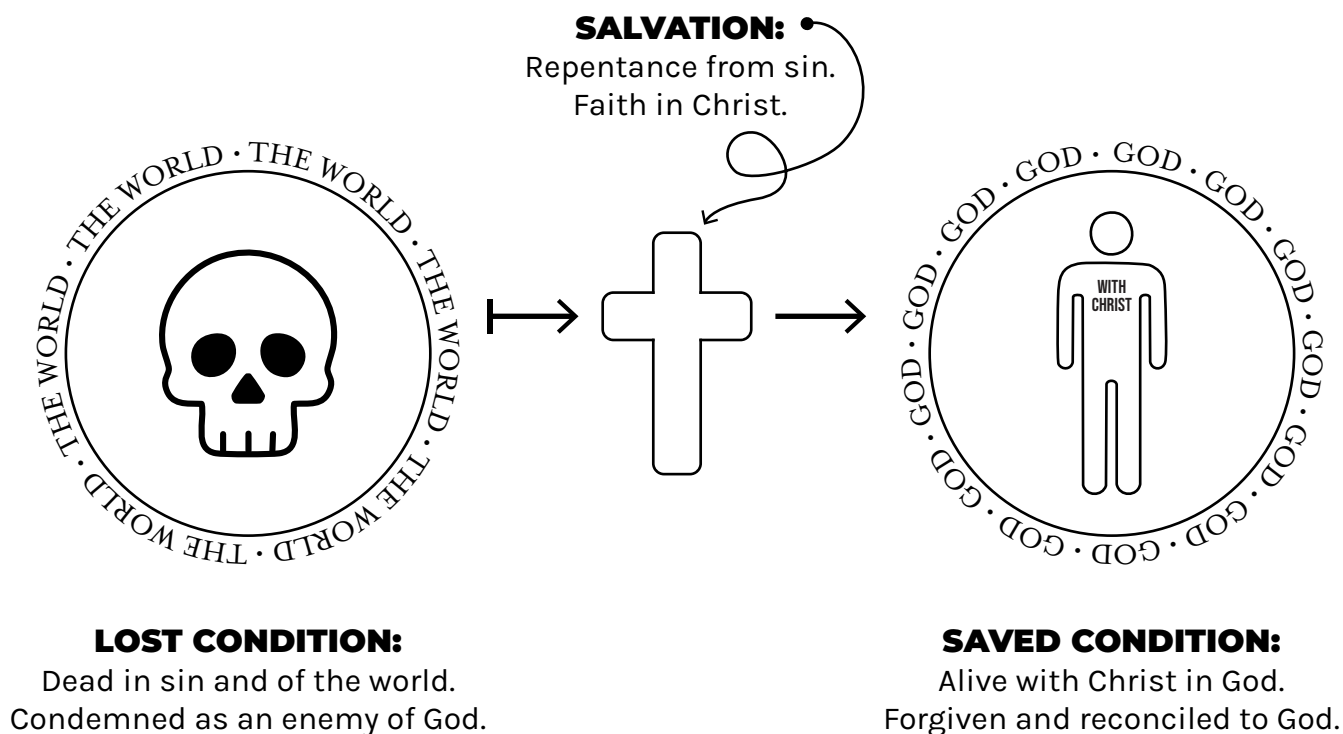


## COLOSSIANS 2:13-14, 3:1-3

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



**IF** this spiritual transformation has happened inside you, **HERE IS THE RESPONSE:**

**Value and pursue SPIRITUAL THINGS that pertain to your NEW LIFE  
instead of focusing on EARTHLY THINGS that pertain to your OLD IDENTITY.**

**Why?** I died, and my new life is hidden with Christ. Although I may struggle with seeing and understanding the mystery of this new spiritual identity, one day I will see the fulness of my new nature when I see Christ. So have faith **in that** and live **for that!**

John 10:10, 11:25; Romans 11:36; Colossians 1:15-18; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:21; Romans 12:1-2 →

### Questions to Consider:

- What Bible verse can I use to explain how I went from death to life?
- How can I steward my time in this world without growing attached to the things of this world?
- If my life is hidden with Christ, how should I search for my identity, purpose, and meaning?
- How am I tempted to fit Christ into my life instead of centering my life around Him?

# VERSES TO COMPARE:

## **John 10:10**

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

## **John 11:25**

*Jesus said..."I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."*

## **Romans 11:36**

*For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.*

## **Colossians 1:15-18**

*He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

## **Galatians 2:20**

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

## **Philippians 1:21**

*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

## **Romans 12:1-2**

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

**If my life is a gift FROM Him, then my life should be lived FOR Him!**

Christ + Nothing = Everything

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