

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

- N8. A **Child** Born to Us
- N9. **Emmanuel** Born of a Virgin
- N10. The **Christ** Born at Bethlehem

Hymns: # 68 / # 1088 / # 50

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

- Isa. 9:6 - For a **child** is born to us, A **Son** is given to us; ..., will be called...Mighty **God**, Eternal **Father**,...
- Luke 2:11 - Because today a **Savior** has been born to you in David’s city, who is **Christ** the Lord.
- Luke 2:12 - And this will be the sign to you: you will find a **baby** wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.
- Isa. 7:14 - ...Behold, the virgin will conceive and will bear a son, and she will call his name **Immanuel**.
- Matt. 1:23 - “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a son, and **they shall call** His name **Emmanuel**” (which is translated, **God with us**).
- Micha 5:2 - (But you, O **Bethlehem** Ephrathah, So little to be among the thousands of Judah, From you there will come forth to Me **He** who is to **be Ruler in Israel**; And His goings forth are from ancient times, From the days of eternity.)

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

❖ A Child Born to Us

- The Old Testament **prophesied**, Christ is the **child** born to us—Isaiah 9:6
 - “*Unto us a child is born.*”
- It was fulfilled in Luke 2:11-12
 - “*A Savior was born to you today in David’s city, who is **Christ** the **Lord**...*”
 - This little **baby** is called the mighty **God** in Isaiah 9:6.

❖ 9. Emmanuel Born of a Virgin

- Isaiah 7:14 **prophesies**,
 - “*Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name **Emmanuel**.*”
- The **fulfillment** of this prophecy is found in **Matthew 1:23**.
 - **Emmanuel**, meaning “*God with us*,” was the name **called by man**,
 - **Christ** is God with us. God is He, and He is God incarnated to dwell among us (John 1:14).
 - He is not only God—He is God with us.

❖ The Christ Born at Bethlehem

- Micah 5:2 **prophesies**,
 - “*But thou, **Bethlehem**... yet **out of thee** shall **he come forth** unto me that is to be ruler in Israel.*”
- This prophecy is **fulfilled** in Matthew 2:4-6:
 - “*...where the **Christ** should be born. And they said to him, in **Bethlehem** of Judea,*”

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

- ✚ **Christ** is the **child** born to us, unto us a **child** is born, this **child** is called the **Mighty God**. He is also called **Emmanuel**, **God with us**. He is not only **God**—He is **God** with us. He was born in **Bethlehem**, His goings forth are from ancient times, from days of eternity.

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Hymn 68

- 1 Lord**, Thy Name is called **Jesus**,
Wonderful is this dear **Name**;
Thou wast brought forth
of the **virgin**,
And the **Son of man** became.
Thou art our **Jehovah-Savior**,
Saving us from all our sins;
When as **Savior** we receive Thee,
Life divine in us begins.
- 2** Thou as "**Christ**" art also titled,
Title of Thy ministry;
Thou art truly God's anointed,
Even from eternity.
Thou, O **Lord**, art God's **Messiah**;
God appointed Thee in love,
That Thou might fulfill
His purpose
And to all His glory prove.
- 3** Thou art also called "**Emmanuel**";
"**God with us**" Thou cam'st to be;
God in grace is wholly mingled
With our own humanity.
God in flesh is manifested,
Full of grace and truth therein;
We have seen in Thee God's glory,
And in faith partake of Him.
- 4** How we treasure all
Thy names, **Lord**,
How much they to us unfold;
All their worth
and all their sweetness
We in love will ever hold.
Precious **Savior**, we adore Thee,
Worship unto Thee we bring;
Our **Emmanuel** we exalt Thee,
And Thy praise will ever sing.

Hymn 1088

- 1 God** was **born** a human being
As the **Babe** of **Bethlehem**,
Passed He then
through **human living**,
Perfect blend of **God** with men.
God, according to His plan,
Lived a mingled life with man.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 2** Then with **God**
this man was blended
On the **altar** as He **died**;
God and man and all creation
On the **cross** were **crucified**.
Man and all of God's creation,
Sunk in total **termination**.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 3** Everything we are was **ended**,
Terminated on the **cross**,
Only man in **God** ascended,
Man in Adam suffered loss.
Hallelujah, we're elated,
Our old man was **terminated**.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!
- 4** Like the **grain of wheat**
that's buried
In the earth to be increased,
God's own life
the **death** must suffer,
Thus in man to be released.
Oh, the **Lord** of all be praised;
God released in man is raised!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Amen!

Hymn 50

- 1 Father**, Thy **Son** beloved
leads our praise
After the banquet feast
is had and done;
How dear, how sweet to Thee
the praise He leads,
And in His praises
joining we are one.
- 2 Father**, we need no goodness
more than Thee,
Nor do we seek
a **love** that's less than Thine;
How we adore Thee
now that here we know
Thy searchless,
uncreated life divine.
- 3 Father**, within Thy **love**
our **love** to Thee
Grows, far transcending
all our earthly ties;
Thine own dear love
in power leads our hearts
Where Thine own presence
deeply satisfies.
- 4 Father**, by joining
with Thy **Son** beloved,
We all with gladness
praise Thee now again;
Joyfully feasting on Thy holy **love**,
Tasting, as sons,
the sweetness of Thy name.