

Dead or Alive in Christ

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Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-7

- I. Introduction
 - a. The overarching narrative
 - b. Zombies
 - c. Ephesians 2:1-7

- II. The Bad News – v.1-3
 - a. _____ *“You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived”*

 - b. _____ *“following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.”*

 - c. _____ *“All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses”*

 - d. _____ *“we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.”*

- III. The Good News – v.4-7
 - a. But...

 - b. _____ *“But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.”*

 - c. _____ *“and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus”*

 - d. _____ *“so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”*

 - e. Hiram Smith

Reflective Questions

1. Why is understanding the radical nature of our spiritual death important?
2. How are we made alive in Christ Jesus? How does that impact you personally? For your family? For the church?
3. How do you share the story of your change from death to life? Take some time this week and write a short narrative of how you discovered your new life in Christ.