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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Rom. 8:31-32 *What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?* (NIV)

When we are talking about full and abundant life, we must initially realize that not everyone has or experiences this kind of life. As I have stated before, *most* people just exist. They exist through a number of years and then they die. I know this sounds morbid, but it is true. So many people have never tasted of the real and full and abundant life of Christ. As John 10:10 reminds us, the evil one's intentions are to steal, to kill, and to destroy. He wants to make sure that people don't have the opportunity or desire to experience the love and life of the LORD.

But Paul reminds us as Christians, that God is for us. He is the giver of all good things, including abundant life. And He has done this through the sacrifice of His Son. It was through His death that we receive eternal life, and through His resurrection and life that we receive abundant life. We don't focus on the things of this world anymore. They will all pass away. They are temporal. But our new life in Christ will never pass away. We will always be in Him and He in us. And as Paul shared with the churches in Galatia, **Gal. 2:20b** *The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, I'm so glad You are for us. And because of this, no one can stand against us because of You. You paid the price to redeem us as Your own. Help us to now walk in the new life You have given us. In Jesus Name, Amen