

Abundant Life

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly", John 10:10.

When talking to people, it is not unusual to detect a 'feeling of hopelessness in their lives'.

I am not talking about floods, bus fires, storms, or even cyclones. Neither is it starvation nor cancer as many would have us believe.

It is simply the lack of ETHICS. Gangs attack people who are unable to protect themselves, and think they are brave. It is also taking what does not belong to you, which is stealing. Taking from people who are unable to protect their homes because of storm damage is looting.

A lack of ethics has bought about a lack of hope.

A lack of hope stems from a lack of Biblical knowledge.

A lack of Biblical knowledge means that they are not preaching FAITH in a Loving God who sent His Son to redeem us either.

The word of God works the other way – giving, not taking.

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die", John 11:25–26.

Isaiah also said, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever", Isaiah 40:8.

What happened to the preaching of the three scriptures above? They all promise LIFE.

The first Scripture states that the people of this earth should have life more abundantly.

I personally see people with extremely haggard looks upon their faces. They look as though they are much closer to being dead than alive. Why? Because we have not told them that they can LIVE.

In the second Scripture, Jesus promised life, and that they would never die – it was to be a gift that lasted throughout eternity.

Life is a time of probation, and you will only get once chance to prove yourself.

Others descriptions have included living a rat race, a series of chances, a chance to get a pay–packet.

It has also been said that life begins on a Friday night getting ready for the BBQ at a party on Saturday, sleeping in and resting Sunday in readiness for the start of a week long rat–race.

For others it is no more than a period between their birth and death.

We have stolen their life from them because we had not fed them the truth.

There are three offers in this verse for all people on this planet, (in fact there is an over abundance, for many have not been accepted and used),

1. If any man enter in, he shall be saved – redeemed
2. That a man might have life – salvation
3. That a man might have an abundant life – constant nourishment to survive.