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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

2 Pt. 1:3-4 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. Through these He has given us His very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. (NIV)

Do you know the LORD? I'm not asking if you know about the LORD, but do you have a personal relationship with Him? Is He more than God to you? Have you received His blessed assurance through the price He paid for you on the cross? If so, have you begun to understand and abide in His magnificent presence? Okay, enough of the questions, but there are billions of people who know there is a God, but they don't know Him, personally. Peter reminds us of where this comes from. It comes from the LORD Himself. It is His divine power that has given us everything that we need for a godly life. And then he goes on to explain how this happens. It is through our knowledge of Him. It is a personal, growing and vibrant relationship with the LORD of all. It comes from this very relationship of abiding in Him. He has drawn us into Himself so that we can experience Him and His goodness and His mercy.

The apostle Paul also had this desire. In **Phil. 3:10-12** he relates it like this: ***I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. (NIV)***

And there is no way to earn this. We don't deserve it. But He has given this to us through His death and resurrection. He has paid the price for our freedom. We were once dead in our sins, but He has paid the ransom for our souls! This should bring us to such a point of praise and celebration. Shout it to anyone who will listen! I have been set free!! Hallelujah!!

Dear LORD, You have done this for us! You have given everything. You have provided. You have done this because of Your never-ending, overflowing love. It will take us all eternity to tell You thank You! In Jesus Name, Amen