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<b>Words to Find:</b>	<i>Balak</i>	<i>Jacob</i>	<i>Peter</i>
<i>Aaron</i>	<i>Cain</i>	<i>Jonah</i>	<i>Samson</i>
<i>Abraham</i>	<i>David</i>	<i>Martha</i>	<i>Sarao</i>
<i>Adam</i>	<i>Eli</i>	<i>Miriam</i>	<i>Saul</i>
<i>Ahab</i>	<i>Elijah</i>	<i>Moses</i>	<i>Solomon</i>
	<i>Eve</i>	<i>Noah</i>	

### The Unburied Dead

*Ryle, 1871*

There are many dead people in the world, who are not yet buried. There are thousands upon thousands who have been dead many years and do not know it. When a man's heart is cold and indifferent about the things of God; when he has never called upon the Lord for salvation; when his hands are never em-

ployed in doing God's work; when his heart is never familiar with His ways; when his tongue is seldom used in prayer and praise; when his ears are deaf to the voice of Christ in the Gospel; when his eyes are blind to the beauty of heaven; when his mind is full of the world, and has no room nor time for spiritual things — then that man is dead.

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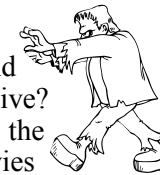
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### The Walking Dead

*Bill Brinkworth*

*“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.” Ephesians 2:1-3*

Is it possible to be dead and still walking and appear to be alive? Could scenes from the old horror movies where the dead morbidly staggered through the villages be close to reality?



Of course not! When a person is dead, they either go to heaven or hell; and until the resurrection, they will be without a body. However, it is possible to be able to walk, talk, see, hear, smell,

and touch and be spiritually dead. When sin first entered mankind through Adam and Eve's sin of disobedience, something terrible happened to them. God commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He told them (Genesis 2:17) if they did eat of the fruit, "... thou shalt surely die."

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### Not Unless We Take Him

*Sunday School Times*

Dr. Walter L. Wilson tells of using John 3:16 to help a boy receive Christ. He quoted the verse and stressed the word "gave." Showing the lad that Christ was God's gift, he asked, "Does the giving of a gift make it yours?"

The boy replied, "You must take it, if it is to become yours."

"True," said the doctor, "and so Christ must be taken as God's gift, if He is to become yours. I am a doctor," he went on, "but I am not your doctor, am I?"

"No," said the child.

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## The Walking Dead

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They disobeyed God and ate of the fruit, but it is clear that they did not die right away. They talked, walked, hid, and had children. Was God not telling the truth? No, God cannot lie. Eventually, their bodies died. They are definitely not walking the streets today. However, something more important in them did "die" long before their bodies gave up their last breath.

When God made Adam, he became a living soul (Genesis 2:7). When sin was committed, that part of him "died". He still walked, talked, and lived life, but not to the fullest, because the most important part of him, his soul, had become separated from God - a type of death. From that point on, every person ever born was born separated from God. They laugh, cry, talk, and sometimes live a long life, but spiritually they are far from God — Dead!

All are the "walking dead" until that dead part of them is made "alive". When a person realizes they are guilty of breaking God's heart and commandments with their sin and trusts that Christ's death on the cross is the only payment God will accept to cover their sins, they can be saved from hell.

John 3:3 calls salvation being

"born again." When one is born again, he is a new creature in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17). The new person should see, think, talk, and live differently. The famous hymn, *Amazing Grace*, touts this revived difference in the changed person when it says, "... I once was blind, but now I see." A born-again person has a new, spiritual birth, and many things in his life change. He sees and experiences life quite differently.

It is possible to be alive, but missing one of the most important facets of life: a soul in fellowship with God. Without that living part there may be laughter, but no joy; sight, but no understanding of the danger one is headed to. There may be hearing, but only able to hear the voice of the world and the wicked; thinking, but only of themselves, and certainly not what God desires of them. Just as the deaf or blind are certainly alive, but missing some of what life has to offer; so also are the 'walking dead.' Those that are not born-again are the walking dead. Are you born-again, or one of the spiritually unborn?

## Not Unless We Take ...

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"Why not?" asked the doctor.

"Because we never took you

as our doctor," replied the boy.

"Very well, then, Jesus Christ is a Saviour, but He is not your Saviour unless you take Him. Will you do so now?" With bowed head, the boy told the Lord Jesus that he would take Him as his Saviour then and there.

## Salvation

*Sunday Circle*

A group of friends went to visit an old church, which was of great historical interest to them. They asked for admission, and the sexton gave them the key after saying, "You can unlock the door and go in, and I will come to you directly."

They went to the door, put the key in the lock, and tried to open it, but they could not turn the key. They turned, and twisted, but to no effect, and had just given up in despair when the sexton arrived. "We cannot make this lock open," said one of the party.

"I beg your pardon," said the sexton, "for giving you so much trouble. I quite forgot to tell you that the door is not locked at all. All you need to do is just to lift the latch and walk in."

A great many are like them. They try by their own efforts to unlock the door of salvation, but all their efforts (Ephesians 2:9) are a waste of time. Our Lord

**"Our road has a hopeless end, unless we follow an endless hope."**

and Saviour, Jesus Christ, long ago unlocked the door, and all we need to do is just to lift the latch, and by faith, walk in.

## How Does the Bible Tell One to be Saved?

1. **Know that you are a sinner:**  
*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23 Also: Romans 5:12, I John 1:10.*
2. **Hell is the payment for all that have sinned.**  
*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23*  
*"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"*  
*Romans 5:12*
3. **BUT, there is good news! Jesus' death on the cross is the payment for the sins of all that call upon Him for salvation!**  
*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9*  
*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13*

**"The most important question concerning any man living is this: Is he a saved soul or not? Is he a child of God or an heir of wrath?" – Spurgeon**

**Not sure why you are here, or where you are going? You are lost!**