

To Live is Christ

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Before you gave us life and breath
you numbered all our days,
you set your gracious love on us
and chose us to be saved.
This fleeting life is passing by
with all its joys and pain
but we believe to live is Christ
and death is gain.

And though we grieve for those we love
who fall asleep in Christ,
we know they'll see the Saviour's face
and gaze into his eyes.
So now we grieve, yet we don't grieve
as those who have no hope,
for just as Jesus rose again
he'll raise his own.

And now we're longing for the day
we'll see the Lamb once slain,
who saved a countless multitude
to glorify his name.
We're yearning for the wedding feast
of Jesus and his bride;
his nail-scarred hands will finally
bring us to his side

***To live is Christ, to die is gain;
in every age this truth remains.
We will not fear, we're unashamed:
to live is Christ, to die is gain,
to live is Christ, to die is gain.***

based on: Psalms 39: 4-5, Psalms 139: 16,
Philippians 1: 19-20,
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, Revelation 22: 1-7

Bob Kauflin serves as the Director of Sovereign Grace Music. After receiving a piano performance degree from Temple University in 1976, Bob travelled for eight years with the contemporary Christian group GLAD as a songwriter, speaker and arranger. He continued to write and arrange for the group until 2010, and was a major contributor to the *A Capella Project* (1988). In 1984, he left GLAD to pursue active involvement in a local church associated with Sovereign Grace Churches.



Bob Kauflin

In the early 90s, he helped to plant what is now CrossWay Community Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and was featured on the Integrity's Hosanna! CD, *Chosen Treasure*.

In 1997, after 12 years of pastoring, Bob moved to Gaithersburg, Maryland, where he led corporate worship at Covenant Life Church and became the Director of Sovereign Grace Music. He's written two books: *Worship Matters* (2008, Crossway) and *True Worshipers* (2015, Crossway), and also oversees the production of Sovereign Grace Music albums. He currently has the joy of being a pastor at Sovereign Grace Church of Louisville.

For over 40 years, **Mark Altrogge** has sought to help believers lift their hearts and praise to Jesus through doctrinally rich, fresh, and easy to sing worship songs and scripture memory songs. Mark's songs have appeared on albums by Sandi Patty, Annie Herring, Jesus Culture, Peggy Otis, The New Mercy Project, Calvary Chapel, Kent Henry, and many more.

Mark received his undergraduate degree in Art Education and a Masters in Painting from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. His post-impressionist style of oil painting has been influenced by van Gogh, Monet, and Klimt.



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