

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

N 46. The One Who Saw, in Resurrection, the **Fruit of His Travail**

Hymns: # 189 / # 203 / # 55

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

[Prophecy]

Isa. 53:11 - He will see the **fruit of the travail of His soul**, And He will be satisfied; By the knowledge of Him, the righteous One, My Servant, will make the many righteous, And He will bear their iniquities.

[Fulfillment]

John 20:17 - Jesus said to her, Do not touch Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to **My brothers** and say to them, I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.

Heb. 2:11 - For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them **brothers**,

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

❖ **Christ** is the One Who Saw, in Resurrection, the **Fruit of His Travail**

- **Isaiah 53:11a** says, “*He shall see of the **travail** of his soul, and shall be satisfied.*”
 - This is a **prophecy** concerning **Christ** in resurrection seeing the **fruit of His labor**, the **fruit of the travail of His death**.
 - The **fruit** is corporate and includes all the believers, this **corporate fruit** is the **church**, Christ’s Body.
 - In resurrection Christ saw the **church** as the **fruit of His travail**.
- The prophecy of Isaiah 53:11a is **fulfilled** in **John 20:17** and **Hebrews 2:11**.
 - In **John 20:17** the Lord Jesus speaks of “*My brothers.*”
 - **Prior** to His resurrection the most intimate term the Lord used to call His disciples was “**friends**” (John 15:14, 15).
 - **But** after His resurrection He **began** to call them **brothers**, for through His resurrection **His disciples were regenerated** (1 Pet. 1:3)
 - **Now** through His death and resurrection, the Father’s only begotten Son has **become** “*the Firstborn among many brothers*” (Rom. 8:29).
 - His many brothers are the **many sons of God** and **the church** (Heb. 2:10-12), as the corporate expression of God the Father in the Son.
 - This is God’s ultimate intention, the many brothers are the **propagation** of the **Father’s life** and the **multiplication** of the **Son in the divine life**.
 - **Hebrews 2:11** says, “*Both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which cause He is not ashamed to call them **brothers.***”
 - He who **sanctifies** is Christ as the **firstborn Son of God**, and those who are being **sanctified** are the believers of Christ as the **many sons of God**.
 - Both the **first Son** and the **many sons** of God are **born of the same Father God in resurrection** (Acts 13:33; 1 Pet. 1:3). Both the firstborn Son and the many sons are the same in the divine life and nature.

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

✚ As the **many sons** of **God**, we are the **many brothers** of **Christ**, who is the **firstborn Son of God**. He was **born** to be the firstborn Son through His resurrection, and we were **produced** to be His many brothers in His resurrection.

✚ After His resurrection He **called** His disciples His **brothers**. **Because** we have the life and nature of God, we are God’s many sons. **Because** we share the **same life and nature** as the **Firstborn**, we are His **brothers**.

To God, we are His **many sons**; **to the firstborn Son of God**, we are His **many brothers**.

Hymn 189

- 1 Thou art the **Son** beloved,
The **image** of our **God**;
Thou art the saints’ dear portion,
Imparted thru Thy blood.
Among all God’s creation
Thou art the **firstborn One**;
By Thee all was **created**,
All for Thyself to own.
- 2 Thou art before all creatures,
In Thee all things consist;
Of all Thou art the center,
By Thee all things subsist.
Thou art the sole beginning,
The **Firstborn from the dead**;
And for the **Church**, Thy **Body**,
Thou art the glorious **Head**.
- 3 Because it pleased the **Father**,
All fulness dwells in Thee,
That Thou might have the first place
In all we ever see.
All things Thou reconciledst
To **God** by Thy shed **blood**,
To thus present us holy
And blameless unto **God**.
- 4 In Thee God’s fulness dwelleth,
Thou art God’s mystery;
The treasures of all wisdom
And knowledge are in Thee.
Thou art the **hope of glory**,
In us Thou dost abide;
In Thee we are perfected
And **God** is satisfied.
- 5 All things are but a shadow
Which unto us reveal
Thyself, in whom we’re rooted,
The only One that’s real.
Enjoying all Thy riches,
Thy fulness we will be;
We’ll hold Thee, as Thy **Body**,
And grow with **God** in Thee.
- 6 With Thee in **God** we’re hidden,
Thou art **in us our life**;
Thy peace in us presiding,
We rest from all our strife.
In the **new man**, Thy **Body**,
Thou art the all in all;
Our all-inclusive **Savior**,
Thyself we’ll ever call.

Hymn 203

- 1 In the bosom of the **Father**,
Ere the ages had begun,
Thou wast in the Father’s glory,
God’s unique **begotten Son**.
When to us the **Father** gave Thee,
Thou in person wast the same,
All the fulness of the **Father**
In the **Spirit** to proclaim.
- 2 By Thy **death** and **resurrection**,
Thou wast made
God’s **firstborn Son**;
By Thy life to us imparting,
Was Thy **duplication** done.
We, in Thee regenerated,
Many sons to **God** became;
Truly as Thy many brethren,
We are as Thyself the same.
- 3 Once Thou wast
the **only grain, Lord**,
Falling to the earth to die,
That thru **death** and **resurrection**
Thou in **life** may multiply.
We were brought forth
in Thy nature
And the **many grains became**;
As **one loaf** we all are blended,
All Thy fulness to proclaim
- 4 We’re Thy **total reproduction**,
Thy dear **Body** and Thy **Bride**,
Thine expression and Thy fulness,
For Thee ever to abide.
We are Thy continuation,
Thy life-increase and Thy spread,
Thy full growth and
Thy rich surplus,
One with Thee, our glorious **Head**.

Hymn 55

- 1 O **God** our **Father**,
we would come to Thee
In virtue of
our **Savior’s precious blood**;
All distance gone,
our **souls by grace set free**,
We worship Thee,
our **Father** and our **God**.
- 2 We would, O **God**,
present before Thy face
The fragrant name
of Thy **beloved Son**;
By faith we view Him through
Thy boundless grace,
Which, by His dying,
He for us has won.
- 3 Thy joy in Him
who is with Thee we share;
Our hearts delight
in Thy delight in Him;
Chiefest of thousands,
fairer than the fair;
His glory nought can tarnish,
nought can dim.
- 4 We bow in **worship**
now before Thy throne,
By faith the Object
of Thy love would see;
Who, in the midst,
His **brethren’s** song doth lead.
To Him, our **Savior**,
shall the glory be!