

**“We Get to Live This  
Life”**

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**Jesus said.....**

**“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” (John 10:10)**

**“my desire is to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect, life in its fulness until you overflow” (The Passion Translation)**

## **What does this mean**

We spend so long guarding against the thief that we miss out on the abundant life we are to enjoy.

We need to turn round and look the other way! We are missing out on living freely and lightly.

## **What is our 'Christian life'?**

Is it when you are in church? going to your mid-week meeting? enjoying worship or simply spending some quiet time with God?

If that is your Christian life what label do you put on the rest of your life?

Are you any less Christian when you are in the office, doing the shopping, enjoying some recreation or doing the dishes?

Once we are born again, we are a Christian irrespective of the varying activities we do at different times.

Our 'Christian life' encompasses everything.

We place a higher value on some of the things we do and think they are more worthy. Again this is wrong thinking and a false assumption.

In fact, such attitudes create a hierarchy and therefore division in the church.

## **We limit and miss out**

Jesus did not say he came to make us happy in church, he came that we might have life (all of life) to the full.

Abundant life in every area.

This may come as a surprise to you but you are allowed to enjoy everything you do.

I am not talking about us being free to enjoy the pleasures of sin, nor am I saying we can do as we please.

When we love our heavenly Father we will want to live like Jesus and do those things that please him.

We will want to walk away from sin because we know it creates a barrier or a distance between us

## **We have missed the point of the 'law'**

We have turned the nature and personality of a loving Father into a set of rules, a list of 'thou shalts' and 'thou shalt nots'.

The law has stopped being a gateway into the heart of the perfect Father and has become a framework for man trying to please God and win his favour through activity or behaviour.

We do not make a way to God. Jesus is the way to the Father and as we have already seen, he longs to reveal the Father to us. He goes on revealing the Father to us.



## **The story of Ruth and Boaz**

It's a love story between a man and woman, between a rich man and a poor migrant worker who has been brought to the land seeking better things.

It's a story of commitment and loyalty between Ruth and her mother-in-law Naomi.

It's a story in which we see that depth of love.

The story of Boaz and Ruth is one of provision, safety, security, relationship and inheritance.

Ruth is brought into a family where her past does not matter. She's accepted for who she is, her nationality and background are completely irrelevant to Boaz as he showers his love upon her.

Ruth is redeemed and given back everything that Naomi and her husband had lost all those years before.

His love brings us to a place where we know we are part of a family, where our past does not matter and where we can be accepted for who we are.

No longer do we need to strive to win his favour or work hard to please him. His love brings us home.

This is the depth of the Father's love.

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**We really do get to live this life!**