

4. “What Israel faced, however, was not a ‘near-death’ experience. It was not simply that their heart had stopped beating for a few moments and their brain waves had ceased, they had died and decomposed, their flesh had disintegrated, leaving only bones behind, and then those bones themselves had been left out in the sun to bleach. They were as dead as it was possible to be—and that while physically still alive, for themselves said, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone, we are cut off’ (37:11). They knew themselves to be dead while they lived, for they were cut off from the life-giving presence of the living God and therefore without hope.” (NIV Application Commentary-Ezekiel p. 431 By Iain M. Duguid)

What does it mean to be alive yet dead (John 3:3-8)? What is the spiritual condition that we share with Israel?

5. Describe is the two-part formula God revealed to Ezekiel for reviving the dry bones (Ezekiel 37:4-5, 7, 10). Explain how this is a picture of how one becomes alive in Christ.

6. What do you find reassuring from the following verses about God and our Hope?
Ezekiel 36:26

Ezekiel 37:14

Psalm 51:10

Jeremiah 24:7

Romans 2:29

Colossians 2:13