

## “WORD OF LIFE”

July 10, 2022

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

#### 6. The Author and Perfecter of Faith

Hymn: 510 (stanzas 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15) / 510 (stanzas 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13) / 1081

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

Heb. 12:2 - Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

Eph. 2:8 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God;

2Pet. 1:1 - Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have been allotted faith equally precious as ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

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

The Greek word translated “Author” may be rendered  
**Originator, Inaugurator, Leader, Pioneer, Forerunner.**

#### ❖ In salvation Christ is the Author and Perfecter of faith. (Hebrews 12:2)

- Jesus is the Author of faith
  - He is the Originator, the Inaugurator,
  - He is the source and the cause of faith.
- Christ is the Perfecter, the Finisher, the Completer of faith.
  - He is the Perfecter of faith mainly in His glory and on His throne in heaven.
    - He is sitting on the throne in glory to complete the faith which He originated while He was on earth.
    - He will finish and complete what He has originated and inaugurated.
  - By looking unto Him continually, we shall have Him finish and complete the faith which we need.
- We need Christ as the Author of faith
  - We do not have any believing ability, in our natural man.
  - We do not have faith by ourselves.
    - the faith we have is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8)
    - we have obtained this precious faith by God's gift (2 Pet. 1:1)
  - We look unto Jesus, He, imparts, dispenses, Himself into us as the believing element to believe for us.
    - then spontaneously the believing ability arises in our being,
    - and we have the faith to believe in Him
    - it is He, Himself, who is our faith
  - We live by Him as our faith, by His faith (Gal. 2:20), not by our own faith

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

- ✚ Jesus is the Author and the Originator of faith in His life and in His path on earth.
  - ✓ He originated faith when He was on earth.
  - ✓ The life He lived was a life of faith, and the path He walked was a path of faith.

✚ When we look unto Him -

- ✓ as the Originator of faith in His life and in His path on earth
- ✓ as the Perfecter of faith in His glory and on His throne in heaven,

He transfuses and even infuses us in a very subjective way with the faith which He has originated and perfected.

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<p>1 I've found the <b>One of peerless worth</b>, My heart doth sing for joy; And sing I must, for Christ I have: Oh, what a Christ have I!</p> <p>7 Christ is my <b>Savior, Shepherd, Lord</b>, My Advocate above, My Counsellor, my Father, God, My Brother, Friend, and Love.</p> <p>8 Christ is my <b>Captain</b> and my Guard, My Teacher and my Guide, My Bridegroom, Master and my Head; In me doth He reside.</p> <p>9 Christ is my <b>Prophet, Priest, and King</b>; My Prophet full of sight; My Priest that stands 'twixt me and God, My King that rules with might.</p> <p>10 Christ is the <b>Author of my faith</b>, And its <b>Perfecter</b> too, My Mediator, Guarantee, And faithful Witness true.</p> <p>14 My Christ, <b>the all-inclusive One</b>, My Christ what shall I call? He is the first, He is the last, My <b>Christ is All in all</b>.</p> <p>15 Since such a <b>treasure</b> I possess, My heart doth sing for joy; And I must sing, and sing again; Oh, <b>what a Christ have I!</b></p>	<p>2 My Christ, He is the <b>Lamb of God</b>, Who full salvation brings; He is the Sun of Righteousness, With healing in His wings.</p> <p>3 My Christ, He is the <b>Tree of Life</b> With fruit abundant, sweet; My hunger He doth satisfy; Of Him I daily eat.</p> <p>4 My Christ, He is the <b>smitten Rock</b> Whence living waters burst; He is the fountain in my heart Which quenches all my thirst.</p> <p>5 Christ is my <b>life</b>, my light, my way, My comfort and my health, My <b>peace</b>, my <b>rest</b>, my joy, my hope, My glory and my wealth.</p> <p>6 Christ is my <b>wisdom</b> and my <b>pow'r</b>, My boast and <b>righteousness</b>, My vict'ry and <b>redemption</b> sure, My truth and holiness.</p> <p>11 Christ is my <b>everlasting home</b>, My all-sufficient land; My fortress, tower, hiding-place, And my eternal stand.</p> <p>12 Christ is my <b>sabbath</b> and new moon, My morning and my day, My age and my eternity That ne'er will pass away.</p> <p>13 Christ is my trust and my desire, In comeliness replete, My <b>satisfaction</b> and delight, <b>Who all my need doth meet</b>.</p>	<p>1 Father God, Thou art the <b>source of life</b>. We, Thy sons, are Thine expression; In Thy name, our dear possession. Father God, Thou art the source of life.</p> <p>In Thy life, <b>in Thy life</b>, We have oneness in Thy life. In Thy life, in Thy life, In Thy life, O Father, we are one.</p> <p>2 How we thank Thee that Thy holy Word With Thy nature, saturates us; From the world it separates us. Thank Thee, Father, for Thy holy Word.</p> <p>Through Thy Word, <b>through Thy Word</b>, We have oneness through Thy Word. Through Thy Word, through Thy Word, Through Thy holy Word we're all made one.</p> <p>3 Oh, the glory of the Triune God! We're His sons, oh, what a blessing! We His glory are expressing— Oh, the glory of the Triune God!</p> <p>In Thy glory, <b>in Thy glory</b>, In Thy glory we are one. In Thy glory, in Thy glory, In Thy glory we are all made one!</p>

THE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS		
<p>1 The gift of righteousness is measured in abundance, The depth of His love I'll never understand. His love reaches me and you; His mercy goes farther too. The One on the throne of God is called the Lamb.</p>	<p><i>Chorus</i> So, why not open up and call His name, "Oh Lord!" Find your spirit where His grace has been outpoured. Call His name, taste His grace, exercise before His face He's longing and yearning. He's hoping and waiting. He's ever desiring for you... To turn to Him.</p>	<p>2 He knows your deepest thought, Your every situation. He understands your heart, He knows your history. There's nothing in His way, He's just waiting for you to say <b>"Lord Jesus, my wandering heart I give to Thee."</b></p>