

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

N 40. The Messiah **Cut Off** in the Seventh Year of the Sixty-ninth Week from the Decree to Restore and to Build Jerusalem

Hymns: Unto the Economy / Separation unto Reconciliation / # 17

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

[Prophecy]

- Dan. 9:25 - Know therefore and comprehend: **From** the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem **until** the time of **Messiah** the Prince will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with street and trench, even in distressful times.
- Dan. 9:26 - And after the sixty-two weeks **Messiah will be cut off** and will have nothing; and the people of the prince who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end of it will be with a flood, and even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

[Fulfillment]

- John 19:14 - Now it was the *day* of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, Behold, your King!
- John 19:15 - They cried out then, Take *Him* away! Take *Him* away! **Crucify Him!** Pilate said to them, Shall I **crucify** your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king except Caesar.
- John 19:16 - Therefore at that time he delivered Him to them that He might be **crucified**. Therefore they took Jesus.

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

- ❖ **Christ** is the **Messiah cut off** in the seventh year of the sixty-ninth week **from** the decree to restore and to build Jerusalem
- **Christ**, the **Messiah**, was **cut off**, crucified. This is **prophesied** in **Daniel 9:25-26a**
 - The words “**cut off**” refer to the **crucifixion of Christ**
 - And was **fulfilled** in **John 19:14-16**.
 - **Christ** was cut off **not** for Himself **but** for us. He was **crucified for us**.

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

✚ The **crucifixion of Christ**, terminated the old creation, with the human government in the **old creation**, and the germination of God’s **new creation** through the resurrection of Christ (1 Pet. 1:3), with God’s eternal kingdom as the divine administration in God’s new creation. Thus, the **cross of Christ** is the **centrality and universality** of God’s work.

- ✚ The **crucifixion of Christ** in His first appearing is the landmark that **terminated** the age of the old creation for the **germination** of the age of the **new creation** in Christ’s resurrection. In His **crucifixion Christ**,
- ✓ the last Adam, **terminated** the old creation (2 Cor. 5:14),
 - ✓ and in His resurrection He **became** the germinating Spirit, the **life-giving Spirit** (1 Cor. 15:45),
 - ✓ to **germinate** all God’s chosen people in His resurrection (John 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:3)
 - ✓ to be God’s **new creation** (2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15).
 - ✓ This new creation begins with the **believers** in Christ as God’s sons (Gal. 3:26)
 - ✓ and as Christ’s **members** who constitute His **Body** (1 Cor. 12:27).
 - ✓ This Body will **grow** (Eph. 4:13-16)
 - ✓ and will eventually consummate in the **New Jerusalem** (Rev. 21—22).

Unto the Economy

1 God planned His great purpose
in eternity,
This great will was hidden,
a great mystery;
With wisdom and prudence
He has made it known,
Through revelation, in **Christ**,
the **Son**.

Chorus

Unto the **economy**
of the fullness of the times,
To **head up** all things in **Christ**,
The things in the heavens in Him;
Unto the **economy**
of the fullness of the times,
To **head up** all things in **Christ**
And the things on the earth, in Him.

2 Through **Christ's incarnation**
God came into man,
And through **crucifixion** came
redemption's plan;
Then in **resurrection**,
the Comforter came,
And in His **ascension**
exalt His name!

3 It is **God's** good **pleasure**
to show us the **Son**,
And through His **dispensing**
we are all made one;
Through this life abundant
and rich life supply,
The **church** will be **builted**
and beautified.

Separation unto Reconciliation

1 God commends His own love to us,
That You **died** on our behalf,
For us, enemies and sinners
Who were slated for **God's** wrath.
We **by sin were separated**,
From **God's** life were **alienated**.
Then Your **death propitiated**
And to **God** You brought us back.

2 On the **cusp of crucifixion**,
In great **agony** You prayed;
You besought the **Father** greatly
That You'd from this hour be saved.
But You rea'lized **God's** intention;
Love outweighed Your apprehension,
"Not as I will," **Your submission**
To the **Father** for our sake.

3 When **God** made You sin entire,
Dying for us on the **cross**,
God withdrew from You in judgment,
This by far Your greatest loss.
You made reconciliation,
Ending our great separation,
Making us a **new creation**,
One **new man**, formed on the **cross**.

4 Then the **veil** within the temple,
Top to bottom, split in two,
Rent because You're now our access
To **God's** glory ever new.
With the **Father** **we've reunion**,
Face to face in holy union,
Reconciled in sweet communion,
Glorious twining through and through.

5 **Separation** has been dealt with,
We from **God** no more exiled!
Through Your sacrifice forgiven,
We to Him are **reconciled**!
We can live in resurrection,
Joined to **God** through Your **oblation**,
To express Your life and person,
In our spirit, by the **blood**!

6 Praise the **Son** sent by the **Father**,
Lamb of God Whom **God** made **sin**!
Praise You for Your dread endurance,
As that breach brought judgment in!
Praise You for **God's** satisfaction
With Your **death** and its transaction,
And that **Your brief separation**
Made us one with God fore'er!

Hymn 17

1 My **Father God**,
when on Thy vast **creation**,
The wonders of the heav'n
and earth, I gaze,
Things great and small,
beyond enumeration,
Which manifest Thy pow'r
in untold ways;

Chorus

Then **all my being**
sings in praise to Thee,
How marvellous!
How great Thou art!
And this I'll sing
through all eternity,
How marvellous!
How great Thou art!

2 As I enjoy
the grace of Thy salvation
And contemplate
how Thou Thy **Son** hast sent,
Who died that we
might be Thy **new creation**,
Thy life expressing
to the full extent;

3 When in the **church**,
in blest participation,
I see how millions
Thine own life possess,
How they are built
to form Thy habitation,
Containing Thee,
Thy fulness to express;

4 As I expect
the coming age of fulness
And hope to share
the **new Jerusalem**,
With all the heavens
and the earth in **newness**
And all Thou art
expressed in all of them;