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**Confession:** *This is my Bible, the Living Word of God. I am, what the Word says I am. I have, what the Word says I have. I can do, everything the Word says I can do, and I will do it, in Jesus Name!*

**Text:** **John 10:10** The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

**Proposition/Purpose:** Jesus' ministry on earth centered around, teaching, preaching, and healing, thereby demonstrating the Gospel or the Good News of Kingdom. He provided further insight into this mission when He declared, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it abundantly.” The life He referred to was not merely of their natural bodies, though it encompassed that as evidenced by His works, but it pertained to their spiritual lives—eternal life. If He came to give life, them He was implying that humanity was either dead or dying and in desperate need of the life He came to give.

 The world only recognizes the kingdom of this world – flesh and blood. In schools they widely teach the big bang theory and that man evolved over billions of years coming up out of the sea and that our ancestors were apes although they recognize that there is a missing link in their theory. Even though it is only a theory with many unexplainable gaps they hold fast to their belief and teach it as fact. What the world does not recognize is the spirit realm and that man is a spirit being and not just flesh and blood that has a soul (mind, will, and emotions). People experience problems or have issues in their soul and in their body due to a lack of recognition of who they are in their spirit, which is IN Christ.

1. **The Two Acts of Two Men**
2. **Romans 5:15-19** But the free gift *is* not like the offense. For if by the one man’s offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. 16And the gift *is* not like *that which came* through the one who sinned. For the judgment *which came* from one *offense resulted* in condemnation, but the free gift *which came* from many offenses *resulted* in justification. 17For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) 18Therefore, as through one man’s offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.
3. When Adam sinned, he died, and his death killed all men.
4. The death of Adam was passed onto to every man without us making any choice. Adam chose once for all men.
5. The grace of our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ resurrects all men who believe by baptizing them into His Life! (1 Corinthians 6:17-20, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20)
6. Jesus did not come to teach us lessons, or to try clean us up, or to tell us to do better, or try harder. He came to take our place and reconcile us completely back to our Father as the sons of God by giving us His Resurrection Life! (Romans 8:11)
7. **Justification:** dikaiósis (dik-ah'-yo-sis) the act of pronouncing righteous, acquittal, justifying, or a process of absolution. Released from deserved punishment.
8. “Dikaiósis” emphasizes Christ's full payment of the debt for sin which releases the believer from all guilt, shame, and condemnation.
9. It is the exchange of our sins for Jesus’ righteousness, now having been eternally MADE righteous with His exact same righteousness.
10. Justification is the act of God taking a believer from a state of sin to state of righteousness, by His Grace, through their faith, in Christ Jesus.
11. Justification is the foremost benefit of our Redemption and that was Jesus the sinless spotless Lamb of God who at the Cross not only bore our sins but He was MADE to be sin with our sin who went to hell and paid the penalty for our sin and was Resurrected so that we could be raised together with Him, Justified and MADE Righteous with His Righteousness.
12. **Righteousness: dikaiosuné** (dik-ah-yos-oo'-nay) justice, justness, righteousness, righteousness of which God is the Source: a divine righteousness. The condition or state of being as such as we ought to be, righteousness according to God.
13. It is the imputing of God’s perfect righteousness to us at the point of faith in Jesus Christ.
14. Before we were born-again, being a sinner was not something we possessed or owned, but it was our nature. It is who we were.
15. Righteousness is not something we own or possess but it is WHO WE NOW ARE, IN CHRIST!
16. What God did for us IN Christ is far greater than what devil did to us in Adam!
17. Just as I am a man, I am also righteous. This is not a coat that I put on or take off. I was MADE RIGHTEOUS. It is who I now am, a righteous, born-again, Spirit-filled man, IN Christ.
18. All of this is by grace – that is if it is grace then there is nothing we can do to merit it. The only response to grace is to say “Thank you, I receive it.”
19. Grace and Faith will always go together for this reason. (Ephesians 2:8)
20. **Hebrews 8:12** For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”
21. God does not see us as an old sinner saved by grace. He sees us just as eternally righteous as He is. He has removed all our sin from His memory as IN Christ is has not existed.
22. Sin cannot exist in the Presence or in the heart or mind of God. He is Pure and Holy, and so are we.
23. When we receive Christ the old us died, and IN Christ it is as if though sin never existed in our lives as IN Christ that sin price was paid in full when Christ died, and the Resurrected Life Christ in which we now share is free from sin and all of it affects.
24. The works that Jesus Christ did for us in His Substitutionary Sacrifice – His Death, Burial, and Resurrection far exceeds the damage caused by the first Adam in his fall from grace.
25. **1 John 3:8** He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
26. Jesus came for three reasons:
27. To reveal the goodness of God toward us,
28. to destroy the works of the devil,
29. to reconcile completely back to Himself as though sin never happened.
30. Every man already stands judged right now, according to his god.
31. The devil (the god of this world) has already been judged and will spend eternity in the Lake of Fire.
32. Jesus has already been judged righteous and is eternally at the right hand of the Father.
33. We are either IN Christ or we are in the sin-nature with the devil.
34. In the last day it will simply come down to this basic question. What did you do with Jesus?
35. Either we choose by default to stay in spiritual death through Adam or we can choose to receive the gift of Eternal Life through One, Christ Jesus who was our Substitute, and man’s only hope of salvation.
36. We will spend eternity in either heaven reconciled to our Father and His children or burn forever in the lake of fire based on that choice.
37. **Colossians 1:12-14** giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
38. When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior in a moment of time we are released from the kingdom of darkness and baptized into the Life of Christ, reconciled completely back to the Father as His sons and daughters in full fellowship according to His original intent and purpose.