

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 39. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (19) – In the Fulfillment of the OT Prophecies

#### N 54. The One with the **Key of David**

Hymns: #542 / #1112 / #27

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

[Prophecy]

Isa. 22:22 - And I will **set** the **key of the house of David** **upon his shoulder**—When he opens, no one will shut; When he shuts, no one will open.

[Fulfillment]

Rev. 3:7 - And to the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write: These things says the Holy One, the true One, **the One who has** the **key of David**, the One who opens and no one will shut, and shuts and no one opens:

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

#### ❖ Christ as the One who **holds the key of David**

- In Isaiah 22:22 there is a **prophecy** concerning Christ as the **One who holds** the **key of David**.
- This prophecy is **fulfilled** in Revelation 3:7:
  - Christ has the **key of David**, the key of the kingdom, with authority to open and to shut.
    - when **God created** man, He gave him dominion over all creatures.
    - this indicates that in God’s intention man is to be the power **representing** God on earth.
    - **due to the fall**, however, man lost this power and has never fully recovered it.
  - The **key** held by David is the **key** of God’s dominion.
    - God’s dominion **includes** the entire universe, especially mankind.
    - This dominion has a **key** that is possessed by David who **fought** the battle for the kingdom and who made **preparations** for the building of the temple.
    - David **represented** God in **establishing** God’s kingdom on earth, was just a type, not the reality.
  - The **real** David is **Christ**, the **greater** David. He is the One who **built** God’s temple, the church, and **established** God’s kingdom. He holds the key of David.
    - As the **greater David**, Christ has built up the house of God, the real temple, and He has set up the kingdom of God, the dominion in which He exercises full authority to **represent** God.
    - In the church today, which is both a house and a kingdom, we have God’s **expression** and **representation**.

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

- ✚ The **key of David** is something **representing** God to open the whole universe for God. This is the key of David **held by Christ**. **Christ has the key of David**, He is the center of God’s economy. He is the One who expresses God and represents Him, the **One who holds** the key to open everything in God’s dominion.
- ✚ Revelation 3:7 says that **Christ**, the **One who has** the **key of David** is the One who “*opens and no one shall shut, and shuts and no one shall open.*” The key of God’s economy, is in His hand, with authority to open and shut.

### Hymn 542

1 O the **riches** of my **Savior**,  
So unsearchable, immense;  
All the **fulness** of the **Godhead**  
I may now experience.

#### Chorus

O the **riches**, O the **riches**,  
**Christ** my **Savior** has for me!  
How unsearchable their measure,  
Yet my full **reality**!

2 O the **riches** of my **Savior**,  
All-embracing: life and light,  
Wisdom, power, healing, comfort,  
Treasures rich of God's delight;

3 God's **redemption**, full **salvation**,  
And His resurrection pow'r,  
Sanctifying, glorifying,  
All transcending every hour!

4 O the **riches** of my **Savior**-  
Nothing less than **God** as all!  
All His person and possessions,  
Now my spirit doth enthrall.

5 O the **riches** of my **Savior**!  
Who can know their breadth and length,  
Or their depth and height unmeasured,  
Yet **they are my joy and strength**.

6 May I know these boundless **riches**,  
**Christ** experience in full;  
And with others may I share them  
In their content bountiful.

### These things says the Holy One

These things says the **Holy One**,  
The **true One**, the One who has  
the **key of David**,  
The **One who opens**,  
**no one will shut**,  
And **shuts and no one opens**:

I know your works;  
Behold, I have put before you  
an opened door  
Which no one can shut,  
Because you have  
A little power,  
Have **kept My word**,  
Have **not denied My name**.

### Hymn 1112

1 Oh, how **glorious**  
is Thy **table, Lord**,  
Thou, the man, our Host, **presiding**,  
In Thy house, Thy home, **abiding**;  
Oh, how glorious  
is Thy table, **Lord**!

#### Chorus:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah for this **feast**!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Oh, how glorious is Thy **table, Lord**!

2 How **enjoyable**  
Thy **table, Lord**,  
As we **fellowship** around it,  
Hallelujah, **we have found it**,  
How enjoyable Thy table, **Lord**!

3 Oh, how **precious**  
is Thy **table, Lord**—  
Bread and wine  
Thy **death announcing**;  
Here our soul-life  
we're **renouncing**,  
By partaking of Thy table, **Lord**.

4 How **significant**  
Thy **table, Lord**—  
We Thy **Body** in the loaf seen,  
Object of Thy **love bespeaking**;  
How significant Thy table, **Lord**!

5 How **refreshing**  
is Thy **table, Lord**—  
So completely **satisfying**,  
Day by day **our need supplying**;  
How refreshing is Thy table, **Lord**.

6 How **encouraging**  
Thy **table, Lord**—  
"Till He come," its **promise giving**  
Hope, to **fill our daily living**;  
How encouraging Thy table, **Lord**!

### Hymn 27

1 Come, let us all **unite to sing**,  
**God is love, God is love**.  
Let heav'n and earth  
their praises bring;  
**God is love, God is love**.  
Let ev'ry soul from sin awake,  
Each in his heart  
sweet music make,  
And sing with us, for **Jesus' sake**,  
**God is love! God is love!**

2 How happy is **our portion** here!  
**God is love, God is love**.  
His promises our spirits cheer;  
**God is love, God is love**.  
He is our sun and shield by day,  
Our help, our hope,  
our strength, and stay,  
He will be with us all the way:  
**God is love! God is love!**

3 In glory we shall **sing again**,  
**God is love, God is love**.  
Yes, this shall be our lofty strain,  
**God is love, God is love**.  
While endless ages roll along,  
In concert with the heav'nly throng,  
This shall be still  
our sweetest song,  
**God is love! God is love!**