

*declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he declares sinners to be right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.”*  
Romans 3:22-26 (NLT)

- Claim your inheritance.

### What will you do with the gift He offers you?

- Will you continue to live the good life?
- Will you receive by faith the best life?

We have Community Groups throughout the Denver Metro area. You can find a listing of these groups online at [www.fbc.org](http://www.fbc.org). Simply scroll over “Get Involved” and then click on “Community Groups.” For more information or questions, please contact Marla Ketter at 303.424.2121, ext. 92407 or [marla.ketter@fbc.org](mailto:marla.ketter@fbc.org)

**Please feel free to come down to the front  
for prayer after service.**

**“...pray for one another...” James 5:16**

## “The Good Life vs. The Best Life”

***Today is a day to celebrate, celebrate Jesus, He has risen! We all believe something about Jesus.***

*“As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. ‘Good teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ‘Why do you call me good?’ Jesus answered. ‘No one is good-except God alone. You know the commandments: “Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.”’ ‘Teacher,’ he declared, ‘all these I have kept since I was a boy.’ Jesus looked at him and loved him. ‘One thing you lack,’ he said. ‘Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.”*

Mark 10:17-22 (NIV)

***(How would you feel if you knew the #1 best selling book of all time made you a main character?)***

### Which statement more closely describes what you believe?

- He was a good man
- Not sure, there are a lot of opinions
- He is the son of God who died for me
- Other

## What does the “good life” look like?

- The good life is temporary, but will always lack something.
- The good life is lived believing in the good enough plan.
- The good life is often focused on identity and status.

*“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!”*  
Matthew 5:20 (NLT)

## What does the “best life” Jesus offers look like?

- God’s plan is the grace plan.

*“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”*  
Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

- The best life is a life filled with purpose and meaning.  
*(One of the greatest tragedies in life is living and never knowing your purpose.)*

*“When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good.*

*But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”*  
Romans 5:6-8 (NLT)

- The best life is a life freed by love.

*“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”*  
John 3:16 (NLT)

- The best life is a life full of promise.

*“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”*  
John 15:13 (NLT)

## What must I do to live the “best life?”

- Acknowledge what He says.

*“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved.”*  
Romans 10:9-10 (NLT)

- Accept what He has done for you, you were valuable enough to die for.

*“We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, with undeserved kindness,*