

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

N 36. The One to Whom **Gall** Was Given, and **Vinegar** Also

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

[Prophecy]

- Psa. 69:21 - But they gave me **gall** for my food, And for my **thirst** they gave me **vinegar** to drink.
Isa 53:12 - ...Because He **poured out His life unto death** And was numbered with the transgressors,
Yet He alone bore the sin of many And interceded for the transgressors.

[Fulfillment]

- Matt. 27:34 - They gave Him **wine** to drink, mingled with **gall**. And when He tasted it, **He would not drink**.
Joh 19:28 - After this, Jesus, knowing that all things had now been finished *and* so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, **I thirst**.
Joh 19:29 - There was lying *there* a vessel full of **vinegar**; therefore, they put a sponge full of **vinegar** on hyssop and brought it to His mouth.
Joh 19:30 - Then when Jesus **had taken** the **vinegar**, He said, **It is finished!** And He bowed His head and **delivered up His spirit**.
Phil. 2:8 - And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, becoming **obedient even unto death**, and *that* the death of a cross.

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

❖ **Christ** is The One to Whom **Gall** Was Given, and **Vinegar** Also

- Psalm 69:21 is a **prophecy** that Christ would be the One to whom **gall** and **vinegar** would be given.
- It was **fulfilled** in Matthew 27:34 which says,
“They gave Him wine to drink mingled with gall; and having tasted it, He would not drink.”
 - **At the beginning** of His crucifixion, the **wine** mingled with **gall** and myrrh was offered to the Lord as a stupefying drought, which He **would not drink**.
 - **At the end** of His crucifixion, when He was **thirsty**, vinegar was offered to Him in a mocking way (Luke 23:36), and He **took it**.
 - **Thirst** is a taste of death (Luke 16:24; Rev. 21:8),
 - the Lord Jesus **suffered it** for us on the cross (Heb. 2:9)

❖ **Christ** is The One Who **Poured Out His Soul unto Death**

- **Isaiah 53:12** **prophesied** that Christ would be the One who **poured out His soul unto death**.
- This was **fulfilled** in **Philippians 2:8b** says that Christ was “**obedient even unto death, and that the death of a cross.**”
 - In His crucifixion Christ suffered to such an extent that He **poured out** His entire being, unto death.

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

✚ In His crucifixion **Christ** suffered to such an extent that He **poured out His soul unto death**. He **finished** the work of His all-inclusive death, by which He accomplished redemption, terminated the old creation, and released His resurrection life to bring forth the new creation to fulfill God’s purpose.

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He stepped out of glory

- 1 He stepped out of glory
And put on the lowly.
And life's very Author
A creature became.
Despised and forsaken,
Afflicted with sorrow,
From infinite splendor
To the likeness of shame.
- 2 He chose to be humbled,
He chose limitation,
He chose to be finite,
He chose to be man.
God's unfathomed purpose
Found substance in Jesus;
A two-natured being—
The unique God-man.
- 3 His own shell was broken,
Releasing His glory.
This life-impartation
Produced many grains.
The Firstborn rejoices
With His many brothers;
An incorporation—
Divine and human.
- 4 We cannot but love Him,
Our lovely Forerunner.
His shame was our vict'ry,
His anguish our joy.
The children of judgement
He brought into glory.
The millions of God-men
Forever rejoice.

Hymn 233

- 1 O what a miracle, my Lord,
That I'm in Thee and Thou in me,
That Thou and I are really one;
O what a wondrous mystery!
- 2 For me Thy body Thou didst give,
That I may ever share in Thee;
For me Thy precious blood
was shed,
That from my sins I might be free.
- 3 By resurrection Thou didst change
Thy form and as the Spirit come;
Thou wouldst that I
be filled with Thee
That all Thy riches mine become.
- 4 Now as the symbols we behold,
Thy loving self we see anew;
We thank Thee for
Thy heart's desire
As all Thy travail we review.
- 5 We eat the bread
and drink the wine,
And to Thy sweetness we are led;
In spirit each receiving Thee,
Our spirits with Thyself are fed.
- 6 We long to eat
and drink e'en more,
To take Thyself in spirit thus,
Till Thou shalt all our being fill
And true remembrance
have from us.

Hymn 39

- 1 To God be the glory,
great things He hath done,
So loved He the world
that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life
our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate
that all may go in.
- Chorus:*
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father,
through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory;
great things He hath done.
- 2 Oh, perfect redemption,
the purchase of blood,
To every believer
the promise of God;
The vilest offender
who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus
a pardon receives.
- 3 Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher,
and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
when Jesus we see.