

MADE ALIVE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Eph.2:1-7 is 1 of 3 Greek sentences in Eph.2:1-10: 2:1-7; 2:8-9; and 2:10. This is important to the connections of thoughts in 2:1-7. For example, notice the connection between Eph.2:1 and Eph.2:5 and the connection between 2:5 and 2:8.

Let me break (Eph.2:1-10) into three theological parts; and show you some important connections.

(Eph.2:4) “But **God** (ho theos/ **nsm**) being (eimi/ p.a.ptc.nsm) [Absolute Status Quo of essence] **rich** (plousios/ **nsm**) in (en+loc. of place) **mercy** (eleos/ lsm), because of His great love with which He loved us.”

God’s Rich Mercy is a transitional verse from unsaved status of (Eph.2:1-3) to saved status of (Eph.2:5-10).

- Eph.2:1-3 The Spiritually Dead
- Eph.2:4 The Spiritual Bridge from death to life
- Eph.2:5-10 The Spiritually Alive

Spiritual Bridge
(Eph.2:4)

Spiritually dead
(in Adam/ Eph.2:1-3)

Spiritually Alive
(IN Christ/ Eph.2:5-10)

Col.1:13-14

This lesson will study three aspects of Made Alive Together in Christ taken from our lesson text.

1. The theology of Eph.2:1-7 comes from the dynamics of a pattern of Greek grammar.

Eph.2:1-3 Begins the Greek pattern of **eimi** [were] (p.a.ptc. aplm) (Eph.2:1) plus two aorist indicatives.

- We all walked (peripateo/ a.a.ind.3pl)
- We all lived (anastropho/ a.p.ind.3pl)

Eph.2:4 **eimi** [being] (p.a.ptc.nsm) plus one aorist indicative [BUT GOD]

- Loved us (agapao/ a.a.ind.3ps)

Eph.2:5-7 **eimi** [were] (p.a.ptc.aplm) plus three aorist indicatives.

- But God made us alive together (sunzoopoieo/ a.a.ind.3ps) in Christ
- But God raised us up together (sunegeiro/ a.p.ind.3ps) in Christ
- But God seated us together (sunkathizo/ a.a.ind.3ps) in Christ

Preview: Paul will establish a second Greek pattern in Eph.2:5-10 and will establish it by connecting Eph.2:5 with Eph.2:8-9 and then to Eph.2:10.

(Col.2:13) “When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He made you alive together in Him**, having forgiven us all our transgressions.”

2. **A person is saved when he believes that Jesus died to deliver him from being dead in trespasses and sin and that Jesus Christ was buried and raised on the third day is he made him alive together in Christ forever (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:5, 8-9).**

Go back to the diagram of Eph.2:1-10 (unsaved and saved) [above]

(Eph.2:5) “Even when we were dead in our transgressions (tois paraptoma/ lpln) (God) made us alive together (sunzooopieo/ a.a.ind.3ps) in Christ (to Christos/ lsm) [**parenthesis**] (**by grace**) (charis/ inst.sf)

Saved by means of God’s grace [**you have been saved**] (eimi/ p.a.ind.2pl) [continuous or unending] (sozo/ perf.p.ptc. nplm) [perfect periphrastic] Salvation completed in time and in eternity.”

The moment we believe the grace gospel, we enter an unending (completed) salvation in time and eternity.
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3. **In Eph.2:5-6, Paul describes three important positional truths (in Christ) in this grace package of salvation. We are studying the first of the three – “BUT GOD made us alive together in Christ.”**

- When did God do it in our lives?
- What was our status when God made us alive in Christ? (eph.2:1, 5; 1 Cor.15:22)
- How were we made alive together in Christ?

(1 Pet.3:18) “For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, **but made alive in the Spirit.**”

(John 6:63) “It is **the Spirit who gives life**; the flesh profits nothing; the words I have spoken to you are Spirit and Life.”

(2 Cor.3:6) “Who also made us adequate as servants of the New Covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but **the Spirit Gives Life.**”

(Rom.8:11) “But if the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give Life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.**”
(1 Cor.6:19-20)

(John 11:25-26) “I am the resurrection and the Life; **he who believes in Me** will live even if he dies, and **everyone who lives and believes in Me** will never die. Do you believe this?”

“Spiritual Life” is just one of eight works of the Holy Spirit in grace salvation.

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