

## “WORD OF LIFE”

October 30, 2022

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

#### 12. Paraclete

#### 13. High Priest

Hymns: # 201 / #1126 / # 55

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

- 1John 2:1 - My little children, these things I write to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an **Advocate** [Paraclete] with the **Father**, **Jesus Christ** the Righteous;
- Heb. 4:14 - Having therefore a great **High Priest** who has passed through the heavens, **Jesus**, the Son of God, let us hold fast the confession.
- Heb. 4:15 - For we do not have a **High Priest** who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all respects like *us*, yet without sin.
- Heb. 7:26 - For such a **High Priest** was also fitting to us, holy, guileless, undefiled, separated from sinners and having become higher than the heavens,

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

#### ❖ In ascension Christ is the Paraclete (1 John 2:1).

- He is the righteous One to be our **Paraclete**.
  - The Greek word *parakletos*, denotes a helper; also denotes consoling and consolation.
    - He **intercedes**, advocates, and **counsels** for us
    - He is our **consoler**, our **comforter**
  - **Paraclete** is used in the Gospel of John (14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7) for the **Spirit of reality**
    - He is the **Comforter** within us,
    - He is **caring** for our cause or affairs and He **pleads** for us if we sin.

#### ❖ In His ascension Christ was also made the High Priest in the heavens (Hebrews 4:14)

- Christ was inaugurated into His **priestly** office.
  - The **Lord** came from God to us through **incarnation**,
  - He **went back** from us to God through **resurrection** and **ascension** to be our **High Priest**
    - to bear us in the presence of God and
    - to care for all our needs (Heb. 2:17-18; 4:15).
- Today Christ is our **High Priest**, and we are on His shoulders and on His breast.
  - He is in the heavens **bearing** us before God and He **ministers** God into our being.
  - He is able to **sympathize** with our weaknesses (Heb. 4:15).
  - He is able to **save us to the uttermost**,...always living to **intercede** for us (Heb. 7:25),
  - He is **caring** for all the churches and **transmitting** into them the heavenly supply.
- Christ is the **High Priest** taking care of the **lampstands** and **trimming the lamps** for the expression of God (Rev. 1:13; 2:1; 8:3).

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

✚ Whenever we sin, the **Father** has a case against us. Therefore, we need a heavenly attorney to take care of our case. We **need** the **Lord Jesus** to be our Advocate, our **Paraclete**.

- ✚ **Jesus** is taking care of the lampstands He is also the **High Priest** offering incense to God.
- ✓ **To the universe** Christ is the **Administrator**
  - ✓ **to the church** He is the **High Priest**.
  - ✓ **As the ascended One** in the heavens, He is now living, working, and ministering
  - ✓ **as the High Priest** caring for all the saints and all the churches for the fulfillment of God's eternal purpose.

### Hymn 201

- 1 O Lord, Thou art our **Paraclete**,  
Our **Comforter** indeed,  
Our Patron with our God above,  
The **Advocate** we need.
- 2 Thou art our **Counsel** of defense,  
The **Pleader** of our case,  
Our **Interceder** for all things,  
Our **Helper** in all ways.
- 3 Lord, Thou dost **manage** all affairs  
For us in God's delight,  
Both in the heavens and in us  
With power in Thy right.
- 4 Thou **intercedest** all the time,  
**Lord Spirit**, with Thy grace,  
In heav'n to **plead**, in us to groan,  
**Entreating** in our place.
- 5 Thou **helpest** as the **living One**,  
And **actest** by God's plan  
In resurrection pow'r of life,  
Empow'ring our inner man.
- 6 Thou, as the **Spirit** giving life,  
In weakness dost sustain;  
And in our spirit with Thy strength,  
Our being dost maintain.
- 7 Thou servest ever with Thyself,  
In mercy and in love,  
That Thou may **be our all in all**,  
And we Thy fulness prove.

### Hymn 1126

- 1 O **Jesus Lord**, we come to Thee,  
Thy presence to enjoy;  
Our entrance now with boldness is,  
As we Thy **blood** employ.  
Not by our merit do we stand,  
Nor in our righteousness,  
Thy **blood** and righteousness  
we need;  
Their worth we now confess.
- 2 Thy **judgments, Lord**,  
we must admit,  
Are holy, righteous, fair.  
We own our sins as crimson are,  
We've no excuse to bear.  
We've no argument, no plea;  
No veil our sin can hide.  
But, praise Thee, **Lord**,  
Thy precious **blood**  
Is to our sin applied!
- 3 **God** has not overlooked our sin,  
But judged it once for all;  
His righteous fury, not on us,  
But on His **Lamb** did fall.  
A new and living way is made—  
We stand on legal ground;  
Our **Surety** and our **Substitute**  
Has pardon for us found.
- 4 O **Jesus Lord**, we worship Thee,  
**Redemption** now enjoy;  
Thy precious **blood** again we see,  
Its virtue now employ.  
Dear **Lord**, Thy mercy is so vast,  
Unlimited and free.  
Oh, **Lamb of God**,  
we'll sing Thy praise,  
Through all eternity!

### Hymn 55

- 1 O God our **Father**,  
we would come to Thee  
In **virtue** of  
our Savior's precious blood;  
All distance gone,  
our souls by **grace set free**,  
We **worship** Thee,  
our **Father** and our **God**.
- 2 We would, O **God**,  
present before Thy face  
The fragrant name  
of Thy beloved **Son**;  
By **faith** we view Him through  
Thy boundless grace,  
Which, by His dying,  
He for us has won.
- 3 Thy joy in **Him**  
who is with Thee we share;  
Our hearts delight  
in **Thy delight** in **Him**;  
Chiefest of thousands,  
fairer than the fair;  
His glory nought can tarnish,  
nought can dim.
- 4 We bow in **worship**  
now before Thy throne,  
By **faith** the Object  
of Thy love would see;  
Who, in the midst,  
His brethren's song doth lead.  
To **Him**, our **Savior**,  
shall the glory be!