

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

1. Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense And my Sav - ior, now is liv - ing!
 2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; Like - wise I to life shall wak - en.
 3. No, too close - ly am I bound By my hope to Christ for - ev - er;
 4. I am flesh and must re - turn To the dust, whence I am tak - en;
 5. Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new With this flesh then be en - shroud - ed;
 6. Then take com - fort and re - joice, For His mem - bers Christ will cher - ish.

Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence Rests up - on the hope here giv - en,
 He will bring me where He is; Shall my cour - age then be shak - en?
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found, Grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;
But by faith I now dis - cern That from death I shall a - wak - en
 In this bod - y I shall view God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed;
 Fear not, they will hear His voice; Dy - ing, they shall nev - er per - ish;

Though the night of death be fraught Still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
 Shall I fear, or could the Head Rise and leave His mem - bers dead?
Ev - en death now can - not part From its Lord the trust - ing heart.
With my Sav - ior to a - bide In His glo - ry, at His side.
 In this flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.
 For the ver - y grave is stirred When the trum - pet's blast is heard.

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