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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

1 John 4:9-10 *This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (NIV)*

True love shows itself through genuine actions. God's love was demonstrated to us. **Rm. 5:8** *But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)* He was willing to take all of our sin and shame and endure the cross to redeem us to the Father. But we cannot miss this crucial phrase: *that we might live through Him.*

Certainly, this speaks of the eternal life that He has purchased for us through the shedding of His perfect blood. But I believe that it also means that we can live through Him now. He has given us everything that we need to be the salt and light that we need to be to those around us. He has infused us with His atonement and the Holy Spirit so that we can now live through Him. We can become the hands, feet and voice of Jesus by His empowerment. And the whole reason for this is motivated by His perfect and complete love.

I wonder what would happen if we truly loved the LORD with all of our hearts and love our neighbor as ourselves. There is no doubt in my mind that this kind of love covers a multitude of sins. We could be so very useful to the Kingdom work that He has for us. If He was willing to sacrifice His own life so that we could have life, what are we then willing to do?

Dear LORD, You gave us everything. Your love is complete and Your salvation is absolute. Help us to walk therein. In Jesus Name, Amen