

Abound Super-Abound

(ἐπερίσσευσεν = 'aipersevsen')

Abound, overflow, to be abundantly furnished with, to have in abundance, to exceed a fixed number of measure, to be left over and above a certain number or measure, to turn out abundantly for, to furnish one richly so that he has abundance, to make excellent.

Ephesians 1:7,8... *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace, which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence." The NIV says, "... The forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding."*

Both translations suggest 'great generosity' on God's part. The Greek word rendered "**abound**" (lavished) elsewhere in Scripture is also translated "**abundance**", and it means to 'super-abound, have in excess, great surpass, acquire an exceeding measure, or greatly excel'. This word implies that there is no restraint, and whenever it is used in the context of God's 'fatherly nature or love' it serves to guarantee blessings that overtake us - *truly abounding blessings!*

The same root word appears in **John 10:10**, *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* A literal translation could read.... *"And that they may have it superabundantly."*

Looking at the broader definition of this word, we can clearly see that the Lord was telling us that He came in order that we may have a life that is overflowing with blessings. Also, that it will be an 'extraordinary life' where there is always a surplus, where we constantly have 'over and above' or 'more than enough'.

This is definitely no commonplace life. There are no skimpy measures in this kind of life – it is over and above everything that we may hope, think or imagine!