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Human beings have two lives, and therefore can be living dead in two very different ways.

Our Two Lives

- Physical Life

James 2:26 ESV

For as the body apart from the spirit is dead,
so also faith apart from works is dead.

Our Two Lives

- Physical Life
- Spiritual Life

Romans 7:9 ESV

I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.

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How well prepared is a man or woman to live successfully if they know how to care for their physical life, but know nearly nothing about their spiritual life?

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Romans 8:5-6 ESV

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Matthew 8:21-22 ESV

Another of the disciples said to him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." 22
And Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

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 - Because their new spiritual life is dead
 - The self-indulgent – 1 Tim. 5:5-6
 - Those walking with soiled garments – Rev 3:1-6
 - Outwardly righteous, inwardly lawless – Matt. 23:27-28
 - Not observing worship correctly – 1 Cor. 11:29-30

1 Timothy 5:5-6 ESV

She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and prayers night and day, 6 but **she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives.**

Revelation 3:1-6 ESV

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write:
'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but **you are dead.** 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you.

Revelation 3:1-6 ESV

4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 **He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'**

Matthew 23:27-28 ESV

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. 28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

1 Corinthians 11:29-30 ESV

29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and **some have died.**

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- Physically Dead, Spiritually Dead, Yet Still Existing...
 - Mark 9:42-48; Luke 16:22-25; Rev. 21:8; 20:13-15; Rev. 2:10-11

Mark 9:42-48 ESV

43 And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

45 And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ... 47 And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48 **'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'**

Luke 16:22-25 ESV

The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. **The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24** And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' **25** But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.

Revelation 21:8 ESV

But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

Revelation 20:13-15 ESV

13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. 14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 2:10-11 ESV

Do not fear what you are about to suffer.

Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation.

Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. 11 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. **The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'**

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- Physically Dead, Spiritually Alive
 - Matt. 10:28; Matt. 22:31-32; Luke 16:22

Matthew 10:28 ESV

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 22:31-32 ESV

And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God:
32 'I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? **He is not God of the dead, but of the living."**

Luke 16:22 ESV

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Revelation 7:9-17 NKJV

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ...

Revelation 7:9-17 NKJV

14 ... "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. 16 They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Death is not the End

- Spiritual Death is not the End
 - Luke 15:24; Eph. 2:4-7

Luke 15:24 ESV

For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

Ephesians 2:4-8 ESV

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when **we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ**--by grace you have been saved-- 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

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- Physical Death is not the End
 - John 5:25; 11:25-26; Luke 24:5

John 5:25 ESV

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

John 11:25-26 ESV

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Luke 24:1-6 ESV

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in **they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.** 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "**Why do you seek the living among the dead?** 6 **He is not here, but has risen...**

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- Therefore...
 - 1 Cor. 15:51-58

1 Corinthians 15:51-58 ESV

51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58 ESV

54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:51-58 ESV

58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.