

“WORD OF LIFE”

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37. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (17) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

N 35. The Cursed One Hanging on a Tree

Hymns: Lord Jesus Christ, I do love You/ # 1003 / # 8017

✚ “...THE WORDS WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU ARE SPIRIT AND ARE LIFE” (John 6:63)

[Prophecy]

- Deut. 21:22 - And if in a man there is a sin, a cause worthy of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree;
- Deut. 21:23 - His corpse shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you must bury him on that day. For he who is hanged is accursed of God, and you shall not defile your land, which Jehovah your God gives you as an inheritance.

[Fulfillment]

- Gal. 3:13 - Christ has redeemed us out of the curse of the law, having become a curse on our behalf; because it is written, “Cursed is everyone hanging on a tree”;

✚ “...TO REVEAL HIS SON IN ME...” (Gal. 1:16a)

❖ The Cursed One Hanging on a Tree

- In Deuteronomy 21:23 there is the prophecy that Christ would be the cursed One hanging on a tree.
- In fulfillment of this word, Galatians 3:13 says,
“Christ has redeemed us out of the curse of the law, having become a curse on our behalf; because it is written, Cursed is every one hanging on a tree.”
- The curse of the law issued from the sin of man (Gen. 3:17).
- The word “tree” denotes the cross made of wood (Acts 5:30; 10:39; 13:29)
 - 1 Peter 2:24 says that Christ “carried up our sins in His body onto the tree.”
 - Act 5:30 says, “The God of our fathers has raised Jesus, whom you slew by hanging Him on a tree.”
 - Act 10:39 says, “...whom also they did away with by hanging Him on a tree.”
 - Act 13:29 says, “... they took Him down from the tree and laid Him in a tomb.”
- As our Substitute on the tree, the cross,
 - Christ not only bore the curse for us,
 - but He also became a curse for us.
- When Christ took away our sin on the cross, He redeemed us out of the curse.

✚ “...LET ALL THE PEOPLES SPEAK PRAISE TO HIM ...” (Rom. 15:11)

✚ Adam brought us all under the curse. But Christ, as our Substitute on the tree, has redeemed us out of the curse of the law. Through His crucifixion Christ redeemed us out of the curse of the law, having become a curse on our behalf.

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Lord Jesus Christ, I do love You

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ**, I do love You
Because You first loved me.
You shed Your **blood**,
were **crucified**,
While **hanging on a tree**.
- 2** In resurrection and through **death**,
You mingled **God** with man—
Produced Your Body,
consummating
The **New Jerusalem**.
- 3** For You **Lord**,
open my heart wide.
With others build me up.
In You we would together blend,
Enjoy Salvation's **cup**.

Hymn 1003

- 1** Why should I **worry**,
doubt and fear?
Has **God** not caused
His **Son** to bear
My sins upon the tree?
The **debt** that **Christ**
for me **has paid**,
Would God another
mind have made
To claim again from me?
- 2** **Redemption** full
the **Lord** has made,
And all **my debts** has **fully paid**,
From **law** to **set me free**.
I fear not for the wrath of **God**,
For I've been sprinkled
with His **blood**,
It wholly covers me.
- 3** For me **forgiveness** He has gained,
And full acquittal was obtained,
All debts of sin **are paid**;
God would **not** have
His **claim on two**,
First on His Son, my Surety true,
And **then** upon me laid.
- 4** **So now** I have **full peace and rest**,
My Savior Christ
hath done the best
And **set me wholly free**;
By His all-efficacious **blood**
I ne'er could be
condemned by **God**,
For He has **died** for me!

Hymn 8017

- 1** By **righteousness** was I condemned,
When I was lost in pain and sin;
When **Christ** **redeemed** me
by His blood,
Thy **righteousness**
gave peace within.
- 2** O **God**,
Thy **righteousness** condemned
My **Savior** to the **cross to die**;
Yet **now** to us Thy **righteousness**
Grants peace, forgives,
and justifies.
- 3** **Righteousness** ruled
all debts be paid;
Yet, also, **righteousness forbade**
That when accounts were **fully paid**
Again collection could be made.
- 4** **Now** that my **Lord**
His **blood has shed**,
You **cannot** sentence Him again,
Nor ask me further recompense,
Can **but** forgive and fully cleanse.
- 5** When first I heard of **righteousness**,
Fearful, I sought
to hide from thence,
But at its mention **now I sense**
Such sweetness and
such preciousness.
- 6** Since I have known
Thy **righteousness**,
Thy grace I can more clearly see;
Thy **righteousness**
gives wondrous rest,
Thy grace supplies
and comforts me.