

The Walking Dead - Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling

Intro: Eph 2:1-3 (ESV)

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience — ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

The Text

1. Dead in the Trespasses and Sins, in which you once walked (Verse 1 & 2a)

Ezek. 37:1-3 (NLT) The LORD took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the LORD to a valley filled with bones. ² He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. ³ Then he asked me, “Son of man, can these bones become living people again?”

“O Sovereign LORD,” I replied, “you alone know the answer to that.”

2. Following the course of this world (v2)

3. Following the prince of the power of the air (v2)

Ephesians 1:20-22

4. The spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience (v2)

5. Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind (v3)

6. And were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind (v3)

7. You were dead, *But* God...In Christ!! (v4)

The miracle is God can deliver us from this condition of sin.

Ezek 37:4-6 (NLT) - Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, ‘Dry bones, listen to the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD

says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! ⁶ I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Application: In Christ - How we respond

- 1) It is all because of what Christ has done for us on the Cross. He has conquered death through his resurrection.

- 2) We are dead in our sins before Christ's work

- 3) Accept Christ's work...we can't do it on our own.

- 4) Once we receive Christ, we need to be conscious of those around us...we can't boast in our own works

- 5) We live through and in Christ!

Closing Thoughts:

Ezek. 37:11-1 (NLT) - Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones represent the people of Israel. They are saying, 'We have become old, dry bones—all hope is gone. Our nation is finished.' ¹² Therefore, prophesy to them and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I will open your graves of exile and cause you to rise again. Then I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ **When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the LORD.** ¹⁴ **I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live again and return home to your own land. Then you will know that I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done what I said. Yes, the LORD has spoken!**'"