

# Dead Man Walking

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*Freedom was something I never found  
Trying to find six feet underground  
Under the weight of all of my sin. Fighting the fight I couldn't win  
Then You rescued me. Now I can breathe.  
I was a dead man walking until I was a man walking with You.  
I was a blind man falling until I felt the life You're calling me to.  
Pulling me out of the darkness, Pulling me out of the lies. Putting the beat in my heart again.  
I was a dead man walking until You loved this dead man back to life.*

*I look for words but cannot explain.  
A new kind of love ran into my veins. You are the key to all of my chains.  
To all that I was now I'm not a slave.*

*I have tasted and I've seen the wonders of Your heart.  
I do not deserve a thing, but that's just who You are.*

## **How can someone be a dead man walking when they walk, talk and breathe?**

Due to our sin, we are all like dead men walking. There are two kinds of death, physical and spiritual. We are going to die physically, but we don't have to be dead spiritually.

### **Ephesians 2:1-5**

*And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** 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—*

We are spiritually dead and incapable of understanding the things of God. The natural mind cannot submit to God or please Him. We are all dead men walking. The good news is, we don't have to stay in that condition. We can be set free from our trespasses and sin and made alive to God. Jesus Christ has come to take away the burden of our trespasses and sin and make us alive to God by putting our faith in Him.

### **John 5:24**

*Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

When we pass from death to life, we are no longer spiritually dead. We have been made alive.

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Do you remember the story of the apostle Paul in Acts 16? Who do you think the dead man walking was in this story? Was it Paul and Silas who were imprisoned, or the jailor who was free? The man who thought he was alive begged at the feet of the one he thought was the dead man walking. What could a man, whose body was bloody and beaten, have to offer? It was the gift of salvation. How did a persecutor of the church become someone who gave all for that same church? He used to beat and kill Christians but now is beaten and thrown into jail for being a Christian? He was a dead man walking but became alive to the things of the Lord. How is that possible?

**Philippians 3:7-8**

*But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. **8** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ*

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When we understand the great gift we have received by putting our faith in Christ Jesus, we can appreciate how the apostle Paul could sing praises to the Lord even under challenging circumstances.

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, **9** not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

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**Ephesians 2:10**

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**How can we become people who can sing praises to the Lord even when facing difficult circumstances?**

The simple answer is to spend time in His word That's it plain and simple. When we do this, the Lord draws closer to Him, giving us the ability to handle whatever comes our way.

**Do you want to continue to be dead to God?** If not, all you need to do is put your faith in Christ Jesus. You will no longer be a dead man or woman walking.