

“I See Dead People”

David Cooper – June 4-5, 2005

Ephesians 2:1-5



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How to discern if someone is spiritually dead or alive:

1. The dead show no signs of life.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you ALIVE with Christ. He forgave us all our sins. Colossians 2:13

- a. What is their pulse of life?
- b. What is their position in life?
 - How is their home?
 - How is their hurt?
 - How is their health?

2. The dead look like the dead.

Like the blind we grope along the wall, feeling our way like men without eyes... we stumble as if it were twilight; among the strong, we are like the dead. Isaiah 59:10

- a. They are locked into sinfulness.
- b. They are locked into darkness.
- c. They are locked into brokenness.

3. The dead live life in moral chaos.

Moral: good character and conduct; virtuous by standards of right and wrong

Chaos: great confusion; complete disorder

- a. They make choices leading to calamity.
- b. They make choices distorting destiny.

4. The dead demonstrate a life screaming for CPR.

- Cry for help
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