

“WORD OF LIFE”

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41. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (21) – In the Fulfillment of the Types and Figures of the Old Testament

O 1. Light

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

[Type/Figure]

Gen. 1:3 - And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

[Fulfillment]

John 8:12 - ...Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world;
he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 9:5 - While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

✚ “...to come to the full knowledge of the truth....” (1Tim.2:4b)

❖ The light in Genesis 1:3 is a type of Christ as the real light

➤ In Genesis 1:3 light is a figure of Christ:

“God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”

- Light is a means, by which God brings created things into existence.
 - God commanded the light to come, and the light came.
 - After light came into being, other things into existence.
- Light is necessary for generating life.
 - Light is for life; all that God created and made is focused on life and is for life.
 - Light and life go together.

➤ In John 8:12 the Lord says,

“I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.”

➤ In John 9:5 He goes on to say,

“While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

- In Genesis light is for the old creation,
 - The old creation was brought into existence through physical light,
- In John light is for the new creation.
 - The new creation is brought into being through Christ as spiritual light.
- When we received Christ, He became our life, and this life is now the light of life within us that brings us out of darkness.

✚ “...Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.” (1Cor. 14:1)

✚ Light is Christ, the living Word of God,

- ✓ When we received Christ, He became our life, and this life is now the light of life within us that brings us out of darkness. Furthermore, this light opens our eyes and gives us spiritual sight.
- ✓ When we called on the name of the Lord Jesus, receiving Him into us, the divine life came into our being; we had the sense of something shining within, the shining of life.
- ✓ When Christ comes as the real light to shine in the darkness, the darkness cannot overcome Him. Darkness cannot overcome this light or extinguish it; rather, Christ as light dispels the darkness. Christ truly is the light of life for the new creation.

Hymn 496

- 1 Christ is the one reality of all,
Of Godhead and of man
and all things else;
No man without Him
ever findeth God,
Without Him man and
everything is false.
- 2 All types and figures
of the ancient time,
All things we ever need,
both great and small,
Only are shadows
of the Christ of God,
Showing that He must be
our all in all.
- 3 All things are vanity of vanities,
Christ, the reality all things to fill;
Though everything
we may enjoy and own,
If we’re devoid of Christ
we’re empty still.
- 4 Christ is our real God,
our real Lord,
Christ is our real life,
our real light;
Christ is our real food,
our real drink,
Our real clothing,
and our real might.
- 5 Christ also is the one reality
Of all our doctrine and theology;
And all our scriptural knowledge
without Him
Is just in letter and is vanity.
- 6 Christ, the reality of time
and space,
Christ, the reality of every stage;
Christ is the one reality of all
Thru all eternity from age to age.

Hymn 223

- 1 On the table of Thy love,
With the bread, the cup is spread.
By partaking of these signs,
We with Thee are richly fed.
How we thank Thee for this cup,
For the cup of blessing, Lord,
Cup of Thy Salvation full,
Cup of all Thou dost afford.
- 2 ’Tis the blood Thou shedd’st for us,
That our sins may be forgiv’n;
’Tis the cov’nant made for us,
That Thy blessings may be giv’n.
Thou didst drink the cup of wrath,
Thou hast tasted death for us,
Thus the cup of blessing bought,
As the portion gained for us.
- 3 In this portion we have God,
Whom we lost thru Adam’s fall;
By the shedding of Thy blood,
God becomes our all in all.
In this portion all we have—
Life and peace, redemption sure;
All that God has planned
and willed,
In this portion we secure.
- 4 An eternal portion, ’tis,
Overflowing cup divine;
Heav’nly taste do we enjoy
In this cup of God’s design.
Here in love we drink this cup
In remembrance, Lord, of Thee;
Thus in spirit we partake
All Thy work on Calvary.

Hymn 16

- 1 Our Father, as the evergreen,
Thou art forever new;
Thou art the ever living Lord,
Thy freshness as the dew.
- Chorus:*
O Father, Thou art unchanging,
Thou never hast grown old;
Thru countless ages, ever fresh,
Thy newness doth unfold.
- 2 O Thou art God,
and Thou art “new”;
Without Thee all is worn,
But all with Thee is ever fresh,
Though many years have gone.
 - 3 Each blessing Thou hast given us
Thy newness doth contain;
Thy covenant, Thy ways are new,
And ever thus remain.
 - 4 Now we Thy new creation are—
New spirit and new heart;
We’re daily from the old renewed,
New life Thou dost impart.
 - 5 The earth and heavens will be new
And Thy new city share;
New fruits each month
will be supplied,
For all is newness there.
 - 6 O Father, Thou art ever new,
And all is new in Thee;
We sing the new eternal song,
New praise we give to Thee.