

## “WORD OF LIFE”

March 19, 2023

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

#### N14. The Lord’s Anointed to Bring Good News to the Poor and to Proclaim the Lord’s Jubilee

Hymns: Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer has become our Jubilee / #215 / #39

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

[Year of Jubilee]

Lev. 25:10 - And you shall sanctify the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.

[OT prophecy]

Isa. 61:1 - The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon Me, Because Jehovah has anointed Me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent Me to bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the eyes to those who are bound;

Isa. 61:2 - To proclaim the acceptable year of Jehovah And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn;

[NT fulfilment]

Luke 4:18 - “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to announce the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away in release those who are oppressed,

Luke 4:19 - To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, the year of jubilee.”

Luke 4:21 - And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

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

#### ❖ The prophecy of the Christ being the Lord’s Anointed (Isa. 61:1-2)

- ✓ to bring good news to the afflicted;
- ✓ to bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted,
- ✓ to proclaim liberty to the captives,
- ✓ to open of the eyes to those who are bound;
- ✓ to proclaim the acceptable year of Jehovah
- ✓ to comfort all who mourn;

#### ❖ This was fulfilled in Luke 4:18-19.

- The Lord opened and read the scroll of the prophet Isaiah where it was written concerning Him -
  - as the One anointed to bring good news to the poor and to proclaim the jubilee
  - After reading this portion, He declared,  
“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your ears” (Luke 4:21).
- The Spirit of the Lord was upon Christ because God had anointed Him (Luke 4:18)
  - to bring good news to the poor, to preach the gospel was the first commission of the Lord
  - to proclaim release to:
    - the captives – prisoners under Satan’s bondage (Isa. 42:7)
    - the blind – under the power of Satan (Acts 26:18)
    - the oppressed – under Satan in sickness or in sin (Luke 13:11-13; John 8:34)
- In Luke 4:19, Christ was anointed to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.
  - This acceptable year is the New Testament age typified by the year of jubilee (Lev. 25:8-17),
  - the time when God would accept the returned captives of sin (Isa. 49:8; 2 Cor. 6:2)
  - and when the oppressed under the bondage of sin would enjoy the release of God’s salvation

- The **jubilee** is a **proclamation of release** from slavery and of the **recovery of our spiritual birthright**.
  - In the jubilee we are **recovered to the enjoyment** of the Triune God as our portion.
  - Our birthright, which had been lost, has been recovered in the New Testament jubilee.
  - In the **jubilee** we are also **released from bondage**. Once we were captives, but we have been released from slavery and brought back to the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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

- ✚ “*The acceptable year of the Lord*” is, the **year of jubilee**. In the **year of jubilee** everyone was **restored** to his original condition, the New Testament age is the **red year of jubilee**, **God will restore us to our original condition**.
  - ✓ **In Adam** we became lost, and we sold ourselves to sin as slaves.
  - ✓ **But Christ** has come and has brought in the **acceptable year of the Lord**, we are **released**, and our lost birthright is **recovered**, **redeemed**, and **restored**.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 35, letter N – point 14)  
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| <b>Jesus, Jesus our Redeemer<br/>has become our Jubilee</b>   | <b>Hymn 215</b>  | <b>Hymn 39</b>  |
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| <p><b>1 Jesus, Jesus</b> our Redeemer<br/>Has become our <b>Jubilee</b>,<br/>Sent to proclaim the <b>release</b><br/>Of all held in captivity.<br/>To the blind <b>recovered sight</b>—<br/>The <b>release of all oppressed</b>.<br/>To proclaim the <b>year of the Lord</b>,<br/>Hallelujah <b>Jubilee</b>.</p> <p><b>2 Jesus, Jesus</b> our Redeemer<br/>Has <b>secured our liberty</b>,<br/>He has <b>freed us from our bondage</b><br/>Now in His life we are free.<br/>From the darkness to the light—<br/>Now in Him reality.<br/>We proclaim the year of our <b>Lord</b>,<br/>Hallelujah <b>Jubilee</b>.</p> <p><b>3 Jesus, Jesus</b> our Redeemer<br/>Has <b>restored us to the land</b>,<br/>He has brought us to the <b>Father</b><br/>Now fore’er to dwell in Him.<br/>From a distant land to home—<br/>His embrace now comforts us.<br/>We proclaim the <b>year of our Lord</b>,<br/>Hallelujah <b>Jubilee</b>.</p> <p><b>4 Jesus, Jesus</b> our Redeemer<br/>Has <b>restored the family</b>,<br/>Brothers, sisters we are here now<br/>In <b>God’s</b> house eternally.<br/>No more strangers from His love—<br/>Now His children ere to be.<br/>We proclaim the year of our <b>Lord</b>,<br/>Hallelujah <b>Jubilee</b>.</p> | <p><b>1 Jesus, Lord</b>, we know Thee present<br/>At Thy <b>table</b> freshly spread,<br/><b>Seated</b> at Thy <b>priceless banquet</b><br/>With Thy banner overhead.<br/><b>Precious moments</b> at Thy <b>table</b>,<br/>From all fear and doubt set free;<br/>Here to <b>rest</b>, so sweetly able,<br/><b>Occupied alone with Thee</b>.</p> <p><b>2</b> Here <b>rejoicing</b> in Thy nearness,<br/>Gladly by Thy <b>Spirit</b> led;<br/>Calmly in the blest <b>remembrance</b><br/>Of Thyself, Thy <b>blood</b> once shed.<br/><b>Lord</b>, we take each simple token<br/>In fond <b>memory</b> of Thee,<br/>Muse upon Thy <b>body</b> broken<br/>And Thy <b>blood</b> shed on the tree.</p> <p><b>3</b> Oh, what joy it is to see Thee,<br/>In these chosen <b>emblems</b> here;<br/>In the <b>bread</b> and <b>wine</b> of blessing—<br/><b>Bread</b> to strengthen, <b>wine</b> to cheer!<br/><b>Lord</b>, behold us met together,<br/>One in Thee, our risen <b>Head</b>,<br/>Thus we take the <b>cup</b> of blessing,<br/>Thus we share the broken <b>bread</b>.</p> <p><b>4 Lord</b>, we know how<br/>true Thy promise<br/>To <b>be with us</b> where we meet,<br/>When in Thy loved <b>name</b> we gather<br/>To enjoy communion sweet;<br/>Dearest still that looked-for promise<br/>To each waiting, yearning heart,<br/>That with Thee<br/><b>we soon shall be</b>, <b>Lord</b>,<br/>Yes, “<b>forever</b>” where Thou art.</p> | <p><b>1 To God</b> be the glory,<br/>great things He hath done,<br/>So loved He the world<br/>that He gave us His <b>Son</b>,<br/>Who yielded His life<br/>our <b>redemption</b> to win,<br/>And <b>opened the life-gate</b><br/>that all may go in.</p> <p><b>Chorus</b><br/>Praise the <b>Lord</b>, praise the <b>Lord</b>,<br/>Let the earth hear His voice;<br/>Praise the <b>Lord</b>, praise the <b>Lord</b>,<br/>Let the people rejoice;<br/>Oh, come to the <b>Father</b>,<br/>through <b>Jesus</b> the <b>Son</b>,<br/>And give Him the glory;<br/>great things He hath done.</p> <p><b>2</b> Oh, perfect <b>redemption</b>,<br/>the purchase of blood,<br/>To every believer<br/>the promise of <b>God</b>;<br/>The vilest offender<br/>who truly believes,<br/>That moment from <b>Jesus</b><br/>a <b>pardon receives</b>.</p> <p><b>3</b> Great things He hath taught us,<br/>great things He hath done,<br/>And great our <b>rejoicing</b><br/>through <b>Jesus</b> the <b>Son</b>;<br/>But purer, and higher,<br/>and greater will be<br/>Our wonder, our transport<br/>when <b>Jesus</b> we see.</p> |