

*I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked;
but that the wicked turn from his way and live*

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Ez 33,11

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We have often heard this outstanding teaching, which qualifies and specifies the essential contents of our faith. That is, Jesus has come to save sinners, died for them so that each one may be delivered from evil.

We never sufficiently meditate and take in this amazing truth: when we are weak, when we are condemned, when we are shattered, when we condemn and pity ourselves because we don't know any better, well, at that very moment, God Himself takes care of us, has pity on us, wants to deliver us from that painful poverty.

Another even more beautiful truth is recalled today in this introductory verse of the Gospel: God wants to save us from our wickedness, from sin, so **that we may live**.

Let me say we lack meditating on the fact that a truthful life, a wholesome life, a more significant is ahead, beyond sin, where God is awaiting.
Certainly, we live and feel the hardships that this life carries; sometimes it is beautiful, but most of the times we feel the burden.

Jesus speaks about a **true** life, the full life that he has **come to bring to us**.

Hence, for a believer, the objective is not merely to comply with the commandments, to please God; this is only a means to receive this life.

The aim of Christian life is to live the true life, live the fullness of life: that same life of which Jesus is the giver, the donor, the implementer.

Let us give thanks to our Lord for this extraordinary gift!

Once more let us praise him and thank him. Let us progress on the path if we are already on the road, let's us convert if we still are motionless.

Praise the Lord Jesus Christ.