
RAISED UP

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He ***died*** so that we would not stay ***dead***.
He ***rose*** so that we would be ***raised!***

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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.

Ephesians 2:1-10

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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. 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.

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God's Definition of Death

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God's Definition of Death

1. We follow the ways of the world.
2. We follow the ruler of the kingdom of the air.
3. We follow the cravings of the flesh and its desires.

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Definition of Raised

To waken from Nonexistence, Ruin, or Inactivity

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God's design is for us to go from Celebration to Manifestation.

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How Were We Raised?

By Christ
With Christ
For Christ

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By Christ: Made Alive By The Power of God

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.
Ephesians 2:4-5

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A dead person cannot do anything for themselves.

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With Christ: Seated With Him in the Heavenly Realms

And God raised us up **with Christ and seated us with him
in the heavenly realms** in Christ Jesus,
Ephesians 2:6

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Our Access to the Heavenly Realms Means That We Go From:

1. Depression to joy
2. Confusion to clarity
3. Failure to victory

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For Christ: Good Works Prepared For Us to Do

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