

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Abundant Life in Christ January 2, 2018 Suzi Armstrong

John 10.10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I [Jesus] came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.**

- Jesus came to give us life – Zoe life.
- Zoe life is life as God would have it.
 - This is life to the absolute fullness, real life.
 - To have true life – having the full power of life.
 - To be fresh and strong and filled with vitality.

John 1.12-13

¹² **But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name,** ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

EW Kenyon:

Ephesians 1.3, "Blessed be the God and FATHER of my Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ."

He has blessed us with the fullness of Himself! As the air is saturated with moisture, so your spirit and body are saturated with God. You have received the gift of grace which means the unveiling of the Father's very purpose in you in such ABUNDANCE that people are affected.

You are rooted and grounded in love. Men are affected by it. Selfishness shrinks and shrivels in the presence of this love life in you. You are living Ephesians 4.13, "Until we all attain to the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, into a full grown man, unto the full measure of Christ."

This is the substance of God. This is the abundance of life. Rooted and grounded in the love nature of the FATHER Himself.

This abundant life, Zoe life, has been given to us according to the measure of the gift of Christ. This new self that has come unto us is a Jesus-self, a love-self. It is an eternal-life-self, a God-ruled and God-dominated self.

The FATHER wants you to have the ABUNDANCE of His nature. He wants your whole spirit and soul swallowed up in His life. He wants you so dominated by His nature that Satan can gain no advantage over you. There is no struggle. The victory has been won. The enemy has been eternally defeated and publically stripped.



Colossians 1.13

For **He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the Kingdom** of His beloved Son

- We have been removed from the domain of darkness, discouragement and defeat FOREVER!!
- We have been put into God's Kingdom where there is abundant life.

2 Peter 1.3-4

³ Seeing that **His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life** and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him **who called us** by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these **He has granted to us** His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

- We have been given EVERYTHING pertaining to living life to the fullest.
- Abundant life is life that is full and complete; it is not lacking in quality or provision. This kind of life is a gift from the FATHER to us through Jesus Christ. God's provision for abundant life is complete.
- A NEW MAN has come on the scene – one who is a new creation in Christ. He is a partaker of God's nature. This NEW MAN has passed out of the realm of Satan and into the realm of God. This NEW MAN lives independent of circumstances. He lives above want (the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want). This is Zoe life, abundant life. God's life becomes your life.

Romans 8.2

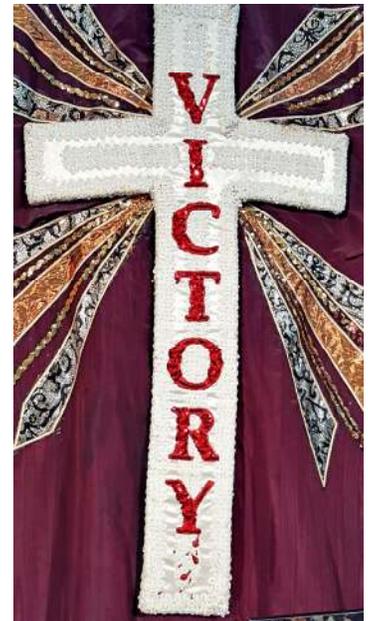
For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free** from the law of sin and of death.

- The law of the Spirit of Life in Christ is abundant life – complete and full life.

The fruit of an abundant life is wholeness. We live in hope and speak words of love and life. The nature of God dominates us. The nature of God has swallowed us up. We have become one with the Vine.

Key words the Lord is speaking to us for 2018:

- Be focused
- Walk in endurance
- The heavens are open – see and hear God clearly
- Receive the wisdom of God – Christ has been made wisdom for us
- Choose to be a bondservant
- Increase in favor and stature
- Mature in all things in the Lord
- Put away childish things
- Zoe life – abundant life
- The plumb line has dropped
- Do not allow yourself to become dull
- Repentance will be needful
- Don't be enveloped in current culture
- Mysteries of the Kingdom will be revealed
- We will be disciples of the Kingdom
- There will be great acceleration
- Do not fear
- The Lion of Judah is roaring
- Our identity will be upgraded – we will know who we are in a deeper and real place of living
- We will see the glory of God
- Be accurately connected
- Preach the Word – do the work of evangelism
- Resist the devil – be an overcomer
- Come out of self-serving purposes
- Everything is in Christ (abundant life)



- Perilous times are coming with waves of deception – be accurately aligned and connected to the body
- Align with your apostolic father who has the capacity to take us out of deception and help us be strong in the Lord

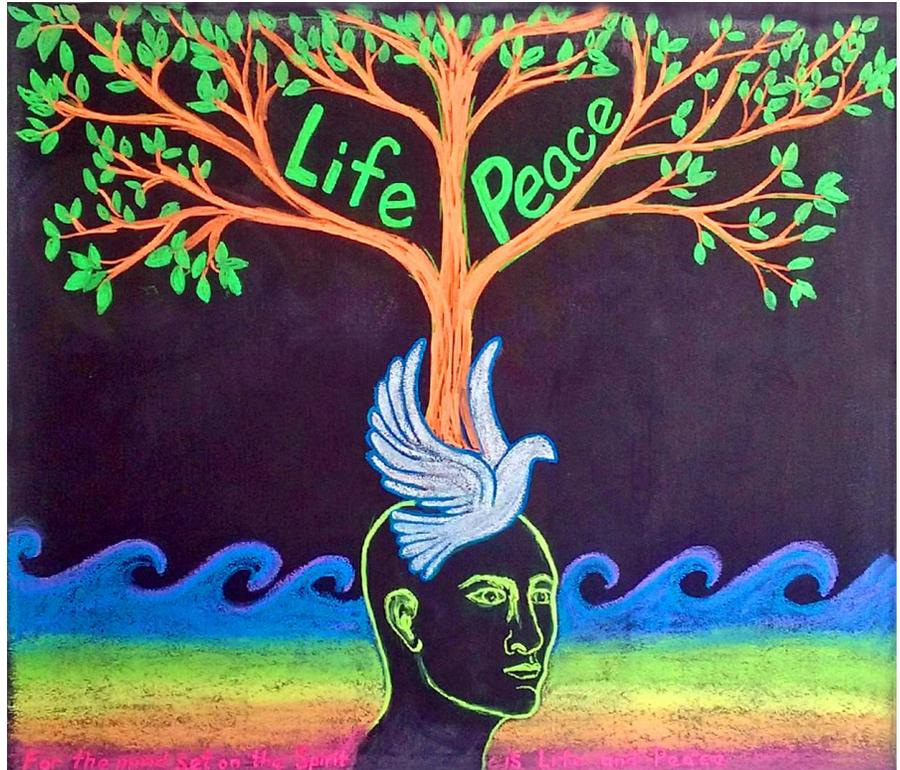
Romans 8.6

For the mind set on the flesh is death, but **the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace**

- It is important that we guard our thoughts bringing every thought captive and aligned to the truth of God and His word.

This picture is an artistic rendering of Romans 8.6 by Sara Tumminello.

This picture depicts the fruit of fixing our minds on the Spirit. This is Zoe life, abundant life. Chaos is gone. Focus is clear. Sara says: "Starting 2018 with a fresh breath of clarity. No more wavering! Our minds set of the Spirit. Drinking deep from Jesus, staying in the River of living water that flows with life and peace, where hopes and promises are fulfilled. The same glory He gave Jesus has now been given to us!"



We have the mind of Christ. We bring help, aid and relief to our city and the people of Detroit – every business, every school and government, every household. We declare life and peace – Zoe life, abundant life. We saturate Detroit with words of life.

"FIRE ENGINE"

- F** Faith pleases God. Heb. 11.6
- I** Increase the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Cor. 9.10b
- R** Renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psa. 51.10b
- E** Emotional reasoning must go. A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God. 2 Cor. 2.14b
- E** Extinguish all fear, say to those with anxious heart, take courage fear not. Isa. 35.4
- N** Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. 2 Cor. 3.17
- G** Give, the Father of Glory may give you a Spirit of wisdom. Eph. 1.17b
- I** Impossible, with people it is impossible, but not with God. All things are possible. Mk. 10.27b
- N** Nevertheless, I live for I've been crucified with Christ, who lives in me. Gal. 2.20
- E** Endurance, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. Heb. 12.16

Christina Wilson

We enter 2018 filled with the abundance of life that comes through Christ. We are strong in our city. We speak words of life and peace to Detroit. Detroit will prosper and be a city of refuge, a city that resounds with the frequency of heaven. The heavens are open over Detroit. Detroit is a city where the presence of God dwells and righteousness prevails.

