Alive in Christ

Alive Christ was found on that first Easter morn.
Love was the purpose for why He was born.
Living a perfect and sinless life;
Ending all sickness, the devil’s hold, and strife.
Let me share the Good News with every soul around
Until Christ returns or I’m heaven bound.
In Jesus my salvation is now guaranteed.
ALLELUIA! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Scripture tells of our Savior’s resurrection in Mark 16, as shared Easter morning on Worship Anew and in churches the world over. Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome are making their way to Jesus’ tomb for the traditional anointing of the body. In their conversations, they’re wondering what they will do about the large stone blocking the entrance, only to find that it had already been moved away. Then we pick up with verses 5-6, “And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid him.’”

What great love made for this miraculous and wonderful thing to occur! Jesus has resurrected from the dead! Yes, Christ came into the world not to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him (John 3:17).
To know Jesus as our Savior and Redeemer is to know the one who rescued us from our sins, from death, and the devil. To know the gift of salvation we now have through His grace and mercy. To know a love that is perfect and unending.

Worship Anew is blessed to boldly reach thousands every day with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our mission is simple, yet the most important in all the world, to profess Christ crucified. We thank all who come along in this vital work. Your support is crucial in ensuring the Holy Spirit’s work of building up the faith.

Because of that first Easter morn, we can rest at peace knowing there is no greater promise than the one God made through His Son’s death and resurrection. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).” Now go tell the Good News. Your salvation has been won through Christ, our Savior and Redeemer!

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He is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!!

Matthew F. Leighty
Executive Director
To Live is Christ

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

Whenever I have to make big decisions, I like to make a pro/con list. In one column, I list all the good possible outcomes for a decision. In the next column, I list the opposite, what could go wrong? What's the downside?

In the verse above, Paul is wrestling. However, he's not even wrestling with a decision. He's wrestling with a mindset. How should he feel about death? More specifically, how should he feel about his death? He knows that every day he lives is another day that he can share Jesus with the Philippians or any of the other believers he has committed to supporting in the faith. He also knows that every day he lives is a day that will contain some type of suffering.

But death is not a downside to Paul. He knows that on earth or in heaven, he is alive in Christ.

Tommy Moll - Content Manager at Worship Anew
When life feels uncertain, it is natural to get caught up in thinking through “what-if” scenarios. When we come down with a bad case of the “what-ifs,” anxiety levels escalate, and mental energy and coping skills can quickly become ineffective.

With higher anxiety, the need for simple coping strategies is essential. Perhaps the following practices from NICABM* and God’s Word will be helpful for you personally, and also for those in your sphere of influence. Please share!

The first strategy is: WHAT IF...? THEN WHAT?

When you notice that your thoughts seem to be centered in the what-ifs, choose one or two that are causing the most anxiety. Speak or write out the concern. To name something properly is the first step in bringing peace of mind. Let your ‘what-if’ be honestly shared with God.

Here’s an example: “What if I get sick?”

After you speak your “What-if,” it’s time for a simple plan-- “Then What?” specific to you. Come up with a short bullet point plan for what you will do if your “what-if” actually happens.

- I will isolate myself from contact with others until I am evaluated.
- Following the guidelines, I will determine if my symptoms are severe enough to warrant a call to the doctor. (Fever? Cough? Shortness of breath?)
- I will continue to drink lots of water, eat well, and rest.
A third strategy to practice: COMPASSIONATE ACTION

Anxiety can quickly draw you inward into isolation, so choosing to focus outwardly on small kind acts of compassion may help decrease your anxiety and contribute to building a community of support for you and others.

“...serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13

May these simple practices be useful as you navigate with God the feelings of anxiety that can be present during times of uncertainty and change.

*NICABM National Institute for Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine, Ruth Buczynski, Ph.D. www.nicabm.com
—Holy Bible NIV, NASB versions

Resources and information for leaders and learners
www.discoverhope.net
April 11, 2021 – Second Sunday of Easter
Psalm 148:1-2, 11-14; 1 John 2:1-2; John 20:19-31
“That You May Believe” - Sermon Text: John 20:30-31 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

The Apostle John wrote his Gospel for this purpose: that you may believe. Two questions arise. Believe what? Why believe?

April 18, 2021 – Third Sunday of Easter
Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

Because of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. This is why Jesus came, and sharing this message is precisely the job He has given to His church.

April 25, 2021 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
Psalm 23; Acts 4:1-12; John 10:11-18

“I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” The Good Shepherd, Jesus, has gone ahead of you through suffering and death to resurrection, life, and glory. Your Shepherd lives, and in Him, you live too. The grave couldn’t hold Him, and it can’t hold you either.
Shiny and New

"Behold, I am making all things new."

Revelation 21:5

A crisp dollar bill. A shiny car. New shoes fresh out of the box. Just the sight of something new is exciting. The novelty, wonder, and awe that the item brings when you see it. It's so full of possibilities and potential. But, over time, those things get old, stained, rusted, worn out. They lose their shimmer and shine.

Perhaps, you feel the same way. Your body doesn't function like it used to. Maybe you feel you've lost your shine and no longer have anything to offer. But God has promised us that he will make "all things new." Regardless of our physical condition, we can look forward to being made new again one day in Heaven.

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Lord, thank you for the promise that you will make all things new. Amen.

Reflect: Share a memorable event from your teenage years.
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