

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

N 52. The One Who in His Reproducing Resurrection Declared the Father’s Name to His Brothers and Praised Him in the Midst of the Church

Hymns: #203 / #221 / #50

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

[Prophecy]

Psa. 22:22 - I will **declare Your name** to my brothers; In the midst of the assembly **I will praise You**.

[Fulfillment]

Heb. 2:12 - Saying, “I will declare Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the church I will sing hymns of praise to You.”

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

❖ **Christ** is the One who in His **reproducing** resurrection **declared the Father’s name** to the brothers and **praised Him in the midst of the church**.

- Psalm 22:22 **prophesies**, “*In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.*”
 - **not only** that Christ will **declare** the Father’s name
 - **but also** that He will **praise** the Father in the midst of the congregation:
 - **Because** the **Father** is the **source of the divine life and nature**,
 - **to declare** the name of the Father **is to show** the many brothers the source of life and nature.
- Its **fulfillment**, **Heb. 2:12** says, “*In the midst of the church I will sing hymns of praise unto You.*”
 - Here we have the **firstborn Son’s praising** of the Father from **within** the **Father’s many sons** in the church meetings.
 - We, the **many sons of God**, meet as the church and **praise** the Father,
 - The **firstborn Son praises** the Father **in our praises**.
 - **It is not** that He praises the Father apart from us and alone,
 - **but rather** within us and with us through our praising.
 - He sings hymns of praise to the Father in our singing.
 - In resurrection Christ declared the Father’s name, the Father’s person, to us His brothers.
 - **On the day of resurrection** the **Lord** came to the disciples to **declare** the **Father** in order to make them know the Father as the source of life.
 - The Father’s life and nature had become theirs, and His very being had been **imparted** to them.
 - This declaration was **not simply** a matter of mentioning the name; **rather**, it was an **impartation** of all that the Father is—His life, nature, and being—into the disciples.
 - The **only begotten** Son of God, was born to be God’s **firstborn Son** and we were born with Him to be the **many sons** of God, Christ’s many brothers.
 - Christ’s resurrection was a **corporate birth**, the birth of the **firstborn Son** and His **many brothers**.

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

✚ For the resurrected Christ to **declare** the Father’s name to His brothers means that we, the **sons of God**, have all **become partakers** of the divine nature. To us, God is no longer merely the **creating God**; He is also the **begetting Father**. He has begotten us. He has **imparted** His life, His nature, and even His being into our being.

✚ The **firstborn Son** has been singing hymns of **praise** unto the Father in the church. He does this in all of His brothers. Because **He is in us**, He sings **praises** unto the Father in our singing. His singing is in our singing. When we sing, He sings because He is within our singing. When we sing hymns to the Father from our spirit, Christ sings with us in our spirit. The more we, Christ’s brothers, sing **praise** to the Father, the more the Lord sings in our singing.

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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 221

- 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.

Chorus

- Lo, the holy **table**!
With the sacred **symbols**;
Its significance in figure
Is unsearchable!
- 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**.
- 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.
- 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.

Hymn 50

- 1** **Father**, Thy **Son** beloved
leads our **praise**
After the banquet feast
is had and done;
How dear, how sweet
to Thee the **praise** He **leads**,
And in His **praises**
joining we are one.
- 2** **Father**, we need no goodness
more than Thee,
Nor do we seek a love
that's less than Thine;
How we adore Thee
now that here we know
Thy searchless,
uncreated life divine.
- 3** **Father**, within Thy love
our love to Thee
Grows, far transcending
all our earthly ties;
Thine own dear love
in power leads our hearts
Where Thine own presence
deeply satisfies.
- 4** **Father**, by joining
with Thy **Son** beloved,
We all with gladness
praise Thee now again;
Joyfully **feasting**
on Thy holy love,
Tasting, as sons,
the sweetness of Thy name.

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midst of the church I will sing
hymns of praise to You.*"