

**From Good To Better  
Living The Better Life – Part 2  
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**2 Corinthians 5:15 (MSG)** *“He included everyone in His death so that everyone could also be included in His life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.”*

**Beneath this image of “The Good Life” are...**

- **EXHAUSTION**
- **EMPTINESS**
- **ENSLAVEMENT**

**WHAT IS THE “BETTER LIFE” JESUS OFFERS?**

- 1. It is a life filled with MEANING.**

**You need something that gives you eternal meaning!**

**Colossians 3:4 (CEV)** *“Christ gives meaning to your life, and when He appears, you will also appear with Him in glory.”*

**1 Peter 1:3b-4 (MSG)** *“Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we’ve been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now!”*

**New life is a GIFT.**

**Matthew 25:35&40 (NIV)** *“For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in. <sup>40</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.”*

**2 Corinthians 8:9 (CEV)** *“You know that our Lord Jesus Christ was kind enough to give up all His riches and become poor, so that you could become rich.”*

- 2. It is a life freed by GRACE.**

**Romans 7:6b (MSG)** *“We’re free to live a new life in the freedom of God.”*

**Grace is when God gives you what you need,  
not what you deserve.**

**Hebrews 7:18-19 (MSG)** *“The former way of doing things, a system of commandments that never worked out the way it was supposed to, was set aside; the law brought nothing to maturity. Another way— Jesus!—a way that does work, that brings us right into the presence of God, is put in its place.”*

**The better life is a free gift... but it's not cheap.**

**1 Timothy 2:6 (NLT)** *“He gave His life to purchase freedom for everyone. This is the message God gave to the world at just the right time.”*

**Ephesians 1:7-8a (NIV)** *“In Him (Christ) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace <sup>8</sup> that He lavished on us.”*

**Romans 8:13 (MSG)** *“There’s nothing in it for us, nothing at all. The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life.”*

### **3. It is a life full of ENERGY.**

**Jeremiah 31:25-26 (CEV)** *“Those who feel tired and worn out will find new life and energy, <sup>26</sup> and when they sleep, they will wake up refreshed.”*

**Zechariah 4:6 (NCV)** *“Then he told me, ‘This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: ‘You will not succeed by your own strength or by your own power, but by my Spirit,’ says the Lord All-Powerful.”*

**God wants you to plug into His power.**

**Ephesians 1:18a,19-20 (NIV)** *“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know... <sup>19</sup> His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms.”*

**2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)** *“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”*

**Don’t give up... look up to God.  
Don’t give up... give in to Christ.**

### **HOW DO YOU GET THIS BETTER LIFE?**

**John 10:10 (MSG)** *“I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.”*