



RIVERS of JOY MINISTRIES

NEWSLETTER
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Dear Pastor

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. I thank God for your life and commitment to this ministry and above all to God's service. Here is my latest pastoral letter for you all. Please share it with your people. It is very important that your people can be blessed with these great teachings.

The Word of God

The God of abundant life

Life as a christian man or woman means nothing less than an abundant life! This was Jesus' clear promise when in Jn 10: lob He declared, "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Hallelujah! If you are a christian that is what you can expect, that is what you should be hoping for and that is what God Himself has promised you will receive. Does that mean that my christian life will be easy and with no problems? No, Jesus Himself said that in this life we will have troubles and that is because the world we live in is not yet the Kingdom of God. Does this mean that I can live in peace and joy and health and prosperity of body, soul and mind? Absolutely yes! That is what Jesus meant by "abundant life!"

What God has promised that as a son or daughter of the King of kings no problem will be too difficult for Him and He will fight with you and will bring you to victory. It means that when the enemy attacks you with a sickness God will heal and restore your body because He is the one who made it in the first place. It means that when you are having marital problems God will cover you with His wings and bring to streams of living water where you will find peace. It means that what ever needs you may have in life God the provider shall supply to all of them according to His riches and glory. It means that you can trust God when He said that if you believe in Jesus you shall not perish but have eternal life. So today remember what ever challenges you might be going through right now God's promise is for you to have an "abundant life!"

School of leadership

Why is sound doctrine essential for worship?

Sound doctrine is essential for worship because...

- 1) **...Christian worship is our adoring response to who God is.** Worship is rendering to the Lord the glory due his name ([Psalms 29:2](#)). Worship is not an ecstatic, contentless, emotional experience. Rather, it is our heartfelt response in word, song, and deed to God's inherent worthiness, in order to magnify his glory.
- 2) **...if we don't know the truth about God, we can't worship him.** True worship, Jesus said, is in Spirit and in truth ([John 4:24](#)).
- 3) **...our knowledge of God is what fuels our worship.** We praise God in song and prayer and live lives that bring him glory because he is holy, loving, just, powerful, sovereign, and

good. Worship is a response to who God is and what he does. No sound doctrine, no worship.

God bless you all!

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