

Daily Devotion For December 22, 2021

“The thief comes only to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10.

Have you been to the shopping mall's lately? Seems like going Christmas shopping is so different than before the internet. The shopping malls are a lot less crowded than I remember. I remember having to wait for a parking space and losing my patience when someone snuck in and took the parking space that I was waiting for.

Turn on the TV, pick up the newspaper, or check the newsfeed on the internet and you see countless advertisements of things we're supposed to buy. The implied promise is that if you give this, or by that, then you'll be happy. At Christmas there is that rush of excitement in receiving a very special gift. But for the most part, you probably can't remember what you got for Christmas last year, even though it seemed so important then.

John 10:10 tells us that one of the reasons came was to give us life and that we might experience it more abundantly. Although I can't remember what gifts I received at Christmas 46 years ago, I can truthfully say that I have experienced Christ these past 46 years.

**Thought For Today:** Can you remember what you received for Christmas 5 years ago? In what ways have you experienced the abundant life that Christ offers the past 5 years.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Thank God that He sent us Jesus, not to have religion but to have a personal relationship with Him through Christ. Thank God for the joy that can be found in Jesus. Deo Volente.