Dead and/or Alive?

**Reading - Mark 8:27-38**

**The Physical Body**

***(James 2:26) For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.***

**Spiritual Condition of The Unsaved:**

***(Matthew 8:22) But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead.".***

***(John 5:25) "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.***

***(1 Timothy 5:6) But she who lives in pleasure is dead while she lives.***

***(Luke 15:24) 'for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.***

***(Hebrews 6:4-6) For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, {5} and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, {6} if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame.***

**The Spiritual Condition of A Church In Decline**

***(Revelation 3:1) "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.***

**Faith Without Works**

***(James 2:20-26) But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?… {24} You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. {25} Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out another way? {26} For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.***

**Jewish Christians Are Dead to The Old Law**

***(Romans 7:4) Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another; to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.***

**Christian Is Dead In Regards To Living In Sin**

***(Romans 6:11) Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

**Are we developing the wrong ideas about being alive?**

Life never means .

Our lives can be divided into three categories: , , & .

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***(James 4:13-14) Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; {14} whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.***

***(John 14:6) Jesus said …, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.***

There are Four Important Things to remember about being alive:

1. : ***(Ephesians 5:16) redeem the time, because the days are evil.***

1. **Romans 10:17**

3. . ***(Acts 18:9-10) Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; {10} "for I am with you.***

***(1 Corinthians 2:3-5) I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. {4} And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, {5} that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God***

***(Matthew 10:28) "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.***

4. : ***(2 Timothy 3:12) Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.***