(Building an Altar - First Fruits - The SEND) An Abundant Life & No Lack

I. Such a Great Salvation - the whole world!

John 3:17 For God did **not send his Son into** the world **to condemn the world**, but in order **that the world** <u>might be saved</u> through him. [SLIDE 1]

Ultimately Through His Body - through US

John 10:9 I am **the door**. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will **go in** and **out** and find pasture.

We need to go IN so that we can go OUT and find Life.

10a The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. [SLIDE 2]

10b I came that they **may have life** and have **it abundantly**.

I. Such a Great Salvation!

A. Issues in Current Life

Ambiguity - Overload - Futility - Misery

The **ROOT** of why my life is frustrating, —.

The root is in **Adam's Sin**, and the **world system** that was permitted by his sin.

FALL from COMMUNION IN THE LIFE OF Father, Son & HS

Rom. 5:12 Therefore, just as **sin came into the world through** one man, and death through sin,

B. Dominion Stolen & RESTORED:

The thief can **only steal**, kill and destroy.

- That means that **what he's operating with was actually intended to be yours.** The Father's WILL has been stolen to rob you of your inheritance.
- Rom. 5:17 For if, because of one man's trespass, <u>death reigned</u> through that one man, <u>MUCH MORE</u> will those who receive

the abundance (overflow) of grace and the free gift of righteousness <u>REIGN IN LIFE</u> through the one man Jesus Christ.

The GIFT - GRACE came to **GIVE** abundant (MORE THAN YOU CAN CONTAIN) LIFE . The Door to Freedom

D. THE Gospel - Jesus is the Ruler of the Universe!

- Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the **GOSPEL**, for it is **the pow-er of God for salvation** to **everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."
- NEVER OUTGROW the GOSPEL! It's God's GIFT to everyone everyday! A REALM in which ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!
- "Cancelled sin" You are <u>not under</u> its <u>penalty</u>, or <u>power</u>. You are a portal of Heavenly love & abundance -

II. Grow in Grace & Knowledge

A. Establish Your Identity John 1:12; 1Pet 1:23; 2 Co 5:17

Child . By INCORRUPTIBLE seed. All things NEW

B. Learn what is in the Will & Testament for the Heirs.

Rom 8.31What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also <u>with him</u> graciously give us <u>all things</u>?

III. The Good Shepherd

1. Elimination of Lack [slide 4]

Psalm 23:1 The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want NET I lack nothing.

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PT The Lord is my shepherd and my best friend¹ I always have more than enough.

2. Restoring Our Personality with BEAUTY and REST

- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. [slide 5]
- 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in <u>paths of righteousness</u> for his name's sake.

3. Abolition of Fear - Presence of Love - Authority & Guidance

Psa. 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me; [slide 6]

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

4. Changed Metaphor - the Lord serves us!

- Psa. 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

IV. IT IS YOURS!

- 2Pet. 1:3 His divine power has **granted to us all things** that pertain to life and godliness, through the **knowledge** of him who called us to his own glory and excellence,
- 4 by which **he has granted to us** his **precious** and **very great promises**, so that **through them** you may **become partakers of the divine nature**, having **escaped** from the **corruption that is in the world** because of **sinful desire**.

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¹ PT notes — The word most commonly used for "shepherd" is taken from the root word *ra*'*ah*, which is also the Hebrew word for "best friend." This translation includes both meanings.

DON'T ESCAPE THE WORLD - Escape CORRUPTION!

And REIGN IN LIFE through Him Who Saved You.

He has given you all things pertaining to Life and Salvation.

How shall he not also freely give you all things.

The Lord is my Shepherd. Lack doesn't exist in that relationship.

Delivered from the corruption of this age, into the OVERFLOW of LOVE