

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 38. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (18) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

#### N 44. The One Who Was Begotten the Firstborn Son of God and Whose Father God Became

Hymns: He's the Spirit of Reality / #231 / O Father, Thou art boundless love

✚ “...the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life” (John 6:63)

[Prophecy]

Psa. 2:7 - I will recount the decree of Jehovah; He said to Me: **You are My Son**; Today I have begotten You.  
2Sam. 7:14 - **I will be his Father**, and he will be My son...;

[Fulfillment]

Heb. 1:5 - For to which of the angels has He ever said, “You are My Son; this day have I begotten You”? And again, “I will be a **Father** to Him, and He will be a **Son to Me**”?

✚ “...to reveal His Son in me...” (Gal. 1:16a)

❖ Christ is the one who was begotten the **Firstborn son of God** and whose Father God became

➤ Psalms 2:7 is a prophecies –

*“You are **My Son**; Today I have begotten You”*

*“I will be his **Father**, and he will be My son”*

- Christ being the One who was begotten the **firstborn Son of God**
- God became His **Father** (2 Samuel 7:14)

➤ Both verses are quoted / fulfilled in Hebrews 1:5:

- *“For to which of the angels has He ever said, **You are My Son**; this day I have begotten You?”*
- *And again, I will be to Him a **Father**, and He shall be to Me a Son?”*

✚ “...let all the peoples speak praise to Him ...” (Rom. 15:11)

✚ Through resurrection Christ in His humanity was born to be the **firstborn Son of God**. The Lord Jesus was born of a virgin to be the Son of Man, yet He still needed to be born of the **Father** to be the **firstborn Son of God**. When He was born in this way, His humanity was “sonized” through resurrection.

- God is a Father of Christ in two senses:
  - ✓ first, in the sense that God was the Father of Christ in His divinity from eternity;
  - ✓ second, in the sense that God is the Father of Christ in His humanity in resurrection through which Christ was begotten to be the **firstborn Son of God**.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 38, letter N – point 44)  
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### He's the Spirit of Reality

- 1 He's the **Spirit of reality**,  
Pneumatic Christ,  
the **Firstborn Son in me**,  
The consummation of  
the **Triune God**,  
**Life-giving Spirit**,  
all-inclusive **Christ**  
Intensified sevenfold.
- 2 He's the **Spirit of Reality**.  
He's the secret. **He is one with me**;  
He's **in my spirit**.  
**God** dispensed in me  
From my spirit,  
soul and then, body,  
Producing **reality**.
- 3 Don't be fooled by  
outward circumstance.  
**Lord**, do grant us visions  
and a trance:  
The **New Jerusalem**, a **mingling**  
A **mutual** dwelling place  
of **God** and **man**.  
**Lord**, You're **reality**!
- 4 **Seven Spirits** and the **seven eyes**,  
Organic salvation He intensifies,  
Producing **overcomers** in this age,  
To build His **Body**  
and to consummate  
The **New Jerusalem**.

### Hymn 231

- 1 Amidst us our **Beloved** stands,  
And bids us view  
His **pierced hands**;  
Points to the **wounded**  
**feet** and **side**,  
Blest **emblems of the Crucified**.
- 2 What food luxurious  
loads the board  
When, at His **table**, sits the **Lord**!  
The **wine** how **rich**,  
the **bread** how **sweet**,  
When **Jesus** deigns  
the guests to meet!
- 3 If now, with eyes defiled and dim,  
**We see the signs**, but **see not Him**;  
Oh, may **His love**  
**the scales displace**,  
And bid us **see Him face to face**!
- 4 Thou glorious **Bridegroom**  
of our hearts,  
Thy present smile  
Thy grace imparts!  
Oh, lift the veil, if veil there be,  
**Let every saint Thy glory see**!

### O Father, Thou art boundless love

- 1 **O Father**,  
Thou art boundless love,  
We praise Thee and adore Thee;  
Such lessons of Thy grace  
we've learned,  
We can but joy before Thee.  
For **sonship** Thou predestined us,  
Before the earth was founded;  
In time Thy pow'r was manifest:  
Thy grace toward us abounded.
- 2 Thine **only Son** from death  
Thou raised,  
**Firstborn in resurrection**,  
His work completed, we by faith  
Can stand as Thine expression.  
We've now become  
Thy **many sons**  
With joy our hearts are ringing;  
Thy **Firstborn Son** so much  
has done,  
We sing with praise unceasing.
- 3 Not only is His **God** our **God**,  
His **Father** is our **Father**;  
Same flesh, same bones,  
with Him we're one  
And naught we twain can sever.  
He leads us back now,  
Thee to see,  
And sing in Thine assembly;  
We're just like Him,  
we're one with Him,  
Thy **many sons** in glory.
- 4 What love we find!  
What grace divine!  
Thy **Son** and **sons** joined ever;  
This is our portion evermore,  
Our **Father's** joy and pleasure!  
Thy **Son** will come down  
from on high,  
Today we're waiting for Him;  
Oh, this is all our heart's desire:  
To sound our joy before Him.