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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Rm. 5:1-2 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. (NIV)

The peace of God is an amazing thing. Because God's justice towards us is forever satisfied by the precious, sinless blood of Christ, we are made right with Him. We are no longer at war with Him but instead at peace. We have reckoned ourselves dead to our own desires and alive unto His. This peace is something that only those who have been reconciled to the Father can experience and live in. It is this peace that says to the wayward son, 'welcome home.' It is this peace that allows us to live and abide in the presence of the Holy One. It is this peace that gives us life that is full of the Father.

The only way that anyone can experience this grace is by faith in Jesus. He is the way, and the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Him. So not only can we now live in the peace and presence of the LORD, we can also rejoice. The joy of Adam and Eve before they sinned, is the joy that we can all have and experience. We can walk with Him in the garden. We can listen to Him speak words of truth and wisdom. We can see His creation from a different perspective. We can know His pure and complete love.

And, we now have hope. Not an empty hope that something good might happen across our way, but instead, an active and living hope that is completed in us every day. It is the hope of the glory of God. We don't have to exist on the outside of the 'veil.' We have been welcomed into His presence because He tore the veil from top to bottom and says, "enter into the place of real and fulfilling life." Now we can live in Him, because of Him, to glorify Him, bring praise to Him and be at peace with Him. Do you sense the gravity of it all? I am, slowly but surely, starting to realize the height and depth and width of His grace and love.

Dear LORD, thank You for amazing love that brings us peace. This peace brings us into Your presence and allows us to live with You. We can feel no shame because You took our pain and sin. You have paid a price that we could never pay. Thank You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen