

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

N 38. The Pierced One

N 39. The One of Whose Bones Not One Was Broken

Hymns: #206 / #221 / #28

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

[Prophecy]

Psa. 22:16 - For dogs surround me; A company of evildoers encloses me; They **pierce** my hands and feet.

Zech. 12:10 - ...and they will look upon Me, whom they have **pierced**;

Psa. 34:20 - He keeps all his **bones**; **Not one of them is broken**.

[Fulfillment]

John 19:34 - But one of the soldiers **pierced** His side with a spear, and immediately there came out **blood** and **water**

John 19:37 - And again another Scripture says, “*They shall look on Him whom they pierced.*”

John 19:33 - But coming to Jesus, when they saw that He had already died, they **did not break His legs**;

John 19:36 - For these things happened that the Scripture might be fulfilled: “*No bone of His shall be broken.*”

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

❖ Christ is the **pierced One**

- In the Old Testament **prophecies** related to His death, Christ is the **pierced One**.
Psalm 22:16 says, “*They **pierced** my hands and my feet.*”
Zechariah 12:10 prophesies, “*They shall look upon me whom they have **pierced**.*”
- The New Testament **fulfillment** of these prophecies is found in John 19:34 which says, “*One of the soldiers **pierced His side** with a spear, and immediately there came out **blood** and **water**.*”
 - Two substances came out of the Lord’s pierced side: **blood** and **water**.
 - **Blood** is for redemption, dealing with sins (John 1:29; Heb. 9:22)
 - **for** the purchase of the church (Acts 20:28)
 - **water** is for imparting life, dealing with death (John 12:24; 3:14-15)
 - **for** the producing of the church (Eph. 5:29-32)
 - on the negative side, Christ’s death is to take away our sins—**redemptive aspect**
 - on the positive side, to impart life into us—**life-imparting aspect**

❖ Christ is the One of whose **bones not one was broken**

- This is typified in Exodus 12:46, prophesied in Psalm 34:20, and fulfilled in John 19:32-36.
 - Psalm 34:20 says, “*He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.*”
 - When Christ was crucified as our **Passover lamb**, His legs were **not broken** (John 19:33, 36).
 - Christ’s legs were not broken **signifies** that in Him there is something **unbreakable** and **indestructible**.
 - This unbreakable and indestructible element is **His eternal life**.
 - The Roman soldiers and the Jewish people could come together to **put Christ on the cross**, but they could **not break His eternal life**.
 - Christ’s **unbroken bone** **signifies** His unbreakable and indestructible **eternal life** that imparts His life to us.

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

✚ Christ’s death took away our sins and, imparted life into us; the redemptive aspect and the life-imparting aspect. The redemptive aspect is for the life-imparting aspect.

✚ A bone **signifies** life that **imparts life**. The bone taken out of Adam imparted Adam's life to Eve. In the same principle, **Christ's unbroken bone signifies** His unbreakable and indestructible eternal life that imparts His life to us. In Christ as our **Passover lamb** there is such an **unbreakable** and **indestructible** life that can impart life to us.

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Hymn 206	Hymn 221	Hymn 28
<p>1 O Christ, He is the fountain, The deep, sweet well of life: Its living streams I've tasted Which save from grief and strife. And to an ocean fulness, His mercy doth expand; His grace is all-sufficient As by His wisdom planned.</p> <p>2 O I am my Beloved's, And my Beloved's mine; He brings a poor vile sinner Into His house of wine! I stand upon His merit; I know no other stand. I'm hidden in His presence And held by His own hand.</p> <p>3 The Bride eyes not her garment, But her dear Bridegroom's face; I will not gaze at glory, But on my King of grace: Not at the crown He giveth, But on His pierced hand; The Lamb is all the glory, And my eternal stand!</p>	<p>1 Lord, we thank Thee for the table, With the bread and with the wine; At this table we enjoy Thee As the feast of love divine. We partake the bread, the emblem Of Thy body giv'n for us; And we share the wine, the symbol Of Thy blood Thou shedd'st for us.</p> <p>Chorus Lo, the holy table! With the sacred symbols; Its significance in figure Is unsearchable!</p> <p>2 By the death of Thy redemption, That Thy life Thou may impart, E'en Thyself to us Thou gavest That we share in all Thou art. By the bread and wine partaking, We Thy death display and prove; Eating, drinking of Thyself, Lord, We remember Thee with love.</p> <p>3 By this bread which signifieth Thy one body mystical, We commune with all Thy members In one bond identical. By this holy cup of blessing, Cup of wine which now we bless, Of Thy blood we have communion With all those who faith possess.</p> <p>4 Thou art our eternal portion, Here we take a sweet foretaste; We are waiting for Thy kingdom, And Thy coming now we haste. At Thy coming, in Thy kingdom, With all saints that overcome, We anew will feast upon Thee And Thy loving Bride become.</p>	<p>1 The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled And pardoned from his sin.</p> <p>Chorus O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song.</p> <p>2 When hoary time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall; When men who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call; God's love, so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race— The saints' and angels' song.</p> <p>3 Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made; Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.</p>