

“Alive” in Pauline Thought (NASB)

PASSAGE	WORD USED	GREEK	MEANING	CONTEXT
Romans 6:11  Romans 6:13	“alive”	zaō	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to be physically alive<sup>1</sup></li> <li>2. alive in a spiritual sense</li> <li>3. one’s conduct &amp; behavior</li> <li>4. full of vitality- “living water”</li> <li>5. productive –“living &amp; active”</li> </ol>	“Alive to God” practically due to their spiritual reality in Christ
Romans 7:9a	“alive”	zaō	*see above*	<b>THIS IS THE MEANING IN QUESTION FOR THE READER</b>
Romans 7:9b	“became alive”	anazaō	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to come to life out of death- resurrection</li> <li>2. to function after being dormant- <i>spring into life</i></li> </ol>	Sin “resurrected/ functioned again/ revived,” and I died
Romans 8:10	“alive”	zōe	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. physical life</li> <li>2. spiritual life</li> </ol>	The human spirit is “life” because of righteousness
1 Corinthians 15:22	“will be made alive”	zōopoiepō	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to cause to live</li> <li>2. to keep alive</li> </ol>	Future bodily resurrection of all Church Age believers- The Rapture
Ephesians 2:5	“made us alive together with”	suzōopoiepō	Make alive together with someone (only used here and Colossians 2:13)	God’s act of regeneration motivated by His love
Colossians 2:13	“He made you alive together with	suzōopoiepō	*see above*	Both uses are “being made alive together” with Jesus Christ
1 Thessalonians 4:15, 17	“are alive”	zaō	*see above*	Physically alive on earth at the time of the Rapture

<sup>1</sup> All meanings taken from BDAG.

“Alive” in Pauline Thought (ESV- references not found in NASB)

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Romans 7:3	“alive”	zaō	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to be physically alive<sup>2</sup></li> <li>2. alive in a spiritual sense</li> <li>3. one’s conduct &amp; behavior</li> <li>4. full of vitality- “living water”</li> <li>5. productive –“living &amp; active”</li> </ol>	Husband is “physically living” in Paul’s hypothetical example
Colossians 2:20	“if you were still alive”	zaō	*see above*	This is the only instance in Scripture where Paul uses “alive” to refer to one’s unregenerate/former state.

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