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The Abundant Life

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LIFE TO THE FULLEST

St. John the Apostle records Jesus as saying, "**I came so that they may have life and have it to the full.**" (John 10:10) Does this mean that Jesus is going to reward us with great wealth and a worry free life? I think not. But we can begin living that new life that Jesus speaks of right now.

Some time ago, in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve made a decision that separated them from the presence of God. Since that day man has realized that there is something more beyond himself, which he may refer to as nature, beauty, earth, etc. He has been trying to reach God, and be in right relations with Him through his own efforts. He looks for God through different philosophies, politics, human sexuality, and by many other means. But what happens is that one system rises up against another each claiming that they have a better way of life, and it brings about confusion and conflicts. The result sometimes becomes worse than it was before. What is really needed is a spiritual change that only God can bring about. And the change that we need is Jesus!

Jesus is the only one who can make this spiritual change in our lives, so that we can begin living this new life with God. Jesus said, "**I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the**

Father except through me." (John 14:6) Through the death and resurrection of Jesus we have new life. We come to know God our Father through Jesus; for Jesus is God. There is no one who has ever come; who is here now, or will ever come that could do more for you than Jesus himself. No one can do what Jesus has done. By His death and resurrection he has forgiven us our sins and has opened the gates of Heaven.

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP

But there is more than just knowing these facts, and knowing that Jesus is God. We must be willing to accept Jesus in our lives as our Lord and Savior in a personal way. It is more than knowing that He died for our sins and doing good works and following moral teachings. We must be willing to put Jesus first in everything we say and do. Jesus must become the very center of our lives. Everything else in our lives must become secondary. We must put aside the things in our lives that are controlling our lives and put Jesus first ahead of them. Once we give Jesus our life and receive his love and new life, we will begin living a personal relationship with him. Scripture says, "**To all who received him, who believed in his Name, he gave power to become children of God.**" (John 1:12)

WE BELONG TO GOD

In our troubled financial economy today, many people are concerned about their jobs, taxes, retirement funds, etc. While these are important concerns, they should not be our primary concern. Jesus tells us **"to look at the birds of the sky. They do not sow or reap; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?"** He goes on to say, **"Your heavenly Father knows all that you need. Seek first the kingdom over you, his way of holiness, and all these things will be given you besides."** (Matt. 6:26-34)

When Jesus was confronted with the question of whether it was right to pay the Roman Government taxes, Jesus took a Roman coin and seeing the head of Caesar on the coin replied, **"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what is God's."** (Matt. 22:21) What Jesus is saying is that we belong to God and that money belongs to the world. While it is true that we need money to live in our society, it should not become more important than our personal relationship with Jesus. God knows all our needs (and wants) and he will give us all that we need. St. Paul reflects this in his letter to the Philippians saying, **"And my God will supply all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."** (Phil. 4:19). God did not go through all that trouble of saving us of our sinful ways, by dying on the cross, just to throw us up for grabs. God loves us and wants us to begin living that abundant new life with him now!

If you haven't already done so, now is an excellent time to reflect on your own personal relationship with Jesus. What are the things that are controlling your

life? Is it money, job, family, church, politics, friends, social activities, alcohol drugs, etc.? Whatever it is now is the time to put Jesus ahead of all of those things. It is time to put Jesus **FIRST** in the center of your life so that everything else revolves around him. Make Jesus your Lord and Messiah!

JESUS, LORD AND MESSIAH

On the day of Pentecost, when St. Peter told the crowd that Jesus is the Lord and Messiah, the people asked what they should do. Peter replied that they must repent of their sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that their sins will be forgiven, and then they will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The same is true today.

When we meet people who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus, we must be prepared and willing to share with them what St. Peter and the other Apostles shared with those on the Day of Pentecost, that Jesus is Lord and Savior!

REMEMBER --- GOD LOVES YOU!

May God Bless You Abundantly With His New Life!



NEW LIFE RENEWAL

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO PROCLAIM THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETINGS

The weekly prayer meetings continue to be the primary gathering for people to come together with a personal commitment and renewed relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior. Jesus said, **"Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in their midst"** (Matt. 18:20)

If you haven't been to a prayer meeting in recent years, or have taken an extended vacation away from the weekly prayer meetings, now is an excellent time to begin again anew. It is a good time to renew your personal relationship with Jesus, and commit yourself to become a regular participant along with other people who believe as you do. Or maybe you know of someone else that is in need of a personal relationship with Jesus. We will welcome all to join with us to share a song of praise and worship. Come and share a word of Scripture or maybe a prayer of healing. Our prayer group meets every Thursday at 7:30 PM at St. Albert's Catholic Church, 29th Avenue South & East 32nd Street, Minneapolis.

NEED PRAYER?

We continue to receive prayer requests from those who are in need of personal prayers. I ask you to consider adding to your daily prayers all those who are in need of your prayer support. That way we can ALL be praying for each other every day.

If you are in need of personal prayer, we would like to add you to our daily prayer requests. Use the form below and send us your prayer request, and we will add your request to our prayer list.

Please pray for all those in need!

HOLIDAY SEASON

As we approach the holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, let us remember to who we give our thanks. God has given us Jesus as



our redeemer and we celebrate his birth this Christmas by sharing gifts with our family and friends. So this season let us remember the greatest gift that we have received from God; **JESUS and HIS HOLY SPIRIT!**

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS



VINCE DORAZIO will be speaking at the Immaculate Conception Prayer Meeting on Tuesday December 2, 2008. The meeting will begin at 7 PM. Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 4030 Jackson Street, Columbia Heights, MN. For directions call Larry & Mary Nawrocki at 763-574-0092.

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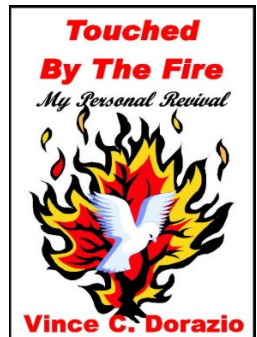
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