

THE LIVING CHRIST: A Poem

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- 1 His life surpassed all—His atoned;
By Sacrifice our souls are owned;
3 Mid mortals—as He too was tried—
None other’s strength mankind shall bide.
- 5 Moses wrote of Godly power,
John beheld His mortal hour;
7 In the old: the LORD Jehovah;
In the new: the babe Messiah.
- 9 He went and did good, as The Light—
Instructed minds, recovered sight;
11 The proud, who worshipped piously,
The Shepherd’s light they could not see.
- 13 He walked each road in Palestine,
That He the lost thereby might find,
15 Then on The Way toward Heav’n direct,
The sons of God from sin correct.
- 17 His death required He saw afar,
His Bread and Wine—a sure memoir;
19 The justices called Him “outlaw,”
Rejecting Him who had no flaw.
- 21 A Gift to each life on the earth—
A gift—the Life who had no worth!
23 To all, through grace, Life Immortal;
To some, by works, Life Eternal.
- 25 He first loved us, and so atoned—
He came, saw, wept, and for us groaned—
27 Who formed the ground where Bethle’m stood,
And rent the earth ‘neath Calvary’s wood.
- 29 Perfect Son, Only Begotten;
Father’s will not once forgotten,
31 Whose will decreed: “Clothe Him in flesh;
“Redeem mankind, Author afresh.”
- 33 His work did not end at death’s jeer;
To Mary first He did appear;
35 Then with Eleven, He broke bread,
Saying, “Fear not; for you I bled.”
- 37 Other sheep did see His glory,
Whom He charged to write His story.
39 Brought to light through boundless Grace,
By the youth who saw His face:
- 41 Who said, “His eyes are as a fire;
“Like snow, His hair and white attire;
43 “His Countenance above the Sun;
“A rushing voice—beloved Son.
- 45 “By Him, and through Him, and of Him,
“Worlds to God ascribe patronym;”
47 We too, with thanks to God’s new Word,
Have memory Eternal stirred.
- 49 “He lives! He lives!” The prophet said,
“He lives, our Savior though once dead!”
51 No greater message could He give—
Mid Heaven’s Kin we yet will live.
- 53 His priesthood and His church again,
Are found among the race of men;
55 Built upon a sure foundation:
Christ, Apostles, a holy nation.
- 57 This woman, He decreed, should bring,
Zion, her child, who then will sing!
59 That when He comes to earth—to His—
Some shall be like Him, as He is.
- 61 He then will rule, as king of kings;
As each knee bows, and each tongue sings;
63 He’ll hold in hand the Book of Life,
And judge by word as though a knife.
- 65 With eyes of faith I wait and write—
Denying wrong, upholding Right—
67 To testify of strait and narrow;
No unclean bone shall hold its marrow.
- 69 Hence enter by the gate, He asks,
Feast on His word—fulfill His tasks;
71 And as the Light of the whole world—
His mercy comes in wings unfurled.
- 73 I, His leastwise disciple, say,
That His life is the only way;
75 I’ve tried His works to defend,
A faithful prize: called by Him “friend.”
- 77 His life surpassed all—His atoned;
By sacrifice *my* soul is owned;
79 Mid mortals—as He too was tried—
None other’s strength *my life* shall bide.

1. Rom 5:11; 2. Eph 1:10-14; 3. Alma 7:11; 4. 2 Chr 32:7-8; 5. Gen 1:1; 6. John 1:1; 7. 3 Nephi 15:1-5; 8. John 1:41;
9. Acts 10:37-38; 10. Mosiah 3:5; 11. John 1:5, 1 Jn 2:16; 12. Luke 22:2; 13. 1 Jn 2:5-6; 14. John 9:35; 15. John 14:6;
16. John 1:12; 17. John 13:1; 18. Luke 22:12-20; 19. Matt 27:24; 20. Heb 4:14-15; 21. John 3:17; 22. 1 Nephi 19:9;
23. Eph 2:8; 24. Rom 2:5-7; 25. 1 Jn 4:19; 26. Matt 26:39; 27. John 1:10; 28. Matt 27:50-51; 29. 1 Jn 4:9-10;
30. John 6:38; 31. 3 Nephi 1:14; 32. Heb 5:8-9; 33. 1 Cor 15:3-8; 34. Mark 16:9-11; 35. Mark 16:14; 36. D&C 45:3-5;
37. John 10:16; 38. 3 Nephi 23:4; 39. D&C 135:3; 40. JS-H 1:25; 41. D&C 110:3; 42. Rev 1:14; 43. Rev 1:16; 44. D&C
133:22; 45. D&C 76:24; 46. D&C 88:61; 47. 1 Jn 1:1-3; 48. D&C 38:7-8; 49. D&C 76:22; 50. Rev 1:18; 51. 1 Jn 3:11;
52. D&C 110:18-19; 53. D&C 84:17; 54. Rev 14:6-7; 55. Isa 28:16; 56. Eph 2:20; 57. Rev 12:2,5; 58. Isa 66:7-9;
59. Mal 3:16-18; 60. 1 Jn 3:2; 61. Rev 19:16; 62. Rom 14:11; 63. Alma 5:58; 64. D&C 12:2; 65. Matt 25:13; 66. Jude
1:3; 67. 2 Ne 9:41; 68. Alma 11:37; 69. Luke 13:24; 70. 2 Nephi 31:20; 71. Mosiah 16:9; 72. Mal 4:2; 73. Eph 3:8;
74. Alma 37:46; 75. 2 Ne 33:9; 76. D&C 93:45; 77. Jacob 4:11; 78. 1 Cor 7:22-23; 79. D&C 93:11; 80. Moroni 10:32.

God be thanked for the matchless gift of His divine Son.