

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

Verse 1

C **F** **C**
Jesus Christ, my sure defense

F/G C
And my Savior, now is liv - ing!

C **F** **C**
Knowing this, my confidence

F/G C
Rests upon the hope here gi - ven,

Am **F** **C**
Though the night of death be fraught

F/G **C**
Still with many an anxious thought.

Verse 2

C **F** **C**
Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;

F/G C
Likewise I to life shall wa - ken.

F **C**
He will bring me where He is;

F/G C
Shall my courage then be sha - ken?

Am **F** **C**
Shall I fear, or could the Head

F **C**
Rise and leave His members dead?

Verse 3

C **F** **C**
No, too closely am I bound

F/G C
By my hope to Christ fore - ver;

F **C**
Faith's strong hand the Rock has found,

F/G C
Grasped it, and will leave it ne - ver;

Am **F** **C**
Even death now cannot part

F/G C
From its Lord the trusting heart.

Verse 4

I am flesh and must return
To the dust, whence I am ta - ken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awa - ken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.

Verse 5

Glorified, I shall anew
With this flesh then be enshrouded;
In this body I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes unclouded;
In this flesh I then shall see
Jesus Christ eternally.

Verse 6

Then take comfort and rejoice,
For His members Christ will cherish.
Fear not, they will hear His voice;
Dying, they shall never perish;
For the very grave is stirred
When the trumpet's blast is heard.

Verse 7

Laugh to scorn the gloomy grave
And at death no longer tremble;
He, the Lord, who came to save
Will at last His own assemble.
They will go their Lord to meet,
Treading death beneath their feet.

Verse 8

O, then, draw away your hearts
From all pleasures base and hollow;
Strive to share what He imparts
While you here His footsteps follow.
As you now still wait to rise,
Fix your hearts beyond the skies!