

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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

#### 8. Christ for His Heavenly Ministry

#### 9. Head over All Things to the Church

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

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.

Heb. 1:9 - You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of exultant joy above Your partners”;

Eph. 1:22 - And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

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

❖ Christ in His ascension is also the Christ for His heavenly ministry.

- Christ was made not only the Lord but also the Christ, God’s anointed (Acts 2:36; Heb. 1:9).
  - He was anointed to carry out God’s commission.
  - He was appointed by God for His ministry in the heavens.
    - In eternity Christ was already Christ
    - He was Christ from the time He was born (Luke 2:11; Matt. 1:16; John 1:41; Matt. 16:16).
    - When He was on earth, He was anointed and appointed for His earthly ministry.
    - At His baptism He was anointed by God with His Spirit (Luke 4:18).
    - In His ascension He was enthroned and made the Christ of God for His heavenly ministry.

❖ In ascension God gave Christ to be Head over all things to the church (Ephesians 1:20-22).

- The headship of Christ over all things is a gift from God to Him.
  - It was through God’s surpassingly great power that Christ received the headship in the universe.
  - It was given to Him as a man in His humanity with His divinity to be Head over all things.
- God gave Christ to be Head over all things to the church.
  - “to the church” implies a transmission from the ascended Christ to the church, His Body.
  - Whatever Christ, the Head, attained and obtained is transmitted to the church.
  - In this transmission the church shares with Christ all His attainments:
    - the resurrection from among the dead,
    - being seated in His transcendence,
    - the subjection of all things under His feet,
    - and the headship over all things.

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

✚ God raised up Christ, seated Him in the heavens, put everything under His feet, and gave Him the great gift of being the Head over all things.

✚ Now whatever Christ is in His ascension is being transmitted into the church. This is the continual transmission into the church of the ascended Christ with the full significance of His ascension. We should experience this divine transmission day by day.

### 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'ed;  
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!

### Unto the Economy

- 1 **God** planned His great purpose  
in eternity,  
This great will was hidden,  
a great mystery;  
With wisdom and prudence  
He has made it known,  
Through revelation,  
in **Christ**, the **Son**.
- Chorus*  
Unto the economy  
of the fullness of the times,  
To head up all things in **Christ**,  
The things in the heavens in Him;  
Unto the economy  
of the fullness of the times,  
To head up all things in **Christ**  
And the things on the earth, in Him.
- 2 Through **Christ's** incarnation  
**God** came into man,  
And through crucifixion  
came redemption's plan;  
Then in resurrection,  
the Comforter came,  
And in His ascension  
exalt His name!
  - 3 It is **God's** good pleasure  
to show us the **Son**,  
And through His dispensing  
we are all made one;  
Through this life abundant  
and rich life supply,  
The church will be builded  
and beautified.

### Eternal Blessing

- 1 **Blessing** eternal  
from the **Triune God**;  
**Father, Son, Spirit**,  
our portion free!  
What gift of favor,  
what guarding power!  
What wealth of mercy!  
What perfect peace!
- 2 Eternal **Father**,  
source of each blessing,  
Bestowed on **Christ** from  
heaven above;  
In Your name keep us!  
With Your hand hold us!  
From evil shield us,  
safe in Your love!
- 3 Eternal **Son**,  
arose as the morning sun;  
**God** in the flesh brought  
glory and grace;  
Your presence touched us!  
Your kindness reached us!  
Shine now upon us,  
light up Your face!
- 4 Eternal **Spirit**,  
lift up Your countenance,  
Flow within us as rivers of peace;  
Your eyes assure us!  
Your gaze inspires us!  
Your smile approves us,  
what guarantee!
- 5 Praise to You, **Father**,  
for care Almighty;  
Praise to You, **Son**,  
for amazing grace;  
Praise to You, **Spirit**,  
for peace abiding;  
**Blessing** eternal, ours to embrace!
- 6 The love of **God**,  
the grace of **Christ Jesus**,  
Fellowship of the **Spirit** divine;  
Be with us now,  
and be with us ever;  
**Blessing** and praise shall  
soon intertwine!