is that they are no longer under condemnation and they have a home in heaven when they die!** Amen!

Then as they get into the Word of God and under the teaching and preaching of the Word of God, they begin to **find out that they got so much more!**

I want us to see at least some of that "*so much more*" here today!

Our Co-text, if you want to call it that is here in *2 Corinthians 5:17* which is another text that we are familiar with!

2 Corinthians 5:17—“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

The word translated "***new***" speaks of being "***new (especially in freshness).***" *Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words* gives this perspective: "**It denotes "new" as to form or quality, of different nature from what is contrasted as old.**"

When my wife and I bought the car we now own, it was the FIRST and ONLY time that we have ever purchased a "***new***" car in our 41+ years of marriage! Before, we had been accustomed to buying "***used***" cars. The problem with buying a "***used***" car is that you don't really know what problems you are buying with it! In the past we had spent a significant amount of money on auto repairs on the used vehicles that we were driving. But the "***new***" car, (which is now five years old) came with a 10 year 100,000 mile warranty! In the five years we've had it, we've only had to buy tires one time and a battery one time in addition to the normal routine maintenance of oil changes and such. No actual repairs! Buying "***new***" has been so much better than "***used***"! The "***quality***" of "***new***" has been so "***superior***" to that which was "***used***"!

This verse tells us that if we are "***in Christ***" we are a "***new creature***" meaning a "***new formation or new creation***".

The "***quality***" of this "***new formation or new creation***" is **vastly superior** to what we had before we came to Christ! And that's what I want to focus on:

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I. WE HAVE A NEW AND SUPERIOR BIRTH!

A1. As Unbelievers We Were Born In Sin!(i.e. Born Of Adam!)

Romans 5:12 –“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”

Psalm 51:5–“Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

A2. As Believers We Are Born Again! (i.e. Born Of God!)

John 1:13–“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

1 Peter 1:23–“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

B1. As Unbelievers We Were Children Of Satan!

John 8:44–“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do...”

1 John 3:8–“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

1 John 3:10–“In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.”

B2. As Believers We Are The Children 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:”

Galatians 3:26–“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.”

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II. WE HAVE A NEW AND SUPERIOR POSITION!

A1. As Unbelievers We Were Under A Curse!

Romans 3:10–“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:”

Romans 3:19–“Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.”

Galatians 3:10–“For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.”

A2. As Believers We Are Redeemed From The Curse!

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:”

B1. As Unbelievers We Were Afar Off From God!

Isaiah 59:2–“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

Ephesians 2:12–“That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

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- B2. As Believers We Are Made Nigh To God!**
Ephesians 2:13—“But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.”
- Ephesians 1:6—“To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.”*
- C1. As Unbelievers We Were Under God’s Wrath!**
John 3:18—“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”
- John 3:36—“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”*
- C2. As Believers We Have God’s Favor!**
Romans 5:1-2—“1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”
- 1 Corinthians 1:3—“3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

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III. WE HAVE A NEW AND SUPERIOR FUTURE!

- A1. As Unbelievers We Were Waiting For Death And Eternal Judgment!**
Hebrews 9:27—“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”
- Romans 6:23—“For the wages of sin is death...”*
- Revelation 20:11-15*

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- A2. As Believers We Wait For Christ And Eternal Glory!**
Hebrews 9:28 —“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
- Titus 2:13—“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;”*
- 1 Peter 5:4—“And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.”*
- B1. As Unbelievers We Were Sure Of Fire!**
Matthew 25:41—“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”
- Revelation 21:8—“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”*
- B2. As Believers We Are Sure Of Heaven!**
1 Peter 1:3-4— “3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.”
- 2 Timothy 4:18—“And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”*

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Conclusion

Do you have "*LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY*"? Have you been born again?

One that is *Superabundant In Quantity...Eternal Life, Everlasting Life!*

One that is *Superior In Quality...A Superior Birth, Position, And Future!*