I KNOW WHO I AM

Alive in Christ

I know who I am… I am Alive in Christ!

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

Today we will explore the truth that **"The Gospel of Christ is the Power that makes us Alive with Christ."**

Ephesians 2:1-5 (NIV) *As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved.*

Before we were made Alive in Christ… we were dead!

1. Born into sin – with a sin nature

Romans 5:12 (NIV) *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—*

2. We were powerless to save ourselves…

Romans 3:23 (NIV) *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God…*

Being made Alive in Christ…

1. Saved by Grace

Romans 3:24 (NIV) *… all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

Psalms 103:8 (ESV) *The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love…*

2. It is Through God's initiative

John 3:16 (NIV) *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

3. It is through God's power that we are alive

Romans 8:10-11 (NIV) *But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*

Galatians 2:20 (NIV) *I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

How do we respond as one who is made Alive in Christ?

1. Salvation has a purpose

Ephesians 2:6-7 (NIV) *And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

2. We become the body of Christ –

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV) *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

3. The things God has prepared for us to do have eternal impact

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Are You Living Out of Your New Identity?
Are you Living as One Who is ALIVE?

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