

## **MADE ALIVE TOGETHER IN CHRIST**

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 Spiritual Death
- Eph.2:4        The Spiritual Bridge from death to life
- Eph.2:5-10    The Spiritual Life

Spiritual Bridge – God's Great Love  
(Eph.2:4)

Spiritual Death  
(in Adam/ Eph.2:1-3)

1 Cor.15:22

Spiritual Life  
(IN Christ/ Eph.2:5-10)

1 Cor.15:22

**Col.1:13-14**  
(1 Pet.2:9; Acts 26:18)

**This lesson will study four aspects of what it means to be Made Alive in Christ.**

**Personal Note:** "I can remember how difficult and confusing it was for me as an unbeliever to understand how I was spiritually dead and needed to be saved or made spiritually alive."

### **1. In the Church Age, the conviction work of the Holy Spirit is essential ministry to the unbeliever.**

This was true in my life (John 16:7-11).

(John 16:7-11). "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, **when He comes, will convict (elegcho)** [convincing the person of three areas of his/her standing before God] **the world concerning (peri+gen. of reference) sin (because) (hoti) they do not believe in Christ) and concerning righteousness (because) Christ will go to the Father and you no longer see Him) and concerning judgment (because) the ruler of this world has been judged."** (Jn.12:31) (Jn.16:7-8)

**Note:** Pay special attention to conviction of SIN! This is the sin that sends you to the torment of hell.

(Heb.9:26b) "But now at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested **to put away sin** by the sacrifice of Himself."

(2Thess.2:14) "It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)

### **2. I love the fact that God explains basic spiritual issues in terms of the natural realm for the unbeliever.**

While I did not have a frame of reference for spiritual death as an unbeliever, I did have a frame of reference between something being dead and alive in the natural realm.

When this was brought to my attention as a young adult, I certainly understood the difference between death and life in the natural realm (1 Cor.2:14-3:1; Rom.8:9; Jude 19).

Jesus used terms from the natural realm to explain to Nicodemus the difference between **natural birth and spiritual birth** (John 3:1-8; 1 Pet.1:23; 2:2; Titus 3:5).

**3. In the natural realm, we understand the basic principle of death used in the spiritual realm. “Physical death means separation from physical life.”**

In physical death, we understand that the trichotomy of man is separated, as was Jesus’.

- Body goes to grave (Luke 23:52-54).
- Spirit returns to God (Ps.31:5; Luke 23:46; Acts 7:59)
- Soul goes to Hades or to Heaven (Luke 23:43; 1 Pet.3:18-19; Acts 1:11; 1 Cor.15:20-23).

At physical death, the soul of an unbeliever goes to Torment of Hades (Luke 16:22-23) to await the judgment of the Great White Throne (GWTJ) Judgment (Rev.20:11-15).

After the GWTJ, the unbeliever is cast into the lake of fire for all eternity (Rev.20:13-15). This is called the second spiritual death (Rev.20:14). **The second spiritual death means to be separated from God forever** (2 Cor.2:16).

- The unbeliever who dies **without Christ** has two deaths but one life. 2D / 1L
- The believer who dies **in Christ** has two lives but one death or rapture 1D / 2L  
(1 Thess.4:13-18; 2 Cor.5:8; 1Cor.15:22).

**4. At the moment a person believes that Jesus died for his sins according to the Scriptures, was buried and raised according to Scripture to give him Eternal Life, God makes him spiritually alive IN Christ (Eph.2:4-5; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:5, 8-9).**

Spiritual life comes from the salvation work of the Holy Spirit in the church age.

- (2 Cor.3:6b) “The Spirit gives life.”
- (John 6:63a) “The Spirit gives life.”

(1 Pet.3:18) “For Christ 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.**” (1 Cor.2:14, 3:1).

(John 5:24) “Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who hears My words, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has **passed out** (metabaino) [change] **of death into life.**” (1 John 3:14)

**Spiritual life** is ONE of EIGHT works of the Holy Spirit at salvation in Church Age. [50 Things FREE](#) (Rom.8:9-11).

(1 John 5:11-12) “And the testimony is this, that God has given us **eternal life**, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.”

**[Spiritual life is Eternal life.]**