



God Is Extravagant



# **The Extravagance of God**

More sky than man can see,  
More seas than he can sail,  
More sun than he can bear to watch,  
More stars than he can scale.  
More breath than he can breathe,  
More yield than he can sow,  
More grace than he can comprehend,  
More love than he can know.

# John 10:10

**Abundance:** a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate . . . beyond the norm, more than enough' (L-N)

Not mere existence, but quality of life



# **I. God Is Extravagant**

# Extremely overboard

- Legions, Mt.26:53 [2 K.19:35]
- Leftovers
  - Jn.2:6-7 – 120+ gallons
  - Jn.6:9,12-13 – baskets full
  - Jn.21:...11 – 153!
- Life, 1 Tim.6:17
- Lineage, Hb.11:12

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**II. God's Greatest Extravagance**

**SALVATION**

## Mk.16:15-16

- Mt.7:13-14
- Mk.4:4-7

Extravagant  
sowing

Let soils  
decide

# Romans 5:20

- Our problem: 6, 8, 10
- God's solution: 6-8  
(Jn.3:16)

Grace  
Super-  
abounded

Much more, 20

Much more, 17

Much more, 15

Much more, 9

Sin  
abounded



## Ep.1:7-8

- To confer a thing abundantly upon one (Th.). Forgiveness –
  - Prodigal, Lk.15:17-19
  - Peter, Jn.21:15-17
  - Saul, 1 Tim.1:13-14
  - Us, Ep.2:1-4 . . .

Plentifully supplied with something, abound in

Rich mercy, great love (4)... grace...kindness (7)

Ro.5:20

Ep.1:7-8

## 1 Co.1:5

- ...abundance in quantity of messages  
and the knowledge (L-N) 2 Tim.3:17

# Scripture provides . . .

- Certainty, Lk.1:3-4
- True discipleship, truth, Jn.8:31-32; 17:17
- All necessary things that Jesus did, Jn.20:30-31
- Edification, Ac.20:32
- Encouragement, Ro.15:4
- Commands of God, 1 Co.14:37
- Revelation of mysteries, Ep.3:3-5
- Every good work, 2 Tim.3:16-17
- Memory of apostles' words, 2 Pt.1:15
- Fellowship: apostles, Father, Son, 1 Jn.1:3
- Full joy, 1 Jn.1:4
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“...thoroughly  
equipped...”



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**III. Our Extravagant Response**

# Forgiveness, Mt.18:21-22

- Dismiss math; dispense mercy
- Basis: God forgave us, 33, 35

**“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you”**

# Benevolence, Lk.10:...34-35

“Above and beyond call of duty”

(what God does for us)

“They love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If they have something they give freely to the man who has nothing; if they see a stranger, they take him home, and are happy, as though he were a real brother. They don't consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead through the Spirit, in God” – Aristides

# Gratitude, Jn.12:1-3

- 11, resurrection of Lazarus
- Two opposite reactions

**Mary:**  
**Gratitude**  
**Jn.12:1-3**

**Judas:**  
**“What a waste”**  
**Mt.26:8**



## **Work, 1 Co.15:9-10 – “Fanatic!”**

**“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (v.58)**

# Sacrifice, 2 Co.12:15

Paul will not withhold any resource he has, including himself

And I will very gladly **spend** and **be spent** for your souls...

Sacrifice his  
possessions

Sacrifice  
himself

## Knowledge, 2 Pt.1:5, 8, 11

- 5, **add**: *supply in abundance*, supply quality after quality
  - 8, **abound**: to superabound, exist in abundance, increase
  - 11, **entrance**: *supplied abundantly*
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