

## **“Death to Life.” (The meaning of salvation by grace through faith)**

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You **were** dead

Being dead in trespasses and sins means to be blind to the truth of Jesus and deaf to the Holy Spirit and unmoved by the Word.

“Dead in our trespasses and sins” describes the human condition and its way of life:

1. Enslaved to your sin nature and under the dominion of the Devil.
2. Following the course of the world
3. Following the prince of the power of the air
4. Driven and motivated by the flesh
5. Doing what you selfishly desire

God doesn't merely cast a life preserver for sinking souls to grasp. Instead, He takes those who have already drowned in the depths of the sea and breathes new life into them.

What motivates God's saving grace?

God acts on our behalf because of his mercy, love, kindness, and glory.

Salvation is more than forgiveness.

Salvation equals life.

Our works don't save us, but our works are evidence that God has made us alive with Christ.

“<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup> So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” - James 2:14-17

4 Signs of Life:

1. Confident Faith
2. Transformed Works

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3. Commitment to Community

4. Treasure Christ