

# 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.