

MADE ALIVE IN CHRIST

Introduction – God has a predestined plan for the Christ community. Our hope is in the resurrection power of the Holy Spirit.

A. Dead Men Walking

Ephesians 2:1-3

1. We have fallen short of God's intentions for us and gone against His express will.
2. We followed the ways of the ruler of the kingdom of the air in disobedience to God.
3. We centered our lives on gratifying the cravings of our flesh, which deserves the wrath of God.

B. God Has Great Love and Is Rich in Mercy

Ephesians 2:4-7

1. God made us alive with Christ after we were spiritually dead.
2. God also allows us to participate in Jesus' ascension to the heavenlies where we are already seated as princes and princesses of God.
3. Our mission is to reveal the incomparable riches of grace that we have experienced in Christ.

C. A New Creation in Christ

Ephesians 2:8-10

1. Our salvation is 100% dependent on the grace of God, so that we have no reason to boast in our works.
2. This gift of God is received through faith.
3. We are the predestined result of God's handiwork, created in Christ to do good works.

Conclusion – We were all spiritually dead, but by God's grace we been made alive and seated in the heavenlies. Praise God for His redeeming grace.