

“WORD OF LIFE”

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28. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (8) – In Redemption

5. A Serpent in Form

Hymn: 180 / 1179 / 8043

✝ IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE **WORD** (John 1:1)

- John 3:14 - And as Moses lifted up the **serpent** in the wilderness, **so must** the **Son of Man** be lifted up,
John 3:15 - That everyone who **believes** into Him may have **eternal life**.
- Num. 21:6 - Then Jehovah **sent fiery serpents** among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.
Num. 21:7 - And the people came to Moses and said, **We have sinned**, because we have spoken against Jehovah and against you; pray to Jehovah, that He may take away the serpents from us. So Moses prayed for the people.
Num. 21:8 - Then Jehovah said to Moses, Make a **fiery serpent**, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he **sees** it, shall live.
Num. 21:9 - And Moses made a **bronze serpent** and set it on the pole; and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he **looked** at the **bronze serpent**, he **lived**.
- Gen. 3:15 - And I will put enmity Between you and the woman And between your seed and her seed; **He will bruise** you on the head, But you will bruise him on the heel.

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

❖ **Christ died on the cross as a serpent in form.** (John 3:14-15).

- As fallen human beings, we are all **serpentine** beings with the poison of the serpent in our nature.
 - In our fallen nature we are **children of the old serpent**, the Devil (1 John 3:10).
 - In our fallen nature we are not only sinful—we are **serpentine**.
 - The entire fallen human race consists of **poisonous serpents**.
 - As such serpents **we needed a substitute**; **we needed Christ to die for us in the form of a serpent**
- **Lord Jesus applies** to Himself the type of the **brass serpent**
 - The **brass serpent lifted up** on a pole is a **type** of Christ
 - **Christ lifted up** on the cross for us as a serpent in form
 - Christ was a **serpent in form**
 - **but** that He did not have the poisonous nature of a serpent
 - The Lord Jesus was crucified as a **serpent in form** in order to deal with Satan, the Devil, the old serpent.
 - it was through being **crucified** as a **serpent in form** that the Lord Jesus **crushed** the head of the old serpent, the Devil (Gen. 3:15)
 - in this way He **judged** the ruler of this world (John 12:31)
 - By His death on the cross Christ destroyed the Devil, who had the power of death (Heb. 2:14).

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

- ✝ **Through** the death of Christ, sins, sin, the old man, the entire creation, the Devil, and the world have all been dealt with.
- As the **Lamb of God**, Christ **took away sin**.
 - As a **man in the flesh**, He made it possible for God to **condemn sin in the flesh**.
 - As the **last Adam** He **terminated the old man**.
 - As a **creature**, He **crucified the entire creation**.
 - And as a **serpent in form**, He **destroyed the Devil and the satanic world**.