

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 29. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (9) – In Salvation

#### 4. The Power

#### 5. The Wisdom

Hymns: Christ in Me the Law of Life / 544 / 23

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

1Cor. 1:24 - But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ** the **power of God** and the **wisdom of God**.

1Cor. 1:30 - But of Him **you are** in Christ Jesus, who became **wisdom to us** from God:  
both **righteousness** and **sanctification** and **redemption**,

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

**Wisdom** is for planning and purposing.

**Power** is for carrying out and accomplishing what is planned and purposed.

#### ❖ In God's salvation Christ crucified is God's **power**.

- This power is **not** the power of God exercised in creation.
- **Rather**, it is the **power of crucifixion**, the **power of the wonderful death** of Christ.
- The **death of Christ** has **become** God's **power**
  - To destroy Satan
  - To solve the problem of the world
  - To eliminate sin
  - To terminate fallen man, the flesh, the natural life, and the old creation
- Christ is God's **power**. He Himself is the **saving power**. (1Cor. 1:24)
  - For accomplishing, what God has planned and purposed

#### ❖ In God's salvation Christ crucified is God's **wisdom**

- Christ has been made **wisdom to us from God** (1 Cor. 1:30).
  - “**to us**” and “**from God**”
    - this **indicates** something present, practical, and experiential in the way of transmission
    - this **indicates** a **living, ongoing transmission**
    - **continually** Christ should become wisdom to us from God
  - It is God who put us in Christ, transferring us **from** Adam **into** Christ.
    - this **was not** an outward transfer
    - **it was** an inward **transfer of life**
    - we are now in Christ, and Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God
  - It is God who has made Christ wisdom to us (1 Cor. 1:30).
    - **not** that Christ became our wisdom
    - **but** that Christ became wisdom **to us**
  - It is of God that we participate in a complete and perfect salvation.
    - **Regeneration** in the **spirit**—**righteousness** for our **past**
      - **by which** we have been **justified** by God
      - so that we may be **reborn** in our spirit to **receive** the divine life (Rom. 5:18)
    - **Sanctification** in the **soul**—**sanctification** for the **present**
      - **by which** we are being **sanctified** in our soul
      - that is, **transformed** in our mind, emotion, and will, with the divine life (Rom. 6:19, 22)
    - **Transfiguration** in the **body**—**redemption** for the **future**
      - **by which** we shall be **transfigured** in our body with His divine life (Phil. 3:21)
      - that is, the **redemption** of our body (Rom. 8:23), to have His glorious likeness

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

- ✚ The death of Christ has become God's power to defeat Satan, the world, sin, fallen man, the flesh, the natural life, the old creation, and the ordinances. By one death, the death of Christ, all the problems in the universe have been cleared. Thus, Christ crucified is God's power to abolish all negative things and to carry out His plan.
- ✚ Day by day, we need Christ to be wisdom to us. Christ was made wisdom to us from God that we may participate in a complete and perfect salvation, a salvation that makes our entire being—spirit, soul, and body—organically one with Christ and makes Christ everything to us.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 29, points 4 & 5)  
[This "word of life" was inspired by The Elder's Training Book 8, Ch. 4]

CHRIST IN ME THE LAW OF LIFE IS	HYMN 544	HYMN 23
<p>1 Christ in me the law of life is Working e'er spontaneously. He's the Spirit in my spirit; The almighty pow'r is He.</p> <p><i>Chorus</i> Christ in me the law of life is, Operating now in me; With its automatic power, Making me the same as He!</p> <p>2 Trusting in His mighty power, I would cease from all my strife— 'Tis not I but He who worketh— As I rest and reign in life.</p> <p>3 Law of life in Christ has freed me From the law of sin and death, As I walk in Christ, in spirit, Living out God's Righteousness.</p> <p>4 As the law, He's now dispensing To my being tripartite He Himself as life eternal, Making me a man of life.</p> <p>5 Into Christ's own glorious image, Now this law is shaping me. Christ, the Prototype, God's Firstborn, Will be reproduced in me.</p> <p>6 Inner law will constitute me Member of Christ Body true And develop all my function By divine capacity.</p>	<p>1 Lord Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the pleasures of sin I resign; My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou, If ever I loved Thee, Lord Jesus, 'tis now.</p> <p>2 I love Thee, because Thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow; If ever I loved Thee, Lord Jesus, 'tis now.</p> <p>3 I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, Lord Jesus, 'tis now.</p> <p>4 In ages eternal of endless delight I'll ever adore Thee in glory so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, Lord Jesus, 'tis now.</p>	<p>1 In all Thy wisdom, Father God, According to Thy will, Eternal purpose Thou hast made That all Thy Son might fill.</p> <p><i>Chorus</i> How deep and rich Thy wisdom is, O who can search and trace? Yet, Father God, in it we find Thy mercy and Thy grace!</p> <p>2 How wondrously Thou mad'st all things, O who can know Thy mind? All are of Thee, thru Thee, to Thee, Thy wisdom here we find.</p> <p>3 Thy wisdom shuts up all in sin, That mercy may be shown, That none may boast in anything But in Thyself alone.</p> <p>4 In wisdom, by the cross, Thou hast For us redemption made, That in our spirit we may have Thyself, the treasure, laid.</p> <p>5 Thy wisdom thru Thy Church is known By principalities, Thru us Thy wisdom manifold Shown in the heavenlies.</p> <p>6 When in the new Jerusalem In mercy we will boast, Thy wisdom will be known for aye Unto the uttermost</p>