

More Than Enough

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Introduction.

I. Today I would like to invite your attention to the reading of the first ten verses of the gospel of John. (Jn.10:1-10).

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. 2 "But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. 3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. 4 "When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 "And a stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. 7 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.

II. This is one of the great texts of the Bible.

A. There are many things that could be emphasized from this passage, but for now I want us to focus our attention on the abundance of God. (Jn. 10:10).

1. Jesus here speaks of the "abundant" life.

2. The word "abundant" means "more than enough."

B. God does not just bless us, but He always gives more than enough.

I. **More Than Enough Love** - God has given us more than enough love.

A. Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt by the power of God. When they reached Canaan, Moses sent out 12 spies to look at the land. Ten of them came back with a negative report, but two had a positive faith.

1. God became angry and said to Moses. (Num. 14:11, 12).

11 "How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst? 12 "I will smite them with pestilence and dispossess them, and I will make you

into a nation greater and mightier than they."

2. In response to this, Moses appealed to the steadfast love of God in praying for them.

3. The Bible states in Numbers 14:18.

NUM 14:18 'The Lord is slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generations.'

B. **Nehemiah**, the great leader of God's people, offers several marvelous prayers in his book.

1. In chapter 9 he mentions how Israel had been unfaithful at times.

2. But he states in Nehemiah 9:17.

"But Thou art a God of forgiveness, Gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness; And Thou didst not forsake them.

C. The prophet **Jonah** said this about God, **"I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster."** (Jon. 4:2).

D. As we can see many times **the Old Testament** speaks of the steadfast love of God.

E. The **New Testament** also speaks of the marvelous love of God. (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 Jn. 3:1).

F. When we are in need of God's help and we have wondered if God loves us, let us always remember His abundant love, His 'more than enough' love, His steadfast love.

II. More Than Enough Power To Answer Prayer - God has more than enough power to answer prayer.

A. We always need to be careful about feeling that we should not ask God for something.

1. At times we may feel that we ask too much.

2. At other times we feel we might be asking for the wrong thing.

3. Sometimes we pray with very little faith that He will move on our behalf.

B. **Listen to what Paul says about prayer.** (Eph. 3:20, 21).

1. Peter declared. (1 Pet. 3:12).

2. We cannot over pray or out pray the ability of God.

3. We need to approach God's throne boldly and give Him our hearts. (Heb. 4:16).

III. More Than Enough Willingness To Redeem - God has more than enough willingness to redeem.

A. One of the more surprising things about God is His willingness to pay a price for people who have broken His

commandments and rejected Him. (Isa. 53:6).

B. There are several terms in Scripture that paint the picture of how God saves us.

1. All of them recognize man's inability to save himself.
2. All of them recognize God's pro-active nature in saving man while man was still in sin.
3. All of them recognize God's love as the motive.
4. Isaiah 55:7 **"let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."**

IV. More Than Enough Grace - God has more than enough grace.

- A. God's grace will always be more than enough to cover our sins.
1. Everything we have talked about today is an expression of God's grace.
 2. Every saved person is saved by God's grace.
- B. There are several passages that speak of this, but listen to Paul's expression of gratitude for grace. (1 Tim. 1:12-17).

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service; 13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. And yet I was shown mercy, because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; 14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.16 And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

C. **Paul** was saved by God's abundant grace and this grace is able and willing to save us.

D. God's grace really is greater than our sins. **It is able to cleanse and forgive and make new.**

V. More Than Enough Reason To Rejoice - God has given us more than enough reason to rejoice.

A. Peter wrote. (2 Pet. 1:10, 11).

10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; 11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

B. Without question, as we think about what God has prepared for us, we should rejoice.

1. He will abundantly supply us entrance into “the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”
2. In heaven we will enjoy beauty and blessings beyond our wildest imagination.

Conclusion.

I. **Sometime back there was a young woman who married and had two beautiful children.** All seemed to be well, but one day as she was standing over the sink, washing dishes, she thought, “There must be more to life than this.” She packed and left. When her husband came home, he found a note she had written and began to weep. She would call him about once every week to check on the children, and he would always tell her of his great love for her and beg her come home. She would always say no and hang up. Finally, he hired a private investigator to find her and he went to the apartment where she was staying, nervously holding a spray of flowers as he stood at the door. He had rehearsed over and over what he would say and he finally got up the nerve to knock on the door. She opened the door and he started to speak, but she suddenly began to weep and fell into his arms. “Let’s go home.” She managed through her tears. Months after, when things were starting to heal, he finally asked her something that had been bothering him. “All those times I talked to you on the phone; I asked you to come back and you refused. Why did you come back now?” With tears in her eyes she answered, “Before, you were just telling me that you loved me. When you came, you showed me.”

II. **The Bible tells us of God’s love,** but God showed His great love by sending His precious Son to die for us.

- A. Christ died to prove God’s love. He died that we might we might saved and become the spiritual children of God.
- B. If you are not a spiritual child of God, I urge you to give your life to the God who:

1. Gives More Than Enough Love	4. Has More Than Enough Grace
2. Has More Than Enough Power To Answer Prayer.	5. Has Given Us More Than Enough Reason To Rejoice.
3. Has More Than Enough Willingness To Redeem,	

II. **All of these blessings are for those who come to God through His Son Jesus Christ.** The “more than enough” God will bless those who trust in His Son and who will be baptized. He will abundantly bless those who live for Him. Come to Jesus as we stand and sing.

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