

“WORD OF LIFE”

July 31, 2022

30. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (10) – In Resurrection

1. The **Firstfruit** of **Resurrection**
2. The **Firstborn** from among the **Dead**

Hymn: Hymn 189 / These are the days of salvation / O Father God how faithful You are

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

1Cor. 15:20 - But now Christ has been raised **from the dead**, the **firstfruits** of those who have **fallen asleep**.

1Cor. 15:23 - But each one in his own order: the **firstfruits**, Christ; then those who are Christ's at His coming;

Col. 1:18 - And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the **Firstborn from the dead**, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

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

❖ In resurrection Christ is the Firstfruit of resurrection.

- Christ is **set forth** as the Firstfruit of resurrection.
- Christ was the **first one** raised from among the dead as the **firstfruit** of resurrection.
 - this was **typified** by the firstfruits in **Leviticus 23:10** and **11**,
 - that was offered to God on the day after the Sabbath, the **day of resurrection** (Matt. 28:1)

❖ As the Firstfruit of resurrection, Christ is the Firstborn from among the dead.

- Christ being “*the Firstborn from among the dead*” is **for** the **new creation** in resurrection,
 - The new creation is the **church**, the **Body** of Christ.
- As the first in resurrection **Christ** is the **Head** of the Body.
 - He is the One who has the first place, the preeminence, in the church.

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

✚ Christ was the first One raised from among the dead, becoming the **firstfruits of resurrection**. This was **typified** by a sheaf of the firstfruits, in **Lev. 23:10-11**, **which** were offered to God on the day after the Sabbath.

✚ Christ **as** the firstfruits of resurrection is the **Firstborn from among the dead** that He might be the **Head** of the Body. Since He, the Head of the Body, has been resurrected, we, the Body, also will be resurrected.

*(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 30, letter I, points – 1 & 2)
[This “word of life” was inspired by The Elder’s Training Book 8, Ch. 4]*

Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer has become our Jubilee

1 Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer Has become our Jubilee , Sent to proclaim the release Of all held in captivity. To the blind recovered sight— The release of all oppressed. To proclaim the year of the Lord, Hallelujah Jubilee .	2 Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer Has secured our liberty , He has freed us from our bondage Now in His life we are free . From the darkness to the light— Now in Him reality. We proclaim the year of our Lord, Hallelujah Jubilee .	3 Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer Has restored us to the land, He has brought us to the Father Now fore’er to dwell in Him. From a distant land to home— His embrace now comforts us. We proclaim the year of our Lord, Hallelujah Jubilee .	4 Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer Has restored the family, Brothers, sisters we are here now In God’s house eternally. No more strangers from His love— Now His children ere to be. We proclaim the year of our Lord, Hallelujah Jubilee .
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Hymn 189

- 1 Thou art the **Son beloved**,
The image of our God;
Thou art the saints' dear portion,
Imparted thru Thy blood.
Among all God's creation
Thou art the **firstborn One**;
By Thee all was created,
All for Thyself to own.
- 2 Thou art before all creatures,
In Thee all things consist;
Of all Thou art the center,
By Thee all things subsist.
Thou art the sole beginning,
The **Firstborn from the dead**;
And for the Church, Thy Body,
Thou art the glorious Head.
- 3 Because it pleased the Father,
All fulness dwells in Thee,
That Thou might have the first place
In all we ever see.
All things Thou reconciledst
To God by Thy shed blood,
To thus present us holy
And blameless unto God.
- 4 In Thee God's fulness dwelleth,
Thou art God's mystery;
The treasures of all wisdom
And knowledge are in Thee.
Thou art the hope of glory,
In us Thou dost abide;
In Thee we are perfected
And God is satisfied.
- 5 All things are but a shadow
Which unto us reveal
Thyself, in whom we're rooted,
The only One that's real.
Enjoying all Thy riches,
Thy fulness we will be;
We'll hold Thee, as Thy Body,
And grow with God in Thee.
- 6 With Thee in God we're hidden,
Thou art in us our life;
Thy peace in us presiding,
We rest from all our strife.
In the new man, Thy Body,
Thou art the all in all;
Our all-inclusive Savior,
Thyself we'll ever call.

These are the days of salvation

- 1 These are the days of salvation:
Our past has been washed
by His blood.
And these are the days of
redemption for you:
Sinners become sons of God!
And though you may feel
you're unworthy,
Still Jesus has called you by name.
Now we will proclaim to
all nations 'round us:
"Repent and believe in the Lord!"

Chorus

Behold, He comes:
Christ our risen Lord!
Let the trumpets ring:
Hosannas to the King!
Lift your voice!
It's the year of Jubilee!
In the name of Jesus Christ
salvation comes!

- 2 These are the days of rejoicing:
Lift up your praise to our King!
And these are the days of
pressing forward:
As brothers and sisters we sing.
And these are the days of
Your kingdom:
We stand and declare to the world
That we are forever one in spirit
Declaring the name of the Lord!

O Father God, how faithful You are

- 1 O Father God, how faithful You
Are through eternity;
For Your eternal purpose You
Are faithful now in me.

Chorus

How steadfast is Thy faithfulness!
For this I worship Thee;
It is established in the heav'n,
And ever stands for me.

- 2 You've called us into **fellowship**
Of Your dear Son, our Lord,
That He may be our portion full,
Our center, our accord.
- 3 Though we unfaithful oft will be,
Yet You are faithful still,
Though not for human welfare but
For Your eternal will.
- 4 Since we've believed into Your Son
Some losses You've allowed
That we from broken cisterns turn
To drink our Fountain-God.
- 5 Your faithfulness has led us in
To Your **economy**,
Where Christ we all enjoy that You
In us may increased be.
- 6 The living water's faithful flow
We drink and shout, Amen;
The destination of this flow
The New Jerusalem.