

Introduction:

1. Why is God Himself the best gift He has for you and me? (Rom. 8:17-18; Phil 4:19)

2. What do we gain when we receive the Triune God into our life? (Matt. 6:9-15)

a. We gain a Heavenly **Father** (v. 9).

* Who **gives** us our daily bread (v. 11).

* Who **forgives** us our sins (v. 12).

* Who **delivers** us from the evil one (v. 13).

b. We gain a Heavenly **Brother** (Heb. 2:10-12).

* Who **suffered** for us on the cross .

* Who is not **ashamed** of us to call us His brothers and sisters.

* Who **represents** us to our Heavenly Father in His intercessions for us.

* Who speaks to the Father in our **defense** when we sin, based on His atoning death for us (1 John 2:1-2).

c. We gain a Heavenly **Helper** (John 14:15-17 NKJV).

* Another Helper like **Jesus** was to His disciples.

* Our dependable **Helper**, when nobody can help us.

3. This comprehensive teaching on God's gift of abundant life gives us the **right** understanding of the abundant life Jesus mentioned in John 10:9-11 NKJV.

a. The common **misunderstanding** about abundant life in John 10:10 is **equating** this life with physical health, material prosperity, and pleasure, which people in poor conditions around the world and even in the Continental Americas, find Irrelevant to them.

b. Jesus **clarified** this misunderstanding in Luke 12:15.

c. Clearly, in John 10:9-11, the abundant life is **Jesus** Himself, who gave His life on the cross for us, not the material , physical and emotional blessings that Jesus came to provide for us, although these blessings could accompany the abundant life in Jesus.

1. Why is God Himself the best life for us, based on Rom. 8:17-18; Phil. 4:19?

2. Pray together the Lord's Prayer in Matt. 6:9-15. As our **Heavenly Father**, what are the three petitions to God in verses 11, 12, 13 that apply to us?

3. In Heb. 2:10-12; 1 John 2:1-2, as our **Heavenly Brother**, how can Jesus help us?

4. In John 14:15-17, as our **Heavenly Helper**, how can the Holy Spirit help us?

5. In John 10:9-11; Luke 12:15, how will you resolve the misunderstanding that the abundant life means material prosperity, instead of Jesus' life in us?

6. Devotionally, refer to the Reflective Questions of The Abundant Life article under the Pastor's Corner before you pray.

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Conclusion: