

“WORD OF LIFE”

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CHRIST IN HIS PERSON - **In Creation**

6 - **Upholder** of All Things by the Word of His Power

7 - All Things **Cohering** in Him

Hymn # 495/104/33

✚ IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD (John 1:1)

- Heb. 1:3 - Who, being the effulgence of His glory and the impress of His substance and **upholding** and **bearing** all things **by the word** of His power, having made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;
- Heb. 11:3 - By faith we understand that the universe has been **framed by the word of God**, so that what is seen has not come into being out of things which appear.
- Col. 1:17 - And He is before all things, and all things **cohere** in Him;

✚ LET US OFFER UP A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE CONTINUALLY TO GOD (Heb. 13:15)

❖ Christ is the Creator, the means of creation, and the Upholder.

- The universe was **framed** by the **word of God** (Heb. 11:3)
 - He simply spoke, and all things came into being.
 - He created the universe.
- Christ **upholds** “*all things by the word of His power.*” (Heb. 1:3)
 - He **upholds** the universe by His word.
 - He **upholds** it now by the word of His power.

❖ “All things cohere in Him.” (Col. 1:17)

- “**Cohere**” includes to **exist**, to **live**, and to **live together**.
 - Christ is subjectively related to creation.
 - All things **exist** together by Christ as the holding center
 - All things **consist** [constituted] in Him
 - All things **cohere** [subsist together] in Him

✚ WITH ONE ACCORD ... WITH ONE MOUTH GLORIFY THE GOD (Rom. 15:6)

- ✚ The earth is suspended in space. There is nothing visible supporting it. **After** Christ created the earth, He began to **uphold** it, and He **upholds it now by** the word of His power.
- ✚ The divine word is powerful. Christ is the **Creator**, the **means** of creation, and the **Upholder**. He created the universe, and now He **upholds** the universe by His word.
- ✚ All things came into being **in** Christ, **through** Christ, and **unto** Christ. All things were made **in** the intrinsic power of Christ’s person, **through** Him as the active instrument, and **unto** Him as the consummate goal.
- ✚ All things **exist** in Christ, **live** or continue in existence in Him. All things live together, exist together in Him.