



# WORSHIP GUIDE



IT'S ALWAYS  
DARKEST  
BEFORE THE  
DAWN

# A WORD FROM PASTOR

Thank you for being a part of Kauai Baptist Church! Thank you for staying faithful even though we are separated physically. I trust today's online service will bless your heart. I also encourage you to stay connected to our online growth group and Facebook page.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is one of the central events of human history and it is the event that solidifies our faith. 1 Corinthians 15:11-19 says, *"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."*

Miserable, kinda like most of our world feels right now, *"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept."* - 1 Corinthians 15:20

Thank God we have a risen Savior but today I also want to focus on the truth from 2 Peter 3 that we have a soon returning Savior! There are scoffers that say, *"Where is the promise of His coming?"* But rest assured that God is not slack concerning His promise and He will return! Are you ready?

Thank you again for joining us today!

You can watch the service on our church website at [www.kauaibaptist.org](http://www.kauaibaptist.org), our church Facebook page and our church Youtube channel!

Pastor Nathan Grosse

1 Thessalonians 5:14

# He Lives

## **Verse 1**

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer  
And just the time I need Him He's always near

## **Chorus**

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus lives today  
He walks with me and talks with me  
Along life's narrow way  
He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to impart  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart

## **Verse 2**

In all the world around me I see His loving care  
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair  
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast  
The day of His appearing will come at last

## **Verse 3**

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find  
None other is so loving, so good and kind

# Because He Lives

## **Verse 1**

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus;  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He lived and died to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

## **Chorus**

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!

## **Verse 2**

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance:  
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

## **Verse 3**

And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

# ONE DAY

(LIVING HE LOVED ME)

## **Verse 1**

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He  
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

## **Chorus**

Living, He loved me  
Dying, He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
Oh glorious day, oh glorious day

## **Verse 2**

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He  
The Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

## **Verse 3**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered  
Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
From rising again

## **Verse 4**

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming  
One day the skies with His glories will shine  
Wonderful day, my Beloved One, bringing  
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

# SERMON NOTES



## 2 PETER

### The Risen and Returning Savior

**Text:** 2 Peter 3:1-10

The Resurrection brings great hope to our hearts! Hope that our sins are forgiven because Jesus shed His Blood, and rose again from the dead signifying that the price paid for sin had been enough.

But Jesus is not here. 40 days after His resurrection Jesus ascended up into Heaven. Jesus has been in Heaven ever since but as the angels said, “*(He will return) in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*”

**1. Stir Up Your \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Peter 3:1-2**

Peter already wrote about the importance of being reminded (2 Peter 1:12-13). But here he wanted to emphasize what should be known in light of the coming of Jesus and the prophecies surrounding His coming.

It is good to stir up your mind when it comes to the return of Jesus!

**That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before:**

Peter knew the importance of *reminding* his readers of the Scriptural message, both received from the Old Testament (**spoken before**) and contemporary to his own day (**and of the commandment of us**).

**2. Doubting Scoffers - 2 Peter 3:3-4**

Christians should not be surprised to find that there are those who scoff at the idea of Jesus coming again. Peter told us that the **scoffers will come**.

**Where is the promise of His coming?** This is the message of scoffers. In the thinking of these scoffers, Christians have talked about Jesus coming for two thousand years and He still hasn't come back yet.

**All things continue as they were from the beginning of creation:** The **scoffers** base their message on the idea that things have always been the way they are right now, and that God has not and will not do anything new in His plan for creation.

### 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ to Scoffers - 2 Peter 3:5-7

The scoffers presume upon the mercy and longsuffering of God, insisting that because they have never seen a widespread judgment of God, that there will never be one. But **they willfully forget** God's creation and the judgment God poured out on the earth in the days of Noah.

A literal belief in Creation, in Adam and Eve, and in Noah's Flood are essential for a true understanding of God's working both then and now.

**The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:** Peter's point is that things on this earth have not always continued the way they are now. The earth was different when God first created it and then it was different again after the flood.

So no one should scoff at God's promise that He will make it different once again, judging it not with water but with fire. The same **word of God** that created all matter and judged the world in the flood will one day bring a judgment of fire upon the earth.

### 4. Truths for the Last Days - 2 Peter 3:8-10

What seems like forever for us is but a short time for God, just as an hour may seem to be an eternity for a child but a moment for an adult.

Peter quoted this idea from **Psalm 90:4** "**For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.**"

*"All things are equally near and present to his view; the distance of a thousand years before the occurrence of an event, is no more to him than would be the interval of a day. With God, indeed, there is neither past, present, nor future. He takes for his name the 'I AM.' ... He is the I AM; I AM in the present; I AM in the past and I AM in the future.*

*Just as we say of God that he is everywhere, so we may say of him that he is always; he is everywhere in space; he is everywhere in time."*

*- Charles Spurgeon*

Peter did not give some prophetic formula, saying that a prophetic day somehow equals a thousand years. He instead communicated a general principle regarding how we see time and how God sees time.

**The Lord is not \_\_\_\_\_ concerning His promise:** The truth is that God *will* keep His promise, and without delay according to His timing. Any perceived delay from our perspective is due to the **longsuffering** of God, who allows man as much time as possible to repent.

We understand that God is **not willing that any should perish** not in the sense of a divine decree, as if God has *declared* that no sinners will perish. Instead, Peter's statement reflects God's heart of love for the world (John 3:16), and His compassionate sorrow even in the righteous judgment of the wicked.

See **Ezekiel 33:11**

**But the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord will come as a thief in the night:** Though the Lord's longsuffering love to the lost makes it seem that perhaps He delays His coming, the truth is that He will come back.

And when Jesus does return, He will come at a time that will surprise many (**as a thief in the night**).

The ultimate result of His coming will be a total transformation of this present world (**in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat**).



## GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What gives you hope about the resurrection of Jesus?
2. What gives you hope about the return of Jesus?
3. Why do we need to stir up our minds?
4. If you heard someone scoff what would you say to them?
5. What does it mean that God is not willing that any should perish?
6. How can we be an encouragement to the world?

### **Answers to blanks**

Mind

Reminder

Slack

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Thank  
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