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Live It Out Loud
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Dean Church Records

“Live It Out Loud” by Michael Dean Church from Dean Church Records is an album that catches my attention on one basic level; vocal ability. Church’s vocals cross various styles of singing (country, bluegrass, and pop-ballad,) into a nice sound, though not a vocal that I would call terribly too distinctive.



Most of the songs fly by fairly quickly, with not much attention received by them in my opinion, however there a few that do. The title track, “Live It Out Loud” is a catchy guitar feeling filled song that is an excellent introduction to this independent newcomer. “Love in the Making” also is mind-addictive, with a great lyric and sound that no doubt you will play a second time when it’s over.

The final track, “Burned by the Same Fire Twice” is my favorite track on the album. It has a slight touch of a bluegrass sound to both the music and vocals. At just under three minutes, Church shows what his talent can do (and what he should do more of.) The band on the album certainly is a major plus for the album as well. Church has on four of the eleven tracks the legendary Buckaroos to play for him. That’s something special right there.

Overall, Church has given the listener a great sampling of music. From a country pop-ballad style to a bluegrass influenced country song, Church demonstrates he can do those styles well. This is a solid start for Church, and I believe it will continue to strengthen as he finds that specific sound he wishes to share with listeners.

Overall Grade: B-