## Behind the Hymn: Christ Is Alive! We Live in Him!

If we simply trust Christ, death is no longer our destination. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, and we are following where He is leading: into new life, with new bodies, in the very presence of the Father, permeated with the eternal glow of the glory of a holy God.

This new life has already begun. The fellowship you now enjoy with the Living Christ will go on unbroken forever. You are in His presence, and You will walk with Him throughout eternity. We are right now growing into "all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19). He has already begun doing within us "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (3:20).

For the believer, the truth is beautiful. Reality is wonderful beyond description. Praise Him! Rejoice in His goodness and His love! Every day is Easter for the child of God.

I've always liked the music to the old Easter hymn, *The Strife Is O'er*. It has fallen into disuse, presumably because of the stiff and dated feeling of the text. *Christ Is Alive! We Live in Him!* provides a new text for this majestic hymn tune. The text was written in May, 2001, as the fruit of research into the scriptural significance of the resurrection for daily living.

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