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All believers were born spiritually dead!

Ephesians 2:1-3 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath."

All believers were enticed to remain spiritually dead by forces outside of you, around you, and inside of you!

Outside you: *the ways of this world*

Around you: *the ruler of the kingdom of the air*

Inside you: *the cravings of our flesh*

Ephesians 2:4-7 "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

God made all believers alive spiritually by saving them positionally!

The Christian life does not begin with walking.
It begins with sitting!

Ephesians 2:8-10 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Refocus:

We will be a church that is eager to tell our story of how we were once dead but now are alive.

We will be a church that is eager to tell our story of how we were saved by God and not by our own doing.

We will be a church that is eager to do good works because that will bring glory to God.