

Who am I in Christ?

Salvation Is into Life

Ephesians 2:5 (NASB)

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Above all else, a **dead** person needs to be made **alive**. That is what salvation gives—spiritual life. To encourage believers who doubt the power of Christ in their lives, Paul reminds them that if God was powerful and loving enough to give them spiritual life **together with Christ**, He is certainly able to sustain that life.

The power that raised us out of sin and death and **made us alive (aorist tense) together with Christ** (cf. [Rom. 6:1-7](#)) is the same power that continues to energize every part of our Christian living ([Rom. 6:11-13](#)).

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The we may emphasize the linking of the Jew with the Gentile “you” in [verse 1](#).

Ephesians 2:1 (NASB)

¹ And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

Ephesians 2:1 (KJV)

¹ And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Ephesians 2:1 (NKJV)

¹ And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

Both are in sin and may receive mercy to be made alive in Christ.

When we became Christians we were no longer alienated from the life of God.

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We became spiritually **alive** through union with the death and resurrection of Christ and thereby for the first time became sensitive to God.

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Paul calls it walking in “newness of life” ([Rom. 6:4](#)).

[Romans 6:4 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For the first time we could understand spiritual truth and desire spiritual things. Because we now have God’s nature, we now can seek godly things, ‘the things above’ rather than “the things that are on earth” ([Colossians 3:2](#)).

[Colossians 3:2 \(NASB\)](#)

² Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

That is what results from being alive together with Christ.

[Ephesians 2:5 \(NASB\)](#)

⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, [God] made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

“We shall also live with Him” ([Romans 6:8](#)) says the apostle, and our new life is indistinguishable from His life lived in us ([Galatians 2:20](#)).

[Romans 6:8 \(NASB\)](#)

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

[Galatians 2:20 \(NASB\)](#)

²⁰ "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

In Christ we cannot help but be pleasing to God.