

Series: God's Plan For Your Abundant Life!

John 10:10 (NLT) ¹⁰ **The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.** NIV - ... have life, and have it to the full.

Psalm 16:11 (NLT) ¹¹ You will show me the **way of life...**

1 John 2:2 (NLT) ² He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

Session #4 - Endless Treasures Are Yours

Matthew 25:46 **“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”**
Surrendered to Christ, We miss Hell! We gain Heaven!

Luke 16:19-31 – Event of a Certain Rich Man & Lazarus

Jesus considers hell to be a place of judgment ([John 5:24, 29](#)), of fire ([Matt. 5:22; 13:40, 42; 18:9; John 15:6](#)) that was originally prepared for the devil and his angels ([Matthew 25:41](#)). That fire is eternal ([Matt. 18:8; 25:41](#)). Jesus references the wicked descending into Hades ([Matt. 11:23; Luke 10:15](#)) who are in flame ([Luke 16:24](#)). This punishment occurs at the end of the age ([Matt. 13:40](#)). They are thrown into this place bodily ([Matt. 5:29-30; Mark 9:45, 47](#)). He says that people are destroyed there ([Matt. 10:28](#)) and perish there ([John 3:16](#)). They will experience torment ([Luke 16:23-24, 28](#)), agony ([Luke 16:24-25](#)), with weeping and gnashing of teeth ([Matt. 13:42, 50](#)). It is eternal punishment ([Matt. 25:46](#)) in a fire that is unquenchable ([Mark 9:43, 47-48](#)). Finally, there are also sons of hell ([Matt. 23:15](#)). Hell is a sentence ([Matt. 23:33](#)) and God ought to be feared since he sends people there ([Luke 12:5](#)).

Foundational Verse

Ephesians 3:6–13 (NLT) ⁶ And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. ⁷ By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.

⁸ Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of **telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures (unfathomable/unsearchable treasure) available to them in Christ.** ⁹ I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.

¹⁰ **God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.** ¹¹ This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹² Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

¹³ So please don't lose heart because of my trials here. I am suffering for you, so you should feel honored.

1. You Can Know God

John 17:3 (NLT) ³ And this is the way to have eternal life—to know (greek ginosko - to come to know, recognize, perceive) you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT) ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

Revelation 3:20 (NLT) ²⁰ “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.

John 15:5 (NLT) ⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

Romans 8:15–16 (NLT) ¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.

2. You Can Find Freedom

John 8:32 (NLT) ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NLT) ¹⁷ For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

James 5:16 (NLT) ¹⁶ Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

3. You Can Grow

2 Peter 3:18 (NLT) ¹⁸ Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen.

Ephesians 1:17–18 (NLT) ¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. ¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

4. You Can Have Peace

Romans 5:1 (NLT) *Faith Brings Joy*

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Isaiah 26:3 You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

John 14:27 (NLT) ²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

John 16:33 (NLT) ³³ I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

5. You Can Have Hope

Romans 15:13 (NLT) ¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1:3–4 (NLT) *The Hope of Eternal Life*

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, ⁴ and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 (NLT) *The Hope of the Resurrection*

¹³ And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.

Hope in this life, hope in Christ, eternal life, treasure, rewards, paradise, future purpose.

6. You Must Have The Holy Spirit

Ephesians 3:16–20 (NLT) ¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. ²⁰ Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

a. Holy Spirit Lives In Us

Romans 8:9–10 (NLT) ⁹ But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit

of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)¹⁰ And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.

b. Holy Spirit is Power

c. Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22–23 (NLT) ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

d. Gifts of The Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:8–11 (NLT) ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. ⁹ The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. ¹¹ It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

e. Leading

Romans 8:13–14 (NLT) ¹³ For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

1 Corinthians 2:9–12 (NLT) ⁹ That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”

¹⁰ But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets. ¹¹ No one can know a person’s thoughts except that person’s own spirit, and no one can know God’s thoughts except God’s own Spirit. ¹² And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.

7. You Can Look Forward To Eternal Life

Matthew 6:19–21 (NLT) *Teaching about Money and Possessions*

¹⁹ “Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (NLT) ¹⁶ That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷ For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸ So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

Colossians 1:27 (NLT) ²⁷ For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

Prayer Questions For the Week:

- Do You celebrate the treasures Christ has revealed to you?
- Do you search to understand and see more treasures Christ has for you?