

Dead People Can't Help Themselves

- Dead people cannot choose to live.
- Adam's descendants are spiritually dead.
- "you were dead in your transgressions and sins." Ephesians 2:1
- death is separation
- "your iniquities have separated you from God." Isaiah 59:2
- The Spiritually Dead
 - **First:** He doesn't desire or seek God.
 - Ro. 3:10-11 = "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God."
 - **Second:** He is hostile to God.
 - Rom. 8:7 = "the sinful mind is hostile to God."
 - John 3:19 = "men loved the darkness rather than the light."
 - **Third:** He is not able to hear God's word.
 - Jn. 8:43,44,47 = "Why don't you understand what I'm saying? It is because you are unable to hear my word. You belong to your father, the devil ...He who belongs to God hears what God says."
 - **Fourth:** He is not able to obey God.
 - Rom. 8:8 = [the sinful mind] "does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so."
 - **Fifth:** He's not able to understand.
 - 1Cor. 2:14 = "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God ...and he cannot understand them."
 - **Sixth:** He's not able to see.
 - 2Cor. 4:4 = "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel."
- Being Born Again Precedes Faith
 - John 3:3 = "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."
 - Ezek.36:26 = "I will give you a new heart, and put a new spirit within you."
 - Children of God are **not** born "of human decision...", but born of God." John 1:13
 - Eph. 1:4 = God "chose us in Him before the foundation of the world."
 - Eph. 2:8-9 = "for it is by grace you have been saved thru faith -- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."
 - Jn. 6:37 = "All that the father gives me will come to me."
 - **First** – Be thankful
 - **Second** – Pray for the salvation of others
 - **Third** – Confidently share the gospel
 - **Fourth** – If God is changing your heart now COME!