

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

N 57. The Resurrected Christ Seated at the Right Hand of Jehovah

Hymns: #132/ #233/ #8043

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

[Prophecy]

Psa. 110:1 - Jehovah declares to my Lord, **Sit at My right hand** Until I make Your enemies Your footstool.

[Fulfillment]

Acts 2:33 - Therefore having been **exalted to the right hand of God** and having **received the promise** of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He has **poured out** this which you both see and hear.

[Acts 2:34-35 - For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “*The Lord said to my Lord, **Sit at My right hand** Until I set Your enemies as a footstool for Your feet.*”]

Heb. 1:3 - ..., having made purification of sins, **sat down on the right hand** of the Majesty on high;

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

❖ The resurrected Christ seated at the right hand of Jehovah

- In Psalm 110:1 we have a **prophecy** regarding the resurrected Christ **seated at the right hand of Jehovah**.
- In its **fulfillment**, Acts 2:33-35 referred to the resurrected Christ as **sitting at the right hand of God**.
 - It was from the time of His ascension that God **exalted** Him to sit at His right hand (Heb. 1:3).
 - *The **Lord** said to my **Lord**, **Sit at My right hand**, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.*
 - The first “**Lord**” refers to **God**, and
 - the second, to **Christ**, whom David called “*my Lord*” (Matt. 22:44-45).
 - The Lord Jesus **sitting** at God’s right hand **denotes** the position of **glory**, **honor**, and **power**.
 - The **exalted** Christ **receiving** of the promise of the Holy Spirit was actually His **receiving** of the **Holy Spirit Himself** (Acts 2:33).
 - Christ was **conceived** of the Spirit **essentially** for His existence in humanity,
 - and was **anointed** with the Spirit **economically** for His ministry among men.
 - After His resurrection and ascension, **He still needed to receive** the Spirit **economically** again that He might **pour Himself out** upon His **Body**.

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

✚ Christ, having made purification of sins, **sat down on the right hand** of the Majesty on high. He has been **exalted** to the right hand of God and **received** the promise of the Holy Spirit **Himself**. He poured Himself out upon His Body to carry out His heavenly ministry on earth for the accomplishing of God’s New Testament economy.

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Hymn 132

- 1 Lo! in heaven **Jesus** sitting,
Christ the **Lord**
is there enthroned;
As the man by **God** exalted,
With God's glory He is crowned.
- 2 He hath put on human nature,
Died according to God's plan,
Resurrected with a body,
And ascended as a man.
- 3 **God** in Him
on earth was humbled,
God with man was domiciled;
Man in Him in heav'n exalted,
Man with **God** is reconciled.
- 4 He as **God** with man is mingled,
God in man is testified;
He as man with **God** is blended,
Man in **God** is glorified.
- 5 From the Glorified in heaven
The inclusive **Spirit** came;
All of **Jesus'** work and Person
Doth this **Spirit** here proclaim.
- 6 With the Glorified in heaven
Is the Church identified;
By the **Spirit** of this **Jesus**
Are His members edified.
- 7 Lo! a man is now in heaven
As the **Lord** of all enthroned;
This is **Jesus Christ** our Savior,
With God's glory ever crowned!

Hymn 233

- 1 O what a miracle, my **Lord**,
That I'm in Thee and Thou in me,
That Thou and I are really one;
O what a wondrous mystery!
- 2 For me Thy body Thou didst give,
That I may ever share in Thee;
For me Thy precious blood
was shed,
That from my sins I might be free.
- 3 By resurrection Thou didst change
Thy form and as the **Spirit** come;
Thou wouldst that I
be filled with Thee
That all Thy riches mine become.
- 4 Now as the symbols we behold,
Thy loving self we see anew;
We thank Thee for
Thy heart's desire
As all Thy travail we review.
- 5 We eat the bread
and drink the wine,
And to Thy sweetness we are led;
In spirit each receiving Thee,
Our spirits with Thyself are fed.
- 6 We long to eat
and drink e'en more,
To take **Thyself** in spirit thus,
Till Thou shalt all our being fill
And true remembrance
have from us.

Hymn 8043

- 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.