

“WORD OF LIFE”

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33. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (13) – In the New Jerusalem-In Eternity

M1. The Lamb

M2. The Husband

Hymns: I Want to Follow Him / #1089 / # 5

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

- Rev 22:1 - And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of **God** and of the **Lamb** in the middle of its street.
- Rev 19:7 - Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the **Lamb** has come, and His **wife** has made herself ready.
- Isa 54:5 - For your Maker is your **Husband**; **Jehovah** of hosts is His name. And the **Holy One** of Israel is your Redeemer; He is called the God of all the earth.
- Isa 54:6 - For **Jehovah** has **called you**, Like a **wife** who has been forsaken and is grieved in spirit, Even like a **wife** of one's youth when she has been rejected, Says your God.
- 2Co 11:2 - For I am **jealous** over you with a **jealousy of God**; for I **betrothed** you to one **husband** to present *you as a pure virgin* to Christ.

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

❖ In the New Jerusalem Christ will still be the redeeming Lamb (Rev. 22:1).

- In eternity we shall be **enjoying** what God has prepared for us through **Christ** as the **Lamb**.
 - **Christ** was appointed by God to be the **Lamb**, to accomplish **redemption** on earth.
 - this redemption was **designed** by God in **eternity past** (1 Pet. 1:19-20)
 - and **accomplished** in **time** and will be **carried** into **eternity**
 - In eternity future there will be a **memorial** of redemption.
 - we shall **remember** that we were fallen and that we were **redeemed** by **Christ** as the **Lamb**
 - We shall remember how Christ **gave His body** for us
 - **so that** we might become His mystical Body
 - We shall remember how He **shed His blood** for our sins
 - **so that** we might be redeemed back to God and have the right to come to Him and enjoy Him as the tree of life

❖ In eternity Christ, the Lamb, will be the Husband.

- The **Redeemer** is the **Husband** and that the **New Jerusalem** is the **wife**.
 - The thousand years of the millennium will be the **Lamb's wedding day** (Rev. 19:7).
 - On this wedding day the overcoming saints will be the **bride** to the **Bridegroom**.
 - Then after the wedding day **Christ** for **eternity** will live a **married life** with His redeemed ones.
 - In that married life **He** will be the eternal **Husband**, and all His **redeemed** ones will be His eternal **wife**.
 - **As** the **bride** of Christ, New Jerusalem **comes out** of Christ, her Husband, and becomes His counterpart, just as Eve came out of Adam, her husband, and became his counterpart (Gen. 2:21-24).
 - **As** the **wife** of Christ, the New Jerusalem is **prepared** by participating in the riches of the life and nature of Christ.

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

- ✚ In eternity we shall enjoy something like the Lord's table (Matt. 26:29). We shall have the Lord's table in the kingdom **eternally**. We shall remember how **Christ** **gave His body** for us, and how He **shed His blood** for our sins. There will be such a **memorial** in eternity. **Christ** will be the **Lamb** in the New Jerusalem. He was appointed the **Lamb** in **eternity past**, He died as the **Lamb** in **time**, and in **eternity** He will still be the **Lamb** for a **memorial**.
- ✚ Revelation 21:9 speaks of both the **bride** and the **wife**. The **bride** (the overcomers), is mainly for the **wedding day**, in the **millennium** for one thousand years (Rev. 3:12; 19:7-9) whereas the **wife** (all God's redeemed ones) is for the **entire life**, in the **new heaven** and the **new earth** for eternity.

I want to Follow Him

1 Lamb of God—
our dear **Redeeming** One is **Christ**!
For our sins He paid the highest price
To **redeem** and to recover us
Who were lost and fallen far from God.
As the **Lamb**, He had no blemish;
He was meek, even submissive.
How can we like Him obedient be
Unto **death**, that even of the **cross**?

*I want to **follow Him**,
Rest from all my wandering,
End all my endeavoring;
Even though I know not where or
How—I know He cares!
I know He'll never err;
I know He'll lead me well.
I know His voice; this now my choice—
Follow where the **Lamb** would lead.*

2 When He came,
though many followed in the way,
Few remained
who knew Him and His ways.
Lamb of God—
He took the narrow gate;
The constricted way to life He traced;
Sacrificed, though men **denied** Him;
Gave His life,
though men **forsook** Him.
How can we
t'ward Him still hardened be
When to us He gave all selflessly?

3 Lord we pray,
preserve us faithful in the way
All our days, never to fall away.
By Your **grace**, keep us pursuing You,
Taking **up the cross** to follow You.
Consecrate we unreservedly,
Absolute for You entirely.
In our hearts, **Lord**,
let the highways be
Unto **Zion** single-heartedly.

*Now we will **follow Him**!
To His call we're answering,
All we are we're offering.
New Jerusalem we see
Come down from heav'n to earth!
God and man mingled now,
Our oneness we avow
Eternally, O gloriously!
This is where the **Lamb** would lead!*

Hymn 1089

1 Lamb of God so pure and spotless,
Lamb of God for sinners slain.
Thy shed **blood**
has wrought **redemption**,
Cleansing us from every stain.
Lamb redeeming, **Lamb** redeeming,
Bearing all our sins away,
Bearing all our sins away!

2 Brazen serpent, to Thee looking,
Son of Man, **uplifted** high.
Thou didst bear the flesh of sin in
Likeness on the **cross** to die.
Old creation's **termination**;
Finished, Satan and the world,
Finished Satan and the world!

3 Grain of wheat, so small and lowly,
Without **death** abides alone;
Life divine enclosed within it,
Into **death** it must be sown.
Life releasing, **Christ increasing**,
Many grains to birth to bring,
Many grains to birth to bring!

4 Lamb of God—
our sin's **redemption**,
Brazen **serpent**—**Satan's end**,
Grain of wheat—**life's reproduction**,
Now with many grains we blend.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
What an all-inclusive **death**,
What an all-inclusive death!

Hymn 5

1 God, our **Father**, we adore Thee!
We, Thy children, bless Thy Name!
Chosen in the **Christ** before Thee,
We are "holy without blame."
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Abba's praises we proclaim!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Abba's praises we proclaim!

2 Son Eternal, we adore Thee!
Lamb upon the throne on high!
Lamb of God, we bow before Thee,
Thou hast brought Thy people nigh!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Son of God, Who came to **die**!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Son of God, Who came to **die**!

3 Father, Son and Holy Spirit—
Three in One! we give Thee praise!
For the riches we inherit,
Heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Thee we bless,
through endless days!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
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