

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

3. The Son of God **Designated** in Power

Hymns: # 1174 / Lord, Bring Forth the One New Man / # 60

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

Rom. 1:4 - Who was **designated** the Son of God in power according to the **Spirit of holiness** out of the resurrection of the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord;

Acts 13:33 - That God has fully fulfilled this *promise* to us their children in raising up Jesus, as it is also written in the second Psalm, “**You are My Son**; this day have I **begotten** You.”

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

❖ Before His incarnation and resurrection, Christ already was the Son of God

- Christ was already the Son of God **in** His **divinity**
 - He **did not have** **human** nature

❖ In resurrection Christ is the Son of God **designated in power (Romans 1:4).**

- **First** He **passed through** the **process** of incarnation to **become** **flesh**.
 - **By** incarnation He had put on an element, the **human** nature.
 - His divine nature was **concealed** by the flesh.
- **Then** He **passed through** the **process** of death and resurrection.
 - **Of this** process He was **designated** the **Son of God** **out of** resurrection.
 - **that part of Him** which was Jesus with the **human** nature, **was not** the **Son of God**
 - **by** His resurrection Christ **sanctified** and **uplifted** His human nature, His **humanity**
 - **in this sense** He was **begotten** the **Son of God** in His resurrection (Acts 13:33; Heb. 1:5)
 - **Therefore**, resurrection was Christ’s **designation** as the Son of God.

❖ Christ “*was designated the Son of God in power according to the **Spirit of holiness ...*”**

- **As** the Son of God, Christ is **constituted** of the **Spirit of holiness**, His very **element**.
 - The **Spirit of holiness** is the **life-essence** within the Lord Jesus
 - Christ was **designated** by resurrection according to the divine life-essence in Him.

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

- ✚ Before** His incarnation Christ was the Son of God **only** with **divinity**. But **now**, through His resurrection,
 - ✓ He has been **designated** the Son of God **both** with **divinity** and **humanity**.
 - ✓ He was **designated** the Son of God with humanity in resurrection.

✚ Christ resurrected from among the dead, He was **designated** in power by resurrection according to the **Spirit of holiness** that was in Him.

- ✓ He is the **Son of God** in a way that is more wonderful than before,
- ✓ He has **both** the **divine** nature and the resurrected, transformed, uplifted, glorified, and designated **human** nature.

*(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 30, letter I – point 3)
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Hymn 1174

- 1 What a victory! What a triumph!
God Himself **became a man**,
Clothed Himself in **human nature**
To fulfill His mighty plan.
He through death destroyed
the devil;
Risen now, the Son of Man!
- 2 Jesus by His **human virtues**
Did the subtle one arrest;
He as man withstood the tempter,
Fully passed through every test.
Now in spirit I can take Him,
All His virtues to possess.
- 3 In the Spirit of this Jesus
Is His **human life** so fine.
Human virtues have been added
To the Spirit all divine.
What abundance in this Spirit,
Rich supply for all mankind!
- 4 How mysterious! Yet how real!
Such a man now lives in me.
Into all my heart He's spreading—
He, my human life, to be.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
I will praise unceasingly.
- 5 Oh, what wonder! Oh,
how glorious!
God in flesh is manifest.
We the members of His Body
His **humanity** express.
For the building of
God's dwelling
We His human life possess.

Lord, Bring Forth the One New Man

- 1 Lord, bring forth the one **new man**;
Grant this vision now to us.
Gain in us Thy heart's desire—
Thine expression glorious.
- 2 When Thou **first didst man create**,
Thine own likeness to possess,
Thine intention was that he
Take Thee in and Thee express.
- 3 But, instead, **man was deceived**,
To the knowledge-tree misled.
Then, Thy plan he did forsake;
To the self he'd live instead.
- 4 So, Thou in the **flesh didst come**,
Mingling with humanity,
Living to the Father's will,
God's intent accomplishing.
- 5 First, Thou **to the cross didst go**,
Our old man to terminate;
Then, in **resurrection**, come,
Thy new man to germinate.
- 6 Now Thou **in our spirit** art,
As the inner man within;
As our heart becomes Thine home,
Thou dost live and rule therein.
- 7 **Spread within us**, Lord, we pray;
Gain the ground in all our heart.
We'd the self deny always,
That Thyself Thou wouldst impart.
- 8 We'd allow Thy peace to reign,
In the Body-life we'd live;
No more self-directed be,
For Thy church our all we'd give.

Hymn 60

- 1 Of the Father's **love begotten**,
Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega,
He the source, the ending He,
Of the things that are
and have been,
And that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore.
- 2 This is He whom they in old time
Chanted of with one accord,
Whom the voices of the prophets
Promised in their faithful word;
Now He shines,
the long-expected;
Let **creation praise** its Lord,
Evermore and evermore.
- 3 O ye heights of heav'n,
adore Him;
Angel hosts, His praises sing;
All dominions, bow before Him,
And extol our Lord and King.
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring,
Evermore and evermore.
- 4 **Christ**, to Thee,
with **God the Father**,
And, with **Holy Ghost**, to Thee,
Hymn and chant and
high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be;
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.