

Our God Is Alive

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The New Testament teaches us that God is the giver and sustainer of all life. We have a “God, who gives life to all things” (1 Timothy 6:13), we know that through Jesus “the last Adam became a life-giving spirit” (1 Corinthians 15:45), and we rejoice that “It is the Spirit who gives life” (John 6:63). The song “Our God Is Alive” celebrates this life-giving love of God.

Jesus is alive.

“Our God Is Alive” is not just the title of a song; it is the passionate proclamation of every believer.

The New Testament authors connect the word *life* to Jesus over and over. Jesus is:

- “the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6)
- the one who gives life to all ask for it (Romans 10:9)
- “the bread of life” (John 6:48)
- the water of eternal life (John 4:14)
- the breath of life (Acts 17:25)
- “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ leads us to celebrate in song and sing: *“This hope we have our God’s not dead He is alive.”*

The gospel of Luke records the world-changing events that happened after the crucifixion of Jesus: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb ... And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” (Luke 24:1-6)

When we sing “Our God Is Alive,” we are remembering and celebrating the death-conquering, curse-breaking, life-giving power of God at work in raising Jesus from the dead.

Jesus gives us life.

Not only do we celebrate that Jesus is alive, but we celebrate that in Christ we, too, are truly alive. His resurrection is the means to our abundant and eternal life. This good news is laid against the dark backdrop of the bad news of our separation from God. The New Testament tells us the sobering news



that we are dead apart from God. In Ephesians 2:1, the apostle Paul says that “you were dead in the trespasses and sins ...” But that is not the end of the story!

Ephesians 2:4-5 tells us: “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ ...” When you trust in the surety of His love and the sufficiency of His cross, He will resuscitate you and breathe life into your lifeless lungs, so that you can sing about what only He can give—abundant and eternal life.

That is why we passionately and whole-heartedly sing, *“I’m alive in You, Jesus.”*

Jesus deserves our praise.

Our only appropriate response to “the great love with which he loved us” and the life that He gives us is to worship Him: *“So let praise rise high in this place / For our King stands over the grave”!*

