

## I See Dead People

- I. Several years ago a movie came out called The Sixth Sense.
  1. In the movie there is a boy who is agony over a secret he's afraid to tell. Bruce Willis is a psychiatrist who is trying to help him. The boy's secret is he can see dead people.
  2. As the movie progresses you find that these dead people don't know there dead.
  3. You also discover that this boy is supposed to help them finish something left undone.
  
- II. There was one line in the movie that has become synonymous with the movie. It's when the little boy finally tells Bruce Willis his secret, "I see dead people."
  
- III. I want to use this line as a springboard for our lesson today.
  
- IV. As strange as it might seem, Christians have the ability to see dead people. What's even stranger is that there's a problem if we don't, because like the little boy in the movie we have the responsibility of helping these dead people finish something.
  
- V. In this world there are two kinds of dead people and we will focus on these in our lesson.

**Trans:** First...

1. **There are those people who are dead in sin.**
  - A. Paul speaks of these people in **Eph. 2:1,2**
  
  - B. By what exactly does it mean to be dead in your sin?
    1. It means you are separated from God, **Rom 6:23**
    2. It means you are heading down a path of eternal destruction, **Matt. 7:13**
    3. It means you are spiritually dead because of sin, **Ezek. 18:4**
  
  - C. You've heard the expression "dead man walking?" These are literally the walking dead, and like the movie they don't even know it, **1Pet. 1:14**
  
  - D. As Christians we should be able to see these dead people because they are all around us.
    1. We work with them.
    2. We play with them.
    3. Sometimes we even live with them.
    4. **1Cor. 5:9:10**
  
  - F. As Christians we have a responsibility to help these people finish something here on earth before it is everlasting to late. This is what the great commission is all about, **Matt. 28:19,20.**

G. What is it we need to help them with?

1. We need to warn them of their situation, **2Cor. 5:10,11**
2. We need to let them know that Jesus can make them alive, **Rom. 1:14-17**

**Appl:** Why is it important for us as Christians to see dead people? Until the boy in the movie admitted he could see them, he was unable to help them. He was just terrified all the time knowing they were dead.

Some Christian's are like this. Some are terrified to admit they see dead people because of what that means. But if we don't admit we see dead people, we won't try and help them and they are going to be lost eternally.

**Trans:** Let's consider our second group of dead people

## 2. There are those people who are dead to sin.

A. Again, referring to Paul's writings, he speaks of these people in, **Rom. 6:11**

B. What exactly does it mean to be dead to sin?

1. It means you are reconciled to God, **Col. 1:19-23**
2. It means you are spiritually alive from the dead,  
**Rom 6:11,13**  
**Eph. 2:4,5**  
**Col. 2:12,13**
3. It means sin is not your master, **Rom. 6:12, 16-18**

C. As Christians we should be able to see these dead people.

1. We should see them because they are separate from those dead in sin,  
**2Cor. 6:14-18**
2. We should see them because of the fruit they bear, **Gal. 5:22-24**
3. We should see them because they stick out like a sore thumb, **Eph. 5:1-4,11**

D. As Christians we have a responsibility to help these people finish something here on earth. What they need to finish is the race they have started, **Heb. 12:1, Rev. 2:10**

E. How do we help these fellow Christians?

1. We need to encourage them, **Heb. 10:23-25**
2. We need to help them grow spiritually, **Eph. 4:11,12**
3. We need to help each brother stay faithful to God by comforting them,  
**1Cor. 1:3,4**
4. We need to help them overcome sin in their lives, **Gal. 6:1-2**

**Appl:** You can see why it is so important for us to see those people who are dead to sin.

If we are unable to see them, then how can we be sure we are separate from those who are dead in sin?

If we are unable to see them, how can we help them complete their journey?

If we are unable to see those who are dead to sin and then do we know if we are?

**Con:** I see dead people. Do you? If not, then maybe it's about time. Christians have this ability and no one else does.

Open your eyes and mind and see all the dead people around you. Until you do you won't be any help to them.

We won't be a help to those people who are dead in sin.

We won't be a help to those people who are dead to sin.

Do you see dead people?