

Wanted: Dead and Alive

Overview: Jesus says, “Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” To walk in the fulness of the resurrected life, there must first be a death. Anyone willing to die the deepest of deaths in Christ Jesus will attain to the highest heights of the life of God in Christ Jesus.

A. Characteristics of Death.

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| 1. Death precedes life. | 2 Cor 4:10-11 |
| a. Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and die. | John 12:24 |
| 2. Crucified with Christ. | Gal 2:20 |
| a. Take up your cross: No past, no present, no future. | Matt 10:38 |
| 3. Whosoever will come after me. | Mark 8:32-37 |
| 4. A living <u>sacrifice</u> . | Rom 12:1 |
| 5. Mortify the deeds of the flesh. | Rom 8:13 |
| | Col 3:1-5 |

B. Characteristics of Life.

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| 1. Raised to walk in newness of life, | Rom 6:3-4 |
| 2. The life I now live, I live by the faith of the Son of God. | Gal 2:20 |
| 3. The grain of wheat that dies bring forth much fruit. | John 12:24 |
| 4. A <u>living</u> sacrifice, | Rom 12:1 |
| 5. Alive unto God in Christ Jesus. | Rom 6:11 |

C. Living in Death, Living in Life.

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| 1. What are you putting your trust in? | Mark 10:21-30 |
| 2. Divest yourself of all to gain Jesus and all His promises. | Matt 13:44-46 |
| 3. Forgetting what is behind. Press forward to your high calling. | Phil 3:12-14 |
| 4. Today, when you hear His voice, harden not your heart. | Ps 95:7-10 |
| 5. He who would be great, let him be the servant of all. | Mark 10:43-45 |