

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

2. The One Who Is **at the Right Hand** of God

3. The One **Crowned** with Glory and Honor

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

Rom. 8:34 - Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also **at the right hand of God**, who also intercedes for us.

Heb. 2:9 - But we see Jesus, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the suffering of death, **crowned with glory and honor**, so that by the grace of God He might taste death on behalf of everything.

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

❖ In ascension Christ is the One who is **at the right hand of God** (Romans 8:34).


- “*The right hand of God*” signifies **preeminence**.
 - The **right hand** of God is the **first place of honor** and **highest place** in the universe,
 - God has given the preeminence and the highest honor in the entire universe to Christ.

❖ In ascension Christ is the One who has been **crowned with glory and honor** (Hebrews 2:9).

- Glory and honor are considered a **crown**.
 - **Glory** is the **splendor** related to Jesus’ **person**;
 - **Honor** is the **preciousness** related to Jesus’ **worth** (1 Pet. 2:7).
- As the ascended One crowned with glory and honor, Christ is in a **state of glory** and has a rank of honor.
 - **On earth** in His suffering of death, Christ was **crowned** with **thorns**.
 - But **in heaven** on the throne in His enjoyment of exaltation, He is **crowned** with **glory** and **honor**.

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

 Christ died for us, He was resurrected, and in ascension He is now in the heavens **at the right hand of God** interceding for us. Our Christ today is in the highest heaven, holding the highest **position** at God’s **right hand**.

 The ascended Christ is glorious in state and honorable in rank. He has received such glory and has entered into such an honor. This **glory** and **honor** are the **crown** with which He has been **crowned**. Let us look away from everything to the ascended Christ who is crowned with glory and honor.

*(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 31, letter J – point 2 & 3)
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Hymn 277

- 1 Christ the Savior hath ascended
To the heavens far above,
Crowned with glory and with honor
By the Father God in love;
He hath made Him
Head of all things,
His supremacy to prove.
- 2 From this Christ to God ascended
Hath the Spirit been outpoured,
Poured upon the Church, His Body,
That His members be empow'ered;
Thus the Lord of all in heaven
Thru His Church will be adored.
- 3 In the flesh by incarnation,
Into man He God hath brought;
By His death and resurrection,
Into God He man hath brought;
God and man together mingled,
In Himself is fully wrought.
- 4 Now in heaven by ascension
He is seated on the throne;
All the lordship, all the headship,
He Himself doth fully own;
And by pouring out His Spirit,
He as such might be made known.
- 5 By this outpour, His descension
On the Church was realized;
'Tis by this, that in His Spirit
All the Church He hath baptized;
Thus the baptism of the Spirit
Was forever actualized.
- 6 Hallelujah, 'tis accomplished,
And accomplished once for all!
Hallelujah, we're included,
All included, great or small!
Praise Him, He hath sent the Spirit
And baptized the Church withal!

Hymn 142

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly
anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the Virgin's Son,
The God Incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson
trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Tree,
As of that Tree the Stem;
The Root whence flows
Thy mercy free,
The Babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of Love:
Behold His hands and side;
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends
his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of peace,
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole,
that wars may cease,
And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of glory now extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

Hymn 26

- 1 God, we praise Thee
for Thy mercy,
'Tis so great and so profound!
In our weakness and our failures;
With its greatness it abounds.
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
With such mercy
we've been crowned!
- 2 How we marvel at this mercy
So far-reaching and so vast!
It has reached us, e'en the sinners,
And will ever hold us fast.
From this mercy, from this mercy,
What can cause us to be cast?
- 3 For Thy mercy we are grateful,
'Tis so rich, so plenteous!
Thru Thy mercy in redemption,
Thou hast richly favored us.
If without this, if without this,
How could we be favored thus?
- 4 Oh, Thy mercy, so inspiring!
Gentle, tender, dear and sweet!
With Thy patience
and Thy kindness,
Us in all our need it meets.
It we treasure, it we treasure,
Nothing can with it compete.
- 5 Father, we enjoy Thy mercy,
Ever fresh and ever new;
Every morning shed upon us,
It refreshes as the dew.
How we taste it! how we taste it!
Giving Thee the praises due.
- 6 We can never cease to praise Thee,
As Thy mercy e'er endures;
All Thy grace and all Thy favor,
Ever for us it secures.
Trusting in it, trusting in it,
Thy sure mercy us assures.