

**SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION****JOHN 11:43-44**

When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

**EPHESIANS 2:4-5**

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

**1 PETER 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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**THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION****DESCRIPTION**

Like Jesus called Lazarus out of the grave, the Lord calls us from spiritual death to spiritual new life.

**VERSES**

As humans, our relationship with our creator is served because of our sin. With sin came shame and guilt (Gen. 3:7, 14-19). A shame and guilt that all we can do is hide and overcome, but that cannot be so before a holy and just God. The wages/power of sin is death (Rom. 5:23; 1 Cor. 15:56), and this is the tomb which we sit hopeless within. That is until Christ calls us out of our tomb by His power, and we are given hope, power and victory through Him. The old us dies to this world with Him, and we are thus raised new to life to seek the things of the kingdom of God (Col. 2:20-3:4).

**CHORUS**

The important thing to note in the chorus is who is doing the calling and who is responding. It is Jesus who, like the good shepherd calls to His sheep, and His sheep hear His voice and respond (Jn. 10:27). This is critical to remember because there is nothing in our power that plays into us coming out of the grave. It is 100% by the power mercy, and victory of Christ Jesus (1 Cor. 15:57; Eph. 2:9).

**BRIDGE**

The bridge of this song is focusing on the transition (between old and new) that has already been discussed in the verses and chorus. When Christ calls us out from the darkness into His "marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2:9) as a new creation, our identity changes. The shame, hiding, failure, old self is no more, and we are now called a new man or woman who has been chosen, is a part of a holy nation, and who is a child of the living God. The rescuing from sin, adoption from being orphaned, and healing from brokenness is the result of the spiritual life/identity from being called out of dominion of darkness into His kingdom (Col. 1:13).