

More Than Enough

When we lived in Augsburg, Germany (in the 1950s), Emma attended our Sunday services. She was a widow with four small children. During the war, she not only lost her husband, but her right arm was blown off at the elbow by a shell. (She had no prosthesis).

Whenever I would greet her and ask, "Wie geht es Ihnen (How's it going), Frau Friesen?" Predictably and joyfully she would answer, "Mit Jesus gehts immer gut!" (With Jesus it always goes good!)

Some of us live as though Christ doesn't make a difference in our daily lives, as though He is living in us utterly undercover. As it affects us, it's as though He Himself is operating with an inspiration deficit, with a resource shortage, with a power outage. But, in reality, the Lord wants us to live with a surplus. After all, it's a reflection on Him – on His greatness, goodness and generosity.

I am not necessarily referring to material and physical things, even though, when it comes to necessities, "... *my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus,*" when you are generous to others. (See Philippians 4:14-19.)

And, "...*God...richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment,*" if we are serious stewards of all that He has entrusted to us. (See 1 Timothy 6:17-19.)

Above all, God specializes in *spiritual* surpluses. God is not only "enough," he is "more than enough." He gives not only abundantly but superabundantly.

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in [filled full with] Christ..." (Colossians 2:9-10).

And why has God filled us with Himself? *"Jesus has the power of God, by which he has given us everything we need to live for and to serve God"* (2 Peter 1:3 NCV). ◇◇