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The Road to Restoration
An Abundant Life

John 10

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

Life – of the absolute fulness; both essential and ethical; real and genuine; active and vigorous

Abundantly – over and above; more than is necessary; superadded

1) Embrace Your New Life

2 Corinthians 5

¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

The affirmation here is universal, "if any man be in Christ;" that is, all who become true Christians-- undergo such a change in their views and feelings as to make it proper to say of them that they are new creatures... **Albert Barnes**

Ephesians 5

⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light

2) Purge Your Old Life

Psalms 139

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! ²⁴And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

1 Peter 1

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct

3) Grow In Your New Life

1 Peter 2

¹ So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation

Lay aside all that is inconsistent with that character. Newborn children have no malice; they have no guile or craftiness; they have no hypocrisies, nor envies, nor evil speaking. They are clear from all these evils... **Charles Spurgeon**

4) Evaluate Your New Life

2 Corinthians 13

⁵ Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.

Galatians 5

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

John 16

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

James 1

² Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, ³ for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. ⁴ And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

2 Corinthians 13

¹¹ Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

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