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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Rom. 8:1 *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit Who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (NIV)*

When I think about abundant life, I am reminded of this passage. Here is another *therefore*. I always ask the question, what's it there for? It is there because of what Paul had just written at the end of chapter seven. The last few verses remind him and us, that even though we are saved and forgiven, we still have battles with our selfish nature. **Rom. 7:21-25** *So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. (NIV)* And there it is: *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

Can you just revel in that thought right now? Because of what Jesus has done for us, we can know that we can never be condemned. We are made new and whole and clean. We are a brand-new creation. He sees us as justified because of the sin-debt that Jesus paid. We have been set free from the law of sin and death! Nothing can separate us from the LORD; absolutely nothing!

Dear LORD, thank You that we cannot be condemned any longer because of the price You paid for us. We are no longer prisoners of the law of sin and death. Hallelujah! In Jesus Name, Amen