

- Rom 6:1-14 Consider yourselves resurrected! Because you are.
- Rom 8:9-11 Believers are in the realm of the Spirit, even though our bodies are subject to death the Spirit gives life. He who raised Jesus from the dead will also quicken our mortal bodies.
- 1 Cor 2:14-16 Because He is risen and has sent His Spirit into us, we have the mind of Christ.
- 1 Cor 15:20 "He is the firstfruits of them that slept (died)" Rom 8:29, Col 1:18
- 2 Cor 4:7-12 Even as we live out our mortal lives, God is at work in us through the life of our Lord. Even as our lives here ebb away we are sustained within and destined for glory. (1 Cor 2:7/Psm 8)
- Eph 2:1-10 When we were dead in our transgression and sin, God made us alive in Christ, raised us up and seated us with Him in heaven - in order that in the ages to come He might show us the infinite nature of His love for us, richly expressed in His grace and mercy.
- Col 2:6-15 Live for Him! You have been cut loose from the world and its malaise. Christ is our anchor. He is over all and has set us apart: We were buried with Him and raised with Him through our faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.
- Col 3:1-17 Make Christ the focus of your resurrected life! Your citizenship is of another country / kingdom.
- 1 Thes 4:14. Because He is risen we have hope/confidence.
- 1 Pet 1:3. Praise the Lord who "according to" His great mercy, having begotten us again (Jhn 1:12-14) to a living hope *through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead*. See 1 Pet 1:23 - "*begotten again*" - Jhn 3:6-15

**“A Resurrected Life”  
Ephesians 2:1-10**

**As for us - before we knew and were known by God, we were:**

**1. Dead in our transgressions and sins in which we used to live.**

- a. When?** All of us once followed the ways (“course”) of this world and of the “ruler of the kingdom of the air,” (Eph 6:12, 1 Jhn 5:19). Some may be there now.
- The spirit who is at work in those who are disobedient (They resist the will of God) What makes us dead? Heb 10:26-31 - willful rejection of God’s truth and Savior.
  - All of us also lived (“conducted ourselves”) among them at one time,
    - \* gratifying the cravings of the flesh,
    - \* And following its desires and thoughts (Psm 10:4) And paying the price!
  - Like the rest, we are/were by nature deserving (“children, subject to”) of wrath.

What a gloomy picture! And yet that is the reality of those who have not placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other way. (Jhn 14:6, Act 4:12)

**2. But God! What a powerful “hinge” word. Despite the awful condition of unregenerate humanity, God has done something:**

- a. Why? Because of His great love for us,**
- God who is rich in mercy (or “compassion” - it is *not* getting the judgment we deserve).
  - Made us alive [together] with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace (“unearned, undeserved kindness”). that you have been saved.
  - and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms *in* Christ Jesus. Heb 1:1-3. He sat down. Why is this significant? His work is finished (Jhn 19:30, Heb 9-10); we can add nothing to it. We either believe and accept Him or we don’t.
- b. In order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace of His grace, expressed in His kindness (or “goodness, excellence”) to us in Christ Jesus** (Dan 7:27 - think of what we have been raised to inherit).
- c. For, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith** (“belief, trust, confidence”)
- and this is not from yourselves (*nothing that we caused or did*).
  - It is the gift of God - not by works - so no one can boast. (Rom 3:21-31)
  - For we are God’s handiwork (“workmanship”), created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. *We have an eternal destiny.*

***We were spiritually dead before we knew the crucified, risen Lord of all creation. Jesus Christ.***

***He has taken us and raised us to eternal life through faith in Him. While we were dead (Rom 5:8)***

***Our present life we live because He is risen. Our lives have eternal; value and meaning. In Him, we are raised as well.***