

I. Abundant Life is Found in Knowing God

- A. Not found in the gifts of God but in God Himself
- B. This is the reason God calls us to seek Him

II. Why Do We Have Trouble With This Concept

A. Mankind's futile search

1. Created by the good God
2. Allowed enormous freedom but not unlimited freedom
3. The Serpent convinces Eve that rich life can be found by disobeying God
4. In that hope, Adam took himself out of the relationship with God
5. Adam lost real life in God
 - a. Mankind began a futile search for fulfillment through the gifts of God rather than God himself

B. Problem with our relationship with God

1. We determined that we would not give God His place
 - a. We want the last say in our life
 - b. Because we think we know the source of life
2. God broke off the relationship and we died
 - a. Severity of God – we died
 - b. Goodness of God – physical life continued for a

III. The Intervention of the Good God on Mankind's Behalf...God's Reconciliation

- A. He recognized that the situation was hopeless
- B. He took the first step to restore the matter
- C. His problem was the matter of sin
- D. Jesus comes to this earth to pay the price for sin
 - 1. On the cross, through His own death He dealt with the anger of God
 - 2. The resurrection testifies that God is now

IV. Gospel Message

- A. God has made the way for the relationship to be renewed
- B. That takes place when we are reconciled to God
 - 1. We agree to allow God to have His place
 - 2. We take hold of His offer of pardon