

DEAD OR ALIVE

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All we can know for
sure about the future
is death and taxes.

The biggest screw-up:
WE STAY DEAD!

QUESTION: Are you DEAD or ALIVE?

There are two kinds of men here
today:

- 1) Those who are DEAD
- 2) Those who are ALIVE

EPHESIANS 2:1-10

I: The Past (v. 1-3)

A. Your Condition

“As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.”

Ephesians 2:1

Our Greatest Need:

OVERCOMING DEADNESS!

What does it mean to be dead?

- 1) Physically
- 2) Spiritually

Totally incapable of responding to the love and life of God.

What do spiritually dead people do?

I do what I do because I am what I am.

- ✓ Transgressions (v. 1)
- ✓ Sins (v. 1)

Romans 3:23
For all have sinned and fall
short of the glory of God.

Four Results of Sin:

- Cut off from God
- Cut off from ourselves
- Cut off from others
- Creation is thrown off-kilter

B. The Environment

“... in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, he spirit is now at work in those who are disobedient.”

Ephesians 2:2

1) The World is a
CLOSED SYSTEM



2) The Enemy

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

“All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.”

Ephesians 2:3

3) The Lifestyle

- Desires
- Passions
- Thoughts

4) The Status

*The Rawness of
Deadness*

II. The Present (v. 4-5)

The IMPOSSIBLE
made POSSIBLE

*“But because of his great **love** for us, God, who is rich in **mercy**, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved.”*

Ephesians 2:4-5

When we couldn't do anything,
He came and did everything.

III. The Future (v. 6-10)

What can we
look forward to?

“And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms of Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages, he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us through Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 2:6-7

How do I come **ALIVE**?

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.”

Ephesians 2:8-9

- Thank Him
- Tell Him you are DEAD
- Confess you messed up
- Receive Him
- Follow Him

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Ephesians 2:10

Are you a **MESS**
or a
MASTERPIECE?

Don’t screw up
your one and
only **LIFE!**