



“It’s All About Life!”

John 10:10

- What is the good news?
- “Jesus came to give us life, to give us life to the full.” (**John 10:10**)
- I would say my life is pretty good now,
- Evaluations are always based on what we compare things to.
- There is a kind of life that is full to overflowing (**John 4:4**).
- He called it “life without limit” (**John 17:3**, often translated as “eternal life”).
- He said that He had this life in Himself (**John 5:26**)
- He would freely give to anyone who would come to Him for it (**John 4:14**).
- It’s a kind of life that slowly grows up in us, like a faucet filling up a big tub
- In proportion to the rate that the “death” in us is draining out.
- “Life” is that state of being full to overflowing
- “Death” is the state of decaying or disintegrating toward emptiness.
- All of us are dying more than we are living
- In our reality things always move from order to disorder
- Everything without fail produces a consequence chain
- Many of these turn out to be destructive chains
- Signs of this: we grow angry, bitter, resentful, anxious, addicted, bored, unhappy, afraid
- Riches, fame, success do not appear to overcome this entropy and disintegration
- Jesus is not a MacDonald’s God with 60-second Happy Meals
- It turns out abundant life can grow alongside troubles and trials
- “I need something outside myself that is bigger than me. Will you help me?”
- This is the great turning (the old word for this is repentance; see **Mark 1:15**).
- Jesus is the true way to abundant life (**John 14:6**)
- Because He demonstrated His life-power over death
- That Jesus actually rose from the dead is the best fit for all the observable facts
- Why I believe Jesus is God (something He claimed to be, e.g. **John 8:58**)
- I believe He is the supreme choice for someone looking for full life.
- Jesus voluntarily poured out His life-blood over the whole death-web
- The life in His blood destroyed that death power (**Hebrews 2:14, 7:16**)
- Jesus’ death demonstrates more than anything else the nature of God
- As well as the nature of love, as well as the nature of this abundant life!
- Full, abundant, life is experienced in and through dying for the sake of others.
- The one who loses his or her life for My sake will find it (**Matthew 10:29**)
- It takes us a lifetime to shake off the instinct that life is not found in grasping
- Physical death is a chrysalis followed by our own resurrected bodies (**1 Corinthians 15:52**)