



[Acts 3:15](#)

(15) You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

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The word "Prince" is translated from the Greek *archegos*, which is translated "author" or "captain" in [Hebrews 2:10](#). But here, [Jesus Christ](#) is called "the *archegos* of life, whom [God](#) raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses." In this context, the word has the sense of being "originator," someone who starts or begins something. An *archegos* is one who leads the way so that others may follow. It can also be translated "trailblazer," "scout," or "pioneer," and so it indicates one who leads into battle, blazes a trail, sets a pattern, one who initiates and guides.

In the *Daily Study Bible* series commentary by William Barclay, he uses the illustration of a ship foundering on a rock. Someone jumps overboard with a rope and swims ashore, securing the line somewhere on the shore so that others are able to grab onto the rope and come to safety. The one who did it originally is an *archegos*. He fulfilled the role of an *archegos*.

That is what Christ is. He is saving us from the jagged rock, from the loss of our [hope](#) of [eternal life](#). That is His job. He is leading and guiding us to the safety of actually being in the Kingdom of God.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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