

Are You
Dead
or
Alive ?

Now this question on the surface seems quite ridiculous. You might say "How can you ask me such a question if I weren't alive?" Obviously it's not your physical life that's in focus but your spiritual. So why is spiritual life so important, and how does it affect me?

According to the Bible (God's Word) everyone is born spiritually dead and only those spiritually alive can live eternally with God.

(Rom. 5:12) Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

While we are all born spiritually dead, we do not have to remain dead. Spiritual birth, or regeneration is available through the Lord Jesus Christ's work on the cross.

(John 11:25) Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

(John 5:24) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

(1 Cor. 15:22) For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

The sin of Adam and the "sin nature" that is passed on to humanity is responsible for our dead condition. God in his wisdom recognized our hopeless and helpless condition. He has provided a marvelous plan for our redemption. In God's plan, sin is not excused or overlooked. A substitute took our place and recieved our penalty. This unique person, born outside of the sin of Adam, (the virgin birth) is Jesus Christ the Son of God. He voluntarily took on the form of man, lived a sinless life and was judged on the cross by God the Father for our sins.

(2 Cor. 5:21) For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

(1 John 2:2) And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Through faith alone in Christ alone, each one of us can recognize our hopeless position and accept God's free gift of Salvation. Accepting Jesus Christ's work on the cross yields spiritual birth and Eternal Life. Rejecting God's plan leaves you spiritually dead with no hope of fellowship, eternally separated from God.

(John 3:36) He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

The issue is simple, you do not have to remain spiritually dead. Your sins have been paid for. Accept Christ's work on the cross and live. You must decide whether to accept or reject this offer of life. Spiritual Death or Eternal Life hang in the balance. There is no cost to you. It was paid for through the death of Jesus Christ and is freely provided to all that believe in His substitutionary death on the cross.

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(John 3:6,7) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

(John 3:3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

There is absolutely no excuse for anyone to remain spiritually dead. God has removed every obstacle and offers life eternal to those who believe. Only the arrogance of disbelief can prevent you from obtaining "so great a salvation". There is no cost, it is free. We do not deserve it nor can we earn it, it is a gift.

(Eph. 2:8,9) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

If you remain "dead" it is your choice. You can become a new creature by being made spiritually alive when you accept God's provision.

(Acts 16:31) Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved,

Once you believe you are made alive and you are forever in God's hand safe and secure kept by his power not your own efforts. This assurance can allow you to focus on the many other wonderful provisions God has for his children for time and eternity.

(1 Peter 1:4,5) To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time

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