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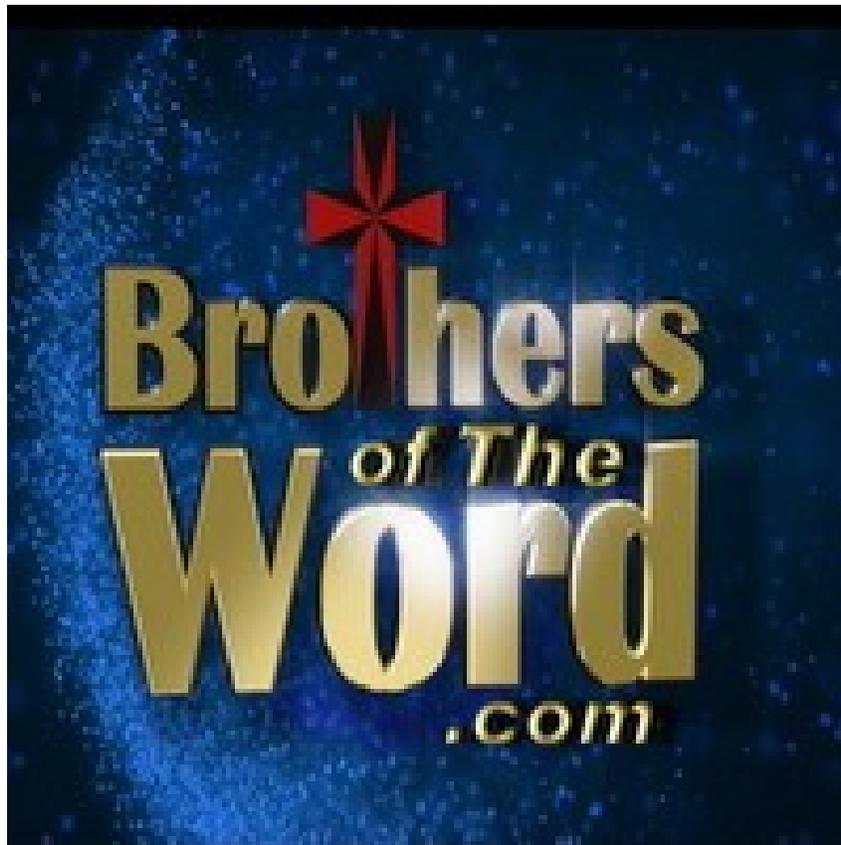
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Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us by television and those of you joining us at BrothersofTheWord.com. Stay tuned of today's message. We're so excited to have you tuned in and worship with us today. I would like to read just a little humor. This is a very short one, but it says a Sunday school teacher asked her little children as they were on the way to church service and why is it necessary to be quiet in church, she asked? And one bright little girl replied, because people are sleeping.

Well, I hope nobody is sleeping here today. Well, open your Bible if you will in Gospel of John, The Gospel of John Saint John. The Gospel of John there in New Testament and Chapter 10, the Gospel of John Chapter 10, when you get there say, Amen. The Gospel of John, Chapter 10 and I want to just read there Verse 10, just one Verse there, John 10:10 and let's all read it together in unison, ready? Read, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill, and to destroy. I am come that they may have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." I want to also read that from the Amplified just the last part from the Amplified Bible it says, "I came that they may have and enjoy life and have it in abundance to the full till it overflows." And I just want to use that the subject in Enjoying Abundant Life. Weren't you happy that he came to give us life and he give it to us more abundantly? And I just love the way to Amplified says that he came so that we can have life not only have life, but enjoy life have it to the full till it overflows. I love that, I love that and so we're talking from the subject Enjoying Abundant Life. Folks, this existence that we have as a result of Christ coming into our lives, this is not a said, beat down, worn-out, depressed existence.

He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly to the full, till it overflows to have and enjoy life. There was a little girl she was in the country visiting her grandmother and she walked out in the backyard to the barn and then the barn that was O'Mule. She opened the door looked at the O'Mule for a minute and he was droopy eyed, sad face, long eared, and she said, "Mr. Mule, you look like you go to my grandmother's church." Well, folks that's not a picture of the Abundant Life. Sometimes we look like that and sometimes we look and act like that O'Mule, we live life empty and void of inner life and enjoy, and enthusiasm and any help was zest and sometimes we live life empty and unfulfilled and we feel like Mr. O'Mule, but I want you to know that, Jesus came so that we could have life. He came so that we could have life. Turn to your neighbor and say, "Jesus came so that we could have life."

Now, he came but we could have life not just to have it, but to enjoy it and being to have it more abundantly. We're going to try to get into -- if time permits, we're going to try to get in to all three of those, but I want you to know that, now this life that Jesus came to give us, this is not talking about physical life. It's actual the Greek word "Zoe" is the Greek word "Zoe", the Greek word for physical life is "Bios", so it's

not talking about bios where we get biology physical life. This is the Greek word zoe and zoe means, God's life, eternal life, the real life, this is spiritual life. This is all of the existence of God being put in your spirit.

Now, you got to really comprehend that and meditate on that. All that God is, all of his love, and of his mercy, all of his peace, all of his joy, all of his patience, all of the goodness that God is Jesus came to put that into your spirit. He came to give you life, so this is an inside life that we're talking about. Folks, when this life gets on the inside of you to the full till it overflows is an abundant life that we enjoy and again so full on the inside, it works its way on the outside, it works its way on the outside. So I love the way God does this, this is an inside, outside job. This is from the inside, it's not from the outside and God works from the inside out. Turn to your neighbor and say, "This is an inside job." This is an inside job. So he fills us up so much on the inside until it spills over and when it spills over, it comes out love, it comes out joy, it comes out patience, it comes out peace. This life overflows, it overflows out of you. He wanted you to have it in such an abundant measure that it would be -- not only fill you up, but overflow out of you. It will overflows which means that it be, not only would be enough for you, but it would be enough for others to get a drink of it. Oh men, that's good. It will be enough for other people to get a drink of it, this abundant life.

Now John, 3 John 1:2, he talked about the same thing. He said, "Beloved, I wish above all things that you would prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers." So notice he talks about soul prospering first and what John is saying, because God's abundant life is on the inside of your soul, in your spirit, God's abundant life is in there, you're prospering on the inside. So John said, "I pray that God's spirit that so abundant that's overflowing in your spirit, I prayed that it'll spill over on to the other parts of your life and so that your health would prosper, and so that you would prosper and be well, and all of life." So 3 John 1:2 he says the same thing that Jesus said in John 10:10, "Beloved, I wish above all things that you would prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers."

So, as God fills you up on the inside and then it will begin to spill out on the outside. Folks, I want you all to realize that this is eternal life. This is zoe, is God's life it is eternal life. Now when I say, eternal life I don't simply mean, life that doesn't end, it is that, it is life that doesn't end, but I'm saying eternal life meaning it is such a high quality, a superior quality of the life, divine life that Jesus came to give us, it is eternal life. It's eternal, which means that goes on forever, but here's the good news, it begins immediately. You don't have to wait until you get out until the sweet by and by, till you get way out of younger before you cross over the chilly river joy, before you can enjoy this life. It begins right now, it starts right now, it starts right now. It's eternal which means never going to end, this goes on, not in the eternal, but it begins now, so I don't have to wait till I get to have them to enjoy God's life right here on earth and that's why Jesus got so excited, he send thieves to come and

to steal, and to kill and destroy, but I'm coming to give you God's life now, so that you will have it and you will have it more abundantly. I'm coming so you can experience God right now. We can experience the presence of God, with all of his life, with all of his power, with all of his goodness, with all of his mercy, with all of his kindness, with all of his great, with all of his love, with all of his peace. Jesus said, "I am going to give you that right now, so you can begin to enjoy it." And it says I'm going to give it to you, so you could not only enjoy it, but it's going overflow. It's going overflow. Men this is good. Oh men I have such a good time with the Holy Spirit. Oh men I had a wonderful, wonderful time with the Holy Spirit study on this, I just got on the rabbit trail and I was like a secret agent. I was like a secret agent men. I start searching this on the Holy Spirit. They are leading me through the scriptures and showing me and I said, "Men, I never knew all of that."

Turn over to 1 John, the 1 John at the back of your Bible. I want to show you all that he's talking about this life here 1 John. This is in the back of your Bible, right before Revelation. In fact, if you go to Revelation just split back one book or two books, you'll be writing 1 John. There's the first, second and third, I want you to go to the 1 John, Chapter 5, look at 1 John Chapter 5. Now notice this, I'm showing you about this life, Jesus said, "I come that you might have life," is eternal life, is God's life. Folks, this life signifies everything that Christ is, is the highest and best of all that Christ is, he came to give that to us. He came to give that to us. Look at 1 John, Chapter 5, look at 11 and 12, Verse 11 and 12, when you get there say Amen. 1 John Chapter 5, Verse 11 and 12. "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life." He's given us, now wait a minute, we haven't that and gone to heaven. How is he given us eternal life? Was the same life Jesus said, "I've come that you might have life, I've come to give it to you know." It goes on forever, but it begins immediately, begins working in your life, right now you can enjoy right now, you can have it to the full, till it overflows right now.

So, notices what John, he mentioned here Verse 11, "And this is the record that God hath given to us eternal life." He's given to us eternal life, notice where this life is and this life is in his Son. Verse 12 "He that hath the Son hath life." Well, he knew them because Jesus said in John 10, "I'm coming to give you life." Turn to your neighbor and say, "Do you have the life?" Amen! If you got the Son, turn to your neighbor and say, "if you have the Son, you have the life." You can't separate the Son from the life just like you can't separate wet from water. You can't separate wet from water. You can't separate life from the Son. If you have the Son, if you have made Jesus Christ Lord of your life, you not only have the Son, you now have eternal life abiding in you right now. You have eternal life abiding in you right now.

Now, as I begin on this little rabbit trail, turn over to Saint John, go to Saint John, this is big John, this is daddy John, so you had little John right now, you had little John, but go back, flip back to Matthew, Mark, Luke and then big John. Go back to big John, everybody saying this that we're talking about big John. Now go back to

big John, Chapter 1, I want you to see this big John Chapter 1, you're going to see it again. Look at Verse 4, Big John, Chapter 1 and Verse 4 read it with me, "In him was life." In him was life. Now in him was life, in the beginning was the word, the word was with God. The word was God. The word, "All things were made by him and without him was not anything, made in him was life." In him was life and the life was the light, and the light was the light of men, everybody says, life, light.

He's life is what gives light, Jesus said, "I'm the light of the world. Folks, in heaven there is no sun. There is no S-U-N in heaven. Heaven is lit by the life. Heaven is lit by the life, there is no sun, and heaven is lit by the life. Jesus said, "I'm the light of the world," and before he left he pointed it to all of us and said, "Now you are the light of the world." Where is the light come from? The light come from his life, because you have the Son, the S-O-N, gives L-I-G-H-T it gives light, men that's good.

Thank you Holy Ghost this was good. I haven't found of that, the S-O-N is given of light. The S-O-N is giving of light. In fact over in the Book of Malachi in the Old Testament, it talks about the sun, S-U-N, but it's referring to the S-O-N, but it calls them the S-U-N. It says the S-U-N, but he's talking about the S-O-N, instead the Son of righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings, or in his being, which means all of the light that comes out of Christ healing is in every beam. Healing is in every beam that comes out of it, it's in every beam that comes out of it. That's why when the earlier apostles walk the street people were healed who just laid in their shadows. When their shadow is passing that's because healing is in the beam, but that beam was coming out of the light of life. The light of life -- in him is life and that life is the light of men. That life is, everybody say life, light, life, light.

Now I probably don't have time to get in to this today, but there is one more aisle that also is connected to this nest of love, life, light and love they're all connected. They all connected men, I just wish I have time to show you that life, light and love they're all connected. Turn over to John, Chapter 8. I'm glad you're all doing this rabbit trail with me. John, Chapter 8 in Verse 12, you don't see this light again, John, Chapter 8 in Verse 12. Men I'm excited this was good. John, Chapter 8 in Verse 12. Now look at this, John, Chapter 8, Verse 12, when you get there say Amen. Notice what it says there, "Then spake Jesus unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Jesus is now talking about that light that emanates from the life. He came that we might have life, that we might have light, and enjoy life to the full, till it overflows. From that life come his light, and so we are able to shine in this dark world because of the light from the life of the Son who resides on the inside of us. He came that we might have life, that we might have it more abundantly. He came that we might have life, that we might enjoy life. Now the amplifier says he came that we might have and enjoy life.

Now, he put us on a situation where we could enjoy God. We can enjoy this light. We can enjoy God. Prior to Jesus coming, God was always way faraway, he was always exterior, he always on the outside. You know the children of Israel they knew him, as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. You know they knew him as thunder and lighting and so forth. They always knew him on the outside. They saw him in running down manner, and he was always distant, he was always away. Jesus came so that you could enjoy the life of God. Know you can enjoy him, right on the inside of it. He came to bring him into you. He came to take this God who was always distant and faraway and so that we could now enjoy him and fellowship with him and folks, when you start enjoying God and in fellowshiping with God, he stirs up the light. He stirs up the life. When you fellowship with the life he stirs up the light.

Life begins light and so when you start fellowshiping with God, folks it begins to build your spirit men. Then you really begin to have it in abundance and enjoy, when you enjoy God, folks, nothing in this world bothers you. It doesn't isolate you from the world, but it insulates you from the world. So you can be just like the Hebrew boys, they were in the fire furnace, but the fire didn't touch them. They were insulated, they were in the fire. You can be in the fire and not touch you because that's the life, that's the life. When you start enjoying God folks and his strength and power and might in his life, he's energizing your spirit all nothing to bother you, nothing will bother you.

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