

# Alive From the Dead

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And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. **Rom. 8:10-11**

- I. When a person is born again of the Spirit of God he is risen from the dead and made alive.
  - A. In his sinful state he is unaware that he is not alive.
  - B. He is oblivious to the spiritual realm and eternal things.
  - C. What he considers life is really a state of death.
    - 1. Earthly life exists under the constant shadow and threat of death.
    - 2. Death is inevitable and so it blackens all hopes and plans of any person who honestly thinks about things.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. **Heb. 2:14-15**

- D. It isn't until he is born of the Spirit and brought over onto the other side that he realizes what his former state really was.
    - 1. Then he looks at those who are still there and his concept of their situation also changes.
- II. But the Spirit is life ..
  - A. He realizes for the first time what it is really like to be truly alive.
  - B. And then to realize that it is forever makes it even more wonderful.
  - C. To see everything in the new light of God makes all things new.
  - D. To experience life under the influence of God's Spirit is a completely different existence than to simply be "in the flesh."
  - E. As John Newton wrote so long ago: "...I was blind, but now I see."
  - F. A person who is truly saved really feels that they just started living when they got saved.
- III. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (v. 11)
  - A. Quicken means to make alive.
  - B. This may be interpreted to apply to the future resurrection, but it is much more than that.
  - C. The effects of salvation produce results in our physical body, also.
  - D. For one thing, a person who gets saved stops poisoning and abusing their body with sinful habits and practices.
  - E. When that stops the body begins to clean itself out and heal from the abuse.
  - F. But there is even more than that; a healthy soul will promote a healthy body.
  - G. Pain is easier to bear if the soul is happy and satisfied.

1. Pain hurts worse if the heart is broken, also.
- H. The life of the Spirit of God in us makes our body like a different place to live.
- I. The Spirit of God gives strength when we cannot muster it from ourselves.
- J. Because God's Spirit lives in this body it can endure and survive things that would bring death on a normal person.
- K. The most important thing about this whole matter is that the vessel which was once used for evil is now in the service of righteousness.
  1. What was once the means of committing our sin is now the means of working righteousness.
  2. What was used to work death is now used to work life.
  3. The body is dead to sin but alive unto righteousness.