

“WORD OF LIFE”

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31. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (11) – In Ascension

1. Son of Man

Hymns: # 132 / # 618 / # 602

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

- Mat 26:63 - But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to Him, I charge You to swear by the living God to tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God.
- Mat 26:64 - Jesus said to him, You have said *rightly*. Nevertheless I say to you, From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.
- Act 7:55 - But being full of the Holy Spirit, he looked intently into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;
- Act 7:56 - And he said, Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.
- Rev 1:13 - And in the midst of the lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment reaching to the feet, and girded about at the breasts with a golden girdle.

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

❖ In ascension Christ is the Son of Man.

- The Christ who is in the heavens still has His humanity (Matt. 26:64)
 - He still possesses a human nature.
 - He was the Son of Man on earth before His crucifixion,
 - He is still the Son of Man in the heavens at the right hand of God after His resurrection and ascension.
 - Even at His coming back on the clouds He will be the Son of Man.
- In ascension Christ is still the Son of Man (Acts 7:56)
 - The heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God
- The ascended Christ is the Son of Man (Rev. 1:13)
 - Christ is unveiled as the Son of Man, He is both divine and human.
 - As the High Priest He cares for the churches in His humanity.

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

- ✚ The Lord even after He was crucified and have been resurrected from the dead, is in the third heaven as a man. In ascension Christ continues to be the Son of Man.
- ✚ Christ today is still the Son of Man. In ascension Christ is still both the Son of God with divinity and the Son of Man with humanity.

*(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 31, letter J – point 1)
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Hymn 132

- 1 Lo! in **heaven Jesus sitting**,
Christ the Lord is there enthroned;
As the man by God exalted,
With God's glory He is crowned.
- 2 He hath put on human nature,
Died according to God's plan,
Resurrected with a body,
And **ascended** as a **man**.
- 3 God in Him on earth was humbled,
God with man was domiciled;
Man in Him in heav'n exalted,
Man with God is reconciled.
- 4 He as God with man is mingled,
God in man is testified;
He as man with God is blended,
Man in God is glorified.
- 5 From the Glorified in heaven
The inclusive Spirit came;
All of Jesus' work and Person
Doth this Spirit here proclaim.
- 6 With the Glorified in **heaven**
Is the Church identified;
By the Spirit of this **Jesus**
Are His members edified.
- 7 Lo! **a man** is now in **heaven**
As the Lord of all enthroned;
This is **Jesus** Christ our Savior,
With God's glory ever crowned

Hymn 62

- 1 Dear Lord Jesus, we adore Thee,
"Seed of woman" Thou became;
Of the virgin wast begotten,
Called e'en with a **human name**.
Taking thus the **human nature**,
Thou as **man** the **serpent trod**;
By the **Cross** his head Thou bruised
And fulfilled the plan of God.

Chorus

- Lord, we see Thy glory,
Shown in human beauty,
Full of splendor, manifested
In **humanity**.
- 2 As a **man**, by incarnation,
Flesh and **blood** didst Thou partake
To **destroy the devil**, Satan,
In our stead and for our sake.
With the name of Jesus given
And Emmanuel called too,
Thou becam'st our precious Savior,
Bringing us salvation true.
 - 3 Thou, "**Last Adam**" wast entitled,
And wast called the "**second man**",
Head of all the new creation,
Better than the first man.
On this earth in life and conduct
Thou indeed wast **Son of man**;
Now in heaven with this nature
Thou dost still appear as **man**.
 - 4 In the time which God appointed
Thou wilt come, dear Lord, again,
With the glory of the Father,
Still **appearing** as a **man**.
Even on the throne of judgment
Son of man Thou still wilt be;
And with this, our human nature,
Thou forevermore wilt be.

Hymn 602

- 1 O how **glorious**! O how **holy**!
God is the **eternal life**!
Full, unlimited, and pow'rful,
Pure, and merciful, and bright!
In this life are all His riches,
All His nature, love and light.
- 2 O how **loving**! O how **gracious**!
God Himself is **life to man**!
He in man hath made a spirit
That He might fulfill His plan.
'Tis His heart's delight and longing
E'er to be received by man.
- 3 O what **love** and **grace** unbounded!
God as **life to man** doth flow!
He no more is hid in secret
But Himself to man doth show,
First in flesh and then as Spirit
That His life all men may know.
- 4 How **approachable**! How **near** us!
God in Christ **our life** to be!
Christ is God in flesh incarnate,
Manifest for man to see.
Died and risen, now He **enters**
Into man, his life to be.
- 5 O what **wonder**! As the Spirit
God as **life to man** is shown!
'Tis His other transformation,
He as Spirit thus is known;
Men convicting and inspiring,
He within them makes His home.
- 6 O how **glorious**! O how **precious**!
Thus the triune God to know!
First the **Father** in the **Son** came,
Now the Son as **Spirit** flows.
When **in man** the Spirit **enters**
God as life He doth bestow.
- 7 How **mysterious**, yet how **real**!
God Himself now flows **in me**!
In my heart, with me in oneness,
He has come **my life** to be.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
I will praise unceasingly!