

The Power of Resurrection: God Builds Living Churches from Dead Christians **By Bob Young**

Introduction

Is it good or bad to be dead? Good or bad to be alive? Gal. 2:20; Eph. 2; Rev. 2-3

The Bible uses the figurative language of life and death in both ways.

Today focus on the importance of being dead, so that out of that experience life can come forth.

Various Bible passages, three Bible principles

Jesus, John 3; Paul, Romans 6; Peter, 1 Pet 1

A new birth requires death

The illustration of a new birth, what makes new birth possible

Paul, Col. 3

Living the new life in Christ requires death

The illustration of a person being raised from the dead to new life, what it means

Jesus, John 12

Bearing fruit requires death

The illustration of a seed that brings fruit out of death

Conclusion

2 Cor. 5:17, we like promises such as this

1 Cor. 15, resurrection, ultimate resurrection, a new celestial body

Rom 6, resurrection promise is ours by uniting with him