

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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

#### N5. The **Root** of David

#### N6. The **Seed** of David

Hymns: #1253 / #223 / #8015

#### ✚ “ALL SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED ...” (2Tim. 3:16)

- Isa. 11:1 - Then a sprout will **come forth** from the stump of **Jesse**, And a branch from his **roots** will bear fruit
- Isa. 11:10 - And in that day the **root of Jesse**, Who stands as a banner to the peoples—Him will the nations seek, And His resting place will be the glory.
- Rev. 5:5 - ...Do not weep; behold, the **Root of David**, has overcome so that He may open the scroll and its seven seals.
- 2Sam. 7:12 - When your days are fulfilled and you sleep with your fathers, I will raise up your **seed** after you, which will come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
- 2Sam. 7:13 - It is he who will build a house for My name, and I will **establish the throne of his kingdom forever**.
- Rom. 1:3 - Concerning His **Son**, who **came out** of the **seed of David according** to the flesh,

#### ✚ “... COME TO THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.” (1Tim. 2:4)

#### ❖ Christ is the **Root of David** (Isa.11:10; Rev. 5:5)

- The **prophecy** – **Christ** will be a sprout that comes forth from the **stump** of Jesse and a **branch** from his **roots**
  - Israel, especially the **house of David**, was like a tall **tree**.
  - However, because of Israel’s degradation, that **tree** was **cut down**, leaving only a stump with its **roots**.
- The **fulfillment** of Isaiah 11:10, **Christ** in Revelation 5:5 is called “*the Root of David*.”
  - He is also the Root of David’s father **Jesse**, **signifies** that **Christ** is the **source of David**.
  - **Therefore**, as his forefather in the flesh, David called Him “*the Lord*” (Matt. 22:42-45)
    - As the **branch** of David, Christ in His **humanity** was a descendant of David and was born of David (Jer. 23:5).
    - As the **root** of David, Christ in His **divinity**, grows out David, **hence**, David called Him Lord

#### ❖ Christ is also the **seed of David**.

- In 2 Samuel 7:12-13 is a **prophecy** regarding Christ as the **seed of David**
  - “*I will set up thy **seed** after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.*”
- The **fulfillment** of this prophecy is found in Romans 1:3:
  - “... *Jesus Christ our Lord, who came out of the seed of David according to the flesh.*”
  - He was born out of the **seed of David** according to the flesh.
  - Christ, therefore, is **both** the **source** of David and the **issue** of David.

#### ✚ “FOR YOU CAN ALL PROPHECY ONE BY ONE ...” (1 Cor. 14:31)

- ✚ **Christ** is both the **Root of David** and a descendant of David. In the sight of God David was the unique person who fought the battle and gained authority, fighting the battle for God and **gaining** His authority. This is the reason **He holds** the **key of David** (Rev. 3:7).
- ✚ **Christ** was born out of the **seed of David** according to the flesh, therefore, He is **both** the **source** of David and the **issue** of David.

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### Hymn 1253

**1** Lord, Thy word of old to David  
We have heard and hear it now:  
“On Thy throne will sit forever  
Thine own seed—this is My vow.”

This has been fulfilled in Jesus  
Seated on the throne on high,  
Sitting on the throne of David  
Resurrected, ne’er to die.

**2** Then another promise followed  
David’s seed upon the throne:  
“I’ll rebuild His tabernacle  
And by this I will be known.”

Lord, we thank Thee,  
Thou art faithful  
To perform Thy promised word.  
David’s tabernacle, ruined,  
Soon by Thee will be restored.

**3** Lord, we are that tabernacle,  
Thy rebuilding work on earth;  
Lord, restore Thyself a dwelling  
Where is seen  
Thy boundless worth.

Thus shall all  
of mankind seek Thee.  
And the Gentiles call Thy name.  
From Thy holy tabernacle  
All the earth shall know Thy fame.

**4** Hasten, Lord, Thy work upon us  
To restore and build us now.  
For this work  
we give ourselves, Lord;  
Here to Thee we make a vow:

“Though our strength  
is weak and feeble,  
Yet our hearts would ever be  
From this day, Lord,  
for Thy building,  
Now and for eternity.

### Hymn 223

**1** On the table of Thy love,  
With the bread, the cup is spread.  
By partaking of these signs,  
We with Thee are richly fed.  
How we thank Thee for this cup,  
For the cup of blessing, Lord,  
Cup of Thy Salvation full,  
Cup of all Thou dost afford.

**2** ’Tis the blood  
Thou shedd’st for us,  
That our sins may be forgiv’n;  
’Tis the covenant made for us,  
That Thy blessings may be giv’n.  
Thou didst drink the cup of wrath,  
Thou hast tasted death for us,  
Thus the cup of blessing bought,  
As the portion gained for us.

**3** In this portion we have God,  
Whom we lost thru Adam’s fall;  
By the shedding of Thy blood,  
God becomes our all in all.  
In this portion all we have—  
Life and peace, redemption sure;  
All that God has planned  
and willed,  
In this portion we secure.

**4** An eternal portion, ’tis,  
Overflowing cup divine;  
Heav’nly taste do we enjoy  
In this cup of God’s design.  
Here in love we drink this cup  
In remembrance, Lord, of Thee;  
Thus in spirit we partake  
All Thy work on Calvary.

### Hymn 8015

**1** Forgiveness when  
no blood was shed,  
What then of righteousness?  
Reproof when blood  
already flowed,  
Would likewise be unjust.

**2** O God, no more  
can You condemn;  
My Lord was sacrificed;  
I’m fully free, as far from sin  
As East is far from West.

**3** All that Your  
righteousness demands  
My Lord has fully paid;  
Now You can only pardon grant;  
No judgment can be made.

**4** At first, ’twas love  
bade Him redeem,  
Your righteousness appease,  
But now by righteousness He must  
Sin’s prisoners release.

**5** Astounding! Love  
and righteousness  
Both at the cross I see;  
So moved by what  
they two have wrought,  
I’ll sing unceasingly.