

You Are Alive **Ephesians 2:1-5**

Main Point:

Live today as one who is alive and always will be.

1. In Christ, you are alive.
2. You were first given life at regeneration.
3. You will go on to enjoy life at the time of death.
4. You will experience the fullness of life when Jesus returns.

1 Peter 3:18 18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, (NKJV)

Ezekiel 36:26 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (NKJV)

1 Peter 1:3 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, (NKJV)

Jonathan Landry Cruse “God brings us to life (regeneration) to experience the hope of life to come (glorification), all guaranteed to us because Jesus lives (resurrection).

Romans 6:11-12 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. (NKJV)

2 Corinthians 5:8 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. (NKJV)

Richard Baxter “Rebirth brings us into the kingdom of grace; death brings us into the kingdom of glory.”

WSC 37 Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Jonathan Landry Cruse “Even death cannot sever our union with Jesus Christ. He is with us to death, through death, and He greets us instantaneously on the other side.”

1 Corinthians 15:22 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (NKJV)

Jonathan Landry Cruse “Heaven isn’t the full extent of our experience of life. It is not the last stop in salvation ... Glorification is the end-all-be-all of being saved.”

Philippians 3:20-21 20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body ... (NKJV)