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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**Rom. 5:17** *For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ! (NIV)*

Have you thought about this striking fact; that every single person who has or will be born will die? We have the curse of sin upon us, which is death. No one cheats death. It will come. You can't hide from it or run away from it. Death is separation from the Father because of our sin. This is what we deserve. **But God... Rom. 5:8** *But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)* Christ took our death sentence so that we could live. Not just for a few years, but eternal life! And as today's passage reminds us, this is not just a life of existence, but a life full of grace and righteousness for those who have trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord, we are now covered by His blood and filled with His Spirit. The Holy Spirit brings us new life. He gives us abundant life; life that is fruitful, fulfilling and forever. Jesus not only purchased our salvation and our eternal life, but He also now gives us the gift of real life; life like it was for Adam and Eve before sin. We can live in a right relationship with the Father and enjoy His presence by His Holy Spirit.

Where death once reigned, now righteousness reigns in our lives through Jesus. He has made us new, completely clean and whole. He has blessed us beyond measure. He has made us overcomers and filled us with His living water that will never run dry. Oh my! It doesn't get any better than that.... seriously!

**Dear LORD, You have made us new and given us real life. I pray that we won't live in the past but in the present. You have seated us in the heavenly places and given us access to the Your throne. Now we can truly experience Your presence in our lives. In Jesus Name, Amen**