

## Behind the Hymn: Alive in You

I'm fascinated by the pictures of Jesus Christ painted in the Bible. Centuries before He came, the Old Testament prophets pictured Him as

Suffering Servant  
Shepherd  
King  
Emmanuel, God with Us  
Wonder of a Counselor  
God of Might  
Father of Eternity  
Prince of Peace  
...and more

The New Testament adds additional pictures, some rooted in the Old Testament:

Lamb of God  
Lion  
Bridegroom  
Head of the Church, which is His body  
Second Adam  
King of Kings and Lord of Lords

I had long thought of compiling an Easter musical based on these "images of Christ". *Alive in You* was written back in April, 1994, for inclusion in such a musical. The hymn is based on Romans 6:1-11:

*We were...buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

*We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin.*

*Count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

(Romans 6:4, 6, 11, NIV)

The truth of Easter is that the resurrected Christ is living in us now, today, every moment. His life in us will never die. We breathe His eternal life even now. As we trust Him, He frees us from sin.

That is reason to celebrate!

--Ken Bible

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