

Dead Man's Faith (Ephesians 2)

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INTRODUCTION

1 Ephesians 2:1–7 is one sentence in Greek

2 The sentence's three main verbs do not appear until verses 5–6

[God] made alive together

[God] raised together

[God] seated together

3 The King James and New King James insert some words in italics into verse 1. Why?

4. The flow of the basic sentence

[Although] you were dead (verse 1)

And [although] we were dead (verse 5a)

God made [you and us] alive together with Christ (verse 5b)

(by grace you [and we] have been saved)

5 Comparing verse 5b with verse 8a

(By grace you [and we] have been saved) (verse 5a)

(For by grace you [and we] have been saved) (verse 8a)

6 Putting the clues together

7 Defining *dead* in Ephesians 2

8 For by grace you [and we] have been saved through faith and that not of ourselves

Three Wrong Views (A–C)

A For by grace you [and we] have been saved through faith and that [faith] not of ourselves

B For by grace you [and we] have been saved through faith and that [faith] not of ourselves

C For by grace you [and we] have been saved through faith and that [faith] not of ourselves

The Right View

D For by grace you [and we] have been saved through faith and that [faith] not of ourselves

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION