"WORD OF LIFE"

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34. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (13) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N3. The Seed Abraham

Hymns: #191 / #215 / #42

4 "ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED ..." (2Tim. 3:16)

- Gen 12:3 And I will bless those who bless you, And him who curses you I will curse; And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.
- Gen 12:7a And Jehovah appeared to Abram and said, To your seed I will give this land.
- Gen 17:8 And I will give to you and to your seed after you the **land** of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.
- Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in **Christ Jesus**, that we might receive the promise of the **Spirit** through faith.
- Gal 3:16 But to Abraham were the promises spoken and to his seed. He does not say, "And to the seeds," as concerning many, but as concerning one: "And to your seed," who is Christ.

4 "... COME TO THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH." (1Tim. 2:4)

Christ is the seed of Abraham.

- The promised seed is prophesied in Genesis 17:8
 - In His calling God turned from Adam to Abraham,
 - In His promise He made another turn, from Abraham back to all the families of the Adamic race through the seed of Abraham.
 - o in this seed all the families of the earth will be blessed (Gen 12:3)
 - o this blessing would come to all the nations through Abraham's seed, who is **Christ** (Gen. 22:18)
- The promise seed was fulfilled in Galatians 3:16:
 - In the sight of God Abraham has only one seed, that is, **Christ**.
 - **Christ** is the unique seed inheriting the promises
 - o in order to inherit the promised blessing we must be one with Christ
 - o outside of **Him** we cannot inherit the promises given by **God** to Abraham
 - o the promised blessing is actually God Himself as the Spirit

↓ "FOR YOU CAN ALL PROPHESY ONE BY ONE ..." (1 Cor. 14:31)

- ♣ Christ is the seed of Abraham. We must be in Him so that we may participate in the promises given to Abraham. Christ is not only the seed inheriting the promises but also the blessing of the promises for inheritance.
- As the seed of Abraham, Christ became the all-inclusive life-giving Spirit that we, the believers in Christ, who are Abraham's seed, may inherit the consummated Spirit, the consummation of the processed Triune God, as our divine inheritance, our spiritual blessing for eternity (Acts 26:18; Eph. 1:14a; Gal. 3:14).

HYMN 191

1 Lord, Thou art the
"Seed of woman,"
Born to bruise the enemy;
Thou didst take the human nature,
Die to win the victory.

As the very **God** incarnate,
Flesh and blood
Thou didst partake;
Thou thru death
hast crushed the devil
And his pow'r of death didst break.

2 "Seed of Abraham,"

Thou art, **Lord**, By God's promise Thou hast come, That the blessing He hath promised On all people thus might come.

Abraham Thou hast preceded, For Thou art the great "**I AM**," Yet Thou cam'st to be his offspring And become

God's promised "Lamb."

3 **Lord**, Thou art the "Seed of David,"
For the kingdom Thou wast raised;
For God's glory and His building
On the throne

Truly Thou art "David's offspring,"
Yet "my **Lord**" he calleth Thee,
For Thou art
his "root" and fountain,

Thou hast been placed.

"Lord of all" eternally.

4 Though "a child"
born with our nature,
Thou the "Mighty God" art called;
Thou, "a son" to us art given,
"Everlasting Father" called.

All the blessings
God hath promised,
With our faith on Thee depend;
Thou art "Yea"
and "Amen" for them,
All the content and the end!

HYMN 215

1 Jesus, Lord,

we know Thee present At Thy table freshly spread, Seated at Thy priceless banquet With Thy banner overhead. Precious moments at Thy table, From all fear and doubt set free; Here to rest, so sweetly able, Occupied alone with Thee.

- 2 Here rejoicing in Thy nearness, Gladly by Thy **Spirit** led; Calmly in the blest remembrance Of Thyself, Thy blood once shed. Lord, we take each simple token In fond memory of Thee, Muse upon Thy body broken And Thy blood shed on the tree.
- 3 Oh, what joy it is to see Thee,
 In these chosen emblems here;
 In the bread and wine of blessing—
 Bread to strengthen, wine to cheer!
 Lord, behold us met together,
 One in Thee, our risen Head,
 Thus we take the cup of blessing,
 Thus we share the broken bread.
- 4 Lord, we know how true
 Thy promise
 To be with us where we meet,
 When in Thy loved name we
 gather

To enjoy communion sweet;
Dearer still that looked-for promise
To each waiting, yearning heart,
That with Thee

we soon shall be Lord

we soon shall be, **Lord**, Yes, "forever" where Thou art.

Hymn 42

- 1 By Thee, O God, invited,
 We look unto the Son,
 In whom Thy heart delighted,
 Who all Thy will hath done;
 And by the one chief treasure
 Thy bosom freely gave,
 Thine own pure love we measure,
 Thy willing mind to save.
- 2 O God of mercy—Father!
 The one unchanging claim,
 The brightest hopes, we gather
 From Christ's most precious name:
 What always sounds so sweetly
 In Thine unwearied ear,
 Has freed our souls completely
 From all our guilt and fear.
- 3 The trembling sinner feareth
 That God can ne'er forget;
 But one full payment cleareth
 His memory of all debt.
 When nought beside could free us,
 Or set our souls at large,
 The death of God's Beloved
 Secured a full discharge.
- 4 No wrath God's heart retaineth To usward who believe; No dread in ours remaineth As we His love receive; Returning sons He kisses, And with His robe invests; His perfect love dismisses All terror from our breasts.