

## **I. In the Beginning God...**

- A. Start of the Bible's message
- B. Where we should start as we attempt to understand "abundant life"
- C. God in Genesis 1-2
  - 1. Before Creation
  - 2. Source of Creation
  - 3. Powerful
  - 4. Personal
  - 5. Wise
  - 6. Generous
  - 7. Good

## **II. The Present World Is Not Good**

- A. Injustice abounds
- B. Pain abounds
- C. Heartbreak abounds
- D. In the present state only momentary circumstances could be called "abundant life"

### **III. Revelation of God to Moses (Exodus 34:5-7)**

- A. Moses' request, "Show me your glory"
- B. God's answer, "I will make my goodness pass before you"
- C. Main points of the revelation
  - 1. God is slow to anger
  - 2. The Lord is abounding in loving-kindness and truth
    - a. Committed love
  - 3. Forgiving sin
  - 4. By no means clearing the guilty
- D. Points of the revelation seem contradictory
  - 1. Forgives sin – will not clear the guilty
  - 2. There is no mention of the attitude of the offender
- E. Both can be true at the same time when we understand the saving work of God

### **IV. God Has Made a Way for the Guilty to Come Back to the Good and Gracious and Faithful God**