



# Grace Snap Shot

*"Viewing life through the lens of God's grace!"*



## Living Life

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Over the past month I found myself participating in a number of special events. My home city of Vancouver, hosted the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. The following week my wife Donna-Mae and I attended a wedding of a family friend and we also attended the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of another dear friend. Just last week we enjoyed a vacation at Disneyland with our granddaughter Dylan only to arrive home to a city that is now hosting the 2010 Paralympic Games.

As great as all these experiences have been, they all have one thing in common. They are temporal. They come and go. No matter how grand the event, how enjoyable the experience, how precious the moment, it's come and gone. All the planning, budgeting, announcing, programming has served its purpose and it is over.

Many people (religious or not) live as if life is simply a string of experiences, a series of events, or a list of achievements to be had. They are of the opinion that the more they do and experience, the more they will be satisfied. Human activity can be a tantalizing drug, which leaves you always wanting another hit.

I use to think that my well intended doing of Christian religious activity would bring life. I found myself thinking, "If only I could learn to call on God more effectively! If I could just be more committed! If only I did more! If I was only bolder! IF, IF, IF!"

Now I'm not saying that these events that I've experienced over the past month were without value, not at all. But what I am saying is that these events in themselves could not offer me true life, nor could my hyperactive religious duty. True abundant life only comes from the life giver Himself. Life is not a series of activity, it's a person. Jesus said it himself, "I am the resurrection and the life;"(John 11:25) "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6). Scripture states very clearly that it's only in Christ that we can know life as God intends. A life abundant and free, not based on temporal experiences but found in the everlasting, unchanging One.