# **Because He Lives**

1 Peter 1:3-5

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." To an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

#### John 14:19

"A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also." Because He lives I can face tomorrow

Because He lives all fear is gone

Because He lives I know He holds the future

Because He lives life is worth the living

# Because He lives, He makes all the difference in our lives!

## Fear of the unknown

# How does Christ help us face adversity- the unknown?

# Knowing Christ is our Strength

#### Philippians 4:12-13

- I know how to be abased, and I know how to
- abound. Everywhere and in all things, I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

# Knowing Christ helps us Endure

#### 2 Timothy 2:11-13

This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

## Knowing Christ helps us Triumph

- 1 John 5:3-5
- For this is the love of God, that we keep His
- commandments. And His commandments are not
- burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes
- the world. And this is the victory that has overcome
- the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the
- world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of
- God?

### The fear of death

#### How Does Jesus Help us Face Death?

## Christ overcame death

#### **1 Corinthians 15:55-57**

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. With Christ, Death has no power over us

#### John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die..." 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:9-11

do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

## Christ turns death into a promise of hope

1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have falling asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this, we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord, Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise

First. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus, we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

## Christ Has Power above all

#### Ephesians 1:19-21

And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

## Christ Created the Universe

#### John 1:1-4

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him, nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

## Christ Will Bring to Judgment His Enemies

Psalm 110:1

The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your Enemies Your footstool."

God placed the current authorities in power

#### Romans 13:1

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. God can just as easily remove them from authority

#### Daniel 2:21

And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

## We should Fear God and not Man!

## Matthew 10:28

do not fear those who can kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul & body in hell. Kingdoms of man may rise and fall but only God's kingdom is eternal

#### **Hebrews 12:28**

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which can not be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

#### Hebrews 13:5-6

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He, Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So, we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Without Jesus life is Ultimately without Purpose

- **Ecclesiastes 1:2-3**
- Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity." What profit has a man from all his labor in which he toils under the sun?

## Christ Gives Life a Purpose

Philippians 3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.