

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

6. Leader and Savior

7. Lord of All

Hymns: # 133 / # 8239 / # O Father God, how faithful You are

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

- Acts 5:31 - This One **God** has exalted to His right hand as **Leader** and **Savior**, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
- Acts 2:36 - Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God **has made** Him both **Lord** and **Christ**, this **Jesus** whom you have crucified.
- Acts 10:36 - The word which He sent to the sons of Israel in announcing the gospel of peace through **Jesus Christ** (this One is **Lord of all**)

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

❖ God has exalted Christ “to His right hand as a **Leader** and **Savior**.” (Acts 5:31).

- “**Leader**” (*archegos* in Greek) meaning author, origin, originator, chief leader, captain. (Acts 3:15; Heb. 2:10; 12:2).
 - Christ the origin and Originator, the Author, the **Leader**, and the Inaugurator.
 - He is above all and spontaneously is the **Ruler** with **authority**.
- God has exalted Jesus, as the highest Leader.
 - His being the Leader is a matter related to His authority.
 - He rules sovereignly over the earth with His authority so that the environment may be fit for God’s chosen people to receive His salvation (Acts 17:26-27; John 17:2).
- The One God has exalted to His right hand is also the Savior.
 - Jesus’ **incarnation** **made** Him a man,
 - His **human living** on earth **qualified** Him to be man’s **Savior**,
 - His **crucifixion** **accomplished** full redemption for man,
 - His **resurrection** **vindicated** His redemptive work, and
 - His **exaltation** **inaugurated** Him to be the ruling **Leader** so that He might be the **Savior**.

❖ In ascension **Christ** is **Lord of all** (Acts 2:36; 10:36).

- Acts 2:36 tells us that **Christ** was made **Lord** (Acts 2:36).
 - **As** God, **Christ** **was** the **Lord all the time** (Luke 1:43; John 11:21; 20:28).
 - **But as** man He **was made** the **Lord** in His ascension after He **brought** His **humanity** into God in His resurrection.
 - Christ in His ascension is the **Lord not only** of the Jews **but also** of the Gentiles.
 - He is the Lord of all the peoples on earth, **not only** of all men, **but also** of all things.

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

- ✚ When Christ was on earth, He is the **Savior** **applied** to His **earthly ministry** (John 4:42). In His ascension, we were saved officially by **the Christ** on the throne. When we **were saved**, we were seated with Him in the heavenlies (Eph. 2:6).
- ✚ **As** the **Lord**, Christ now **possesses** the whole universe. He is the **Lord** not only of God’s chosen people, but also of the angels and of all those who will be in the millennium and in the new heaven and the new earth. He is the **Lord** of the heavens, the earth, and everything and everyone He has redeemed.

Hymn 133

- 1 Lord Jesus, Thou art Lord of all,
With glory ever crowned;
In power and in majesty
Thou art to all renowned.
- 2 As God in man, on earth Thou wast,
A slave-form Thou didst own;
As man in God, in heav'n Thou art,
As Lord of all art known.
- 3 Thou art the Man in glory there,
And there by God enthroned;
All pow'r in heaven and on earth
Now by Thyself is owned.
- 4 Exalted highly to the heav'ns
And giv'n the highest Name,
All shall confess Thee as the Lord
And all bow at Thy Name.
- 5 God made Thee both
the Lord and Christ,
The Spirit hath declared;
In glory and in heav'n we see
God's throne by Thee is shared.
- 6 As Lord of glory we adore,
To Thee our song we raise;
We worship Thee as Lord of all,
How worthy of our praise!

Hymn 8239

- 1 God laid my sins on Jesus,
His spotless, holy Lamb;
Instead of me, God cursed Him,
Now full released I am.
Upon His faultless Lamb, God
Was pleased my faults to lay,
That He for me should suffer,
My debt of sin to pay.
- 2 My sickness laid on Jesus,
The lash for me endured;
My weaknesses He carried
That I be fully cured.
My misery on Jesus,
He bore it all for me;
My sorrow He abolished
And gave me joy and peace.
- 3 I now have rest in Jesus,
My King of Righteousness;
His death met God's demand, and
His blood my conscience cleansed.
Now all my trust's in Jesus,
My strength for ev'ry hour;
His living shows God's riches,
His life in me empow'rs.
- 4 I give my heart to Jesus,
That there He'd be enthroned
To be my Lord and life, and
In me to make His home.
According to His pattern
I hope to live each day;
His attitude and actions
May He through me display!

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.