

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

M4. The Lamp

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

Rev. 21:23 - And the city has no need of the sun or of the moon that they should shine in it, for the glory of **God** illumined it, and its **lamp** is the **Lamb**.

1John 1:5 - And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God** is **light** and in Him is no darkness at all.

1John 1:7 - But if we **walk in the light** as He is in the **light**, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of **Jesus** His **Son** cleanses us from every sin.

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

❖ In the New Jerusalem Christ will be the **lamp** (Revelation 21:23).

➤ Christ is the **Lamb** to be the **lamp**.

- **As** the lamp, **Christ** shines out **God** for eternity.
 - **God** is **light**, and this **light** is **in** the lamp
 - shining forth the Triune **God** **as light** into us
- In eternity the **Lamb** **as** the **lamp** will shine with **God** **as** the **light** to illuminate the New Jerusalem
- **God** **as** the **light**, and **Christ** **as** the **lamp**, the light-bearer,
 - **indicate** that God and Christ cannot be separated, actually they are one light.
 - **God** is the **content**, and **Christ** is the **light-bearer** for the expression of God.
 - **as** the **light** is **in** the lamp to be its content and to be expressed through the **lamp**,
 - **so** God the Father **is in** the Son to be expressed through the Son

➤ **God**, being the **light**, needs a **lamp**.

- **Without** the **Lamb** being the **lamp**, God's shining over us would “**kill**” us.
- **With** the **lamp**, the divine **light** does not kill us; rather, it **illuminates** us.
 - **outside** of **Christ** God's shining would be a **killing**,
 - **inside** of **Christ** God's shining is an **illuminating**.
- The divine **light** shines through the Redeemer,
 - this **light** has become lovable and touchable, and we may even **walk in it** (1 John 1:7).
 - through the redeeming One, the **Lamb**, God's killing **light** becomes an enjoyable shining for God's **dispensing**

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

✚ **God** is the **light**, **Christ**, the **Lamb**, is the **lamp**, and the **New Jerusalem** is the **container** of this lamp.

✚ **God** **shines** in and through **Christ**, and **Christ** **shines** in and through the **New Jerusalem**. **Christ** will be the centrality and universality of the coming eternity, **Christ** will be the center, the circumference, and everything in the New Jerusalem.

Hymn 822

- 1 The **Church** the **lampstand** is to **Christ**,
Christ is the **lamp** with **God** as **light**;
The **light** divine from **Christ** doth shine,
The **Church** upholds its glory bright.
- 2 The **light** which shines within the **lamp**
Is **God** as life, unique, divine;
The stand must therefore be of gold
To match the glory which doth shine.
- 3 Amid the darkness of this age
The **light** of life divine doth beam
In many centers of mankind
Where **Jesus'** testimony's seen.
- 4 To be this testimony pure
"First love" to **Christ**
the **Church** must keep;
Then from the "tree of life" she may
The overcomer's portion reap.
- 5 She must the persecution bear
That she the "crown of life" may gain;
Adult'ry spiritual o'ercome,
The "hidden manna" to obtain.
- 6 The deeds of "Jezebel" desert,
That she may rule the earth with might;
Defiling deadness overcome
To be arrayed in "garments white."
- 7 Like "Philadelphia" she must be
To keep Christ's word,
confess His Name;
All "lukewarm" pride
she must o'ercome
To feast with Him who overcame.
- 8 Thus will the **Church** be purified
To be the **lampstand** of pure gold,
To match the testimony pure,
The life of **Jesus** fit to hold.
- 9 The local churches here on earth
The **lampstands** in this age should be;
The glorious **new Jerusalem**
The **lampstand** in eternity.
- 10 That city as pure gold will be,
The final **lampstand** consummate;
Christ as the **lamp** she e'er will hold
And full **light** will radiate.

Hymn 86

- 1 Though Thou art **God**,
most glorious, high,
Thou in the **flesh** to us came nigh,
A lowly man become thereby;
Lord, I remember Thee!
- 2 Glory **divine** was put away
Under the tent of **flesh** to stay,
No outward beauty to display;
Lord, I remember Thee!
- 3 Thou art a **root** from out dry ground,
Thou wast the
Man of **sorrows** found,
Hated, despised by man around;
Lord, I remember Thee!
- 4 Gentle and lowly is Thy heart,
Willing to **suffer** all Thou art,
To God and man complaining not;
Lord, I remember Thee!
- 5 Thou as a **man** art tender, sweet,
Balanced in every way, complete,
Meal-offering to the **Father** meet;
Lord, I remember Thee!
- 6 Doing the **Father's** will Thy prize,
Never accepting Satan's lies,
None like Thyself, so **faithful**, wise;
Lord, I remember Thee!
- 7 For Thine **obedience** to **God's** will,
Willing to suffer deathly ill,
E'en on the **Cross** my place to fill,
Lord, I remember Thee!
- 8 Therefore hath **God** **exalted** Thee,
Given Thee glory, majesty,
Heaven and earth will bow the knee;
O Lord, I worship Thee!

Hymn 13

- 1 Thou art love-and Thou art **light**, Lord,
In the **Son** as life Thou art;
Love expressing, **light** illum'ning,
Thou dost life to us impart.
- Chorus*
Thou art love! Thou art **light**!
In the **Son** as life Thou art;
Love expressing, **light** illum'ning
Thou dost life to us impart.
- 2 Love bespeaks Thy very being,
What Thou dost is shown by **light**;
Love is inward, **light** is outward,
Love accompanies the **light**.
 - 3 Love by grace is manifested,
And the **light** by truth is shown;
By love we may enjoy Thee;
By Thy **light** Thou, **Lord**, art known.
 - 4 Thru Thy love, which led to Calvary,
We receive the life of **God**;
Light our understanding opens,
That we may apply the blood.
 - 5 Thru Thy love, as life Thou enter'st
Fellowship with Thee to give;
Thru Thy **light** we take Thy cleansing
And in fellowship may live.
 - 6 By the **light** and blood which cleanses,
The anointing we shall know;
Then the life of love Thine essence,
More and more in us will flow.
 - 7 By Thy love we are Thy children,
Abba **Father** calling Thee;
Light disperses all our darkness,
Till, like Him, Thy **Son**, we see.
 - 8 O what grace! O what truth!
Love is seen and **light** is shown!
We would praise Thee never ceasing,
Thou by love and **light** art known!