



October 27 – The Abundant Life...Foundational Faith

What is key to having the abundant life Jesus longs for us to have? That was a question that plagued a monk named Martin Luther over 500 years ago! As he sought God's answer to this question, he also ended up creating a new church – the Lutheran church! Join us this weekend as we celebrate what Luther did and learn from him some of the keys to abundant life with Jesus!

Scripture:

Isaiah 43:1-3, 19-21 NRSV

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. ⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed or myself so that they might declare my praise.

Ephesians 2:4-10 NLT

⁴But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

⁸God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Questions:

- What are the foundations of your faith? Those things you hang onto no matter what?
- Can faith be a firm foundation and change? What makes you say what you say?
- This week spend some time thinking over the truth that you are a masterpiece of God's. Don't discount yourself. How does that make you feel? How might you live differently if you fully embraced this truth?

Reading for the Week:

Monday: John 10:10

Tuesday: Matthew 6:33

Wednesday: Proverbs 3:5-6

Thursday: Psalm 1:1-3

Friday: Acts 2:3