

# Grave Clothes

**Scripture:**                 **John 11:44**  
                                      **Ephesians 2:1**

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## Introduction

The account of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is one of the most amazing stories in the entire Bible. It provides a picture of where every man and woman is before accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and shows that every believer can be free from all the issues of their past life.

### I. Quickened to new life

**John 11:43 KJV** And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth

**Ephesians 2:1 KJV** And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

- A. Jesus is calling you out of a spiritual grave today
- B. Jesus is saying, "Let the resurrection power of a regenerated life enter your being."
- C. Jesus is giving you the ability walk into the light of a new life

### II. Coming out of the grave

**John 11:44a KJV** And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

- A. Respond to the voice of Jesus
- B. Come into the light in spite of impediments to your progress
  - 1. Bound by false philosophies
  - 2. Bound by addictions and habits
  - 3. Bound by false religions
- C. Give God a chance to deal with the things that bind you

### III. Removing the grave clothes

**John 11:44b** Jesus saith unto them, Loose him,

and let him go.

**Isaiah 61:1 KJV** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

- A. Jesus didn't expect Lazarus to free himself of the grave clothes
- B. Jesus is saying to believers, "Loose him, and let him go."
- C. Jesus is saying to those who are bound, "Be willing to let believers show you how to get free."

## Conclusion

This is a season when new believers come to the church with many personal issues. They don't need condemnation, they need compassion. They don't need your rules, they need Biblical answers to help them get free of their issues.