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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

John 17:16-17 *They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth.* (NIV)

Jesus is making an important statement about being 'in Him.' Positionally, we are already set apart in Heaven. We have been sanctified. God sees us as if we had never sinned. This is the power of the blood of Jesus. It washes away all of our sin; everyone one! This is what Jesus meant when He says they are not of the world. To be of the world means to be immersed in its system of sin. All of us were born a part of that system. This is the curse of Adam. It is passed on to every generation. This should give us even more joy in knowing that all of our sins are covered by the blood of Jesus.

Here is the key of sanctification: all of our sin was placed upon the One Who has never sinned. He became sin for us so that we could be made clean and whole and right with God. Because of His holiness, He will never allow sin into His presence. Thus, He poured out His judgement for our sins upon the willing Savior, Jesus. **Rom. 5:8** *But God demonstrated His love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* This is the over-arching truth of God's Word and His plan. We are now 'set apart' for God's special pleasure and use. He can now use us to complete His work in this world. We must be about the Father's business. That business is telling everyone we can about the saving power of Jesus.

This should remind us of how great His love for us is, and how important our commission is as well. If we don't go, who will? If we don't pray, who will? If we don't share His love, who will? Let's not grow weary in doing what is right, for in due time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Dear LORD, thank You for the cross LORD. Thank You for giving everything for us so that we could receive everything from You. In Jesus Name, Amen