



EVERLASTING LIGHT – PART 4

LIFE IN DEATH

DRY, DEAD, AND POWERLESS

EZEKIEL 37:1-5, 7-10

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; **it was full of bones.** ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry.

³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!' ⁵ **This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life.**

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone.

⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath-

¹⁰ **So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet**

EPHESIANS 2:1-3

As for you, **you were dead in your transgressions and sins,** ² 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. ³ 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.

The Darkness of Spiritual Death

- Mind ruled by the flesh (led by appetites and feelings)
- Follow the ways of the world and the influence of Satan
- Unable to please God
- Do not belong to Christ
- Hating and fearing the light (not wanting to be exposed)
- Deserving of wrath (aligned with forces God opposes)
- Condemned by disobedience under the law

RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE AND LIGHT

EPHESIANS 2:4-7

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ **made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions**—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ **And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,** ⁷ 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.

JOHN 1:4-5

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

JOHN 3:16-21

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.**

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

¹⁹ This is the verdict: **Light has come into the world,** but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ **But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.**

Jesus has LIFE within Himself.

Because of His love, God gives life to all who put their faith in Jesus.

Receiving life requires leaving the darkness and being exposed in the light.

IN HIM IS LIFE

GALATIANS 2:20

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.

JOHN 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.**"

STAY CONNECTED TO JESUS

- Word
- Prayer
- Worship
- Fellowship
- Service
- Your Pathways?