

## “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 3. Adam

Hymns: #62 / #223 / #28

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

[Type/Figure]

Gen. 2:7 - Jehovah God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

Gen. 5:1 - ... God created Adam, He made him in the likeness of God.

[Fulfillment]

Rom. 5:14 - But death reigned from Adam until Moses, ..., who is a type of Him who was to come.

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

❖ Adam is a type of Christ (Gen. 2:7; 1 Cor. 15:45, 47; Rom. 5:14).

➤ Adam was the head of the old collective man (mankind).

- Adam was the first man (1 Cor. 15:47) and also the first Adam (1 Cor. 15:45).
- He was created by God and had nothing of the life and nature of God.
- He was merely God's creation, a work of His hand.
- Whatever he did and whatever happened to him is participated in by all mankind.

➤ Christ is the Head of the new corporate man (the church, Eph. 2:15-16).

- Christ is the second Man and the last Adam (1 Cor. 15:47, 45).
  - He is the last man, and after Him there is no third man, for the second Man is the last Adam.
  - As the last Adam Christ is the end of the old race, the end of mankind in the old creation.
  - As the second Man Christ is the beginning of another race, the start of a new man.
- He was not created by God.
  - He is God incarnated to be a man.
  - He is a man mingled with God, full of the nature and life of God, a God-man
  - The fullness of the Godhead is embodied in Him (Col. 2:9; John 1:16).
- Whatever He did and whatever happened to Him is also participated in by all the members of His Body, the church (Eph. 1:22-23).

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

✚ In Romans 5:14 Adam was a “type of the coming One,” Christ.

- ✓ As the last Adam He is the end of the old race, the end of mankind in the old creation.
- ✓ As the second Man He is the beginning of another race, the start of a new man.
- ✓ There is no second Adam, only the last Adam. In the sight of God there is one Adam beginning from Adam and ending with the man Jesus.

✚ In incarnation Christ was born to be the second Man and also took upon Himself the old man. Then the old man was terminated at the cross, and the second Man was reborn in resurrection. We speak of Christ first as being the last Adam and then as the second Man.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 41, letter O – point 03)}

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### Hymn 62

1 Dear **Lord Jesus**, we adore Thee,  
“Seed of woman” Thou became;  
Of the virgin wast begotten,  
Called e’en with a **human** name.  
Taking thus the **human nature**,  
Thou as **man** the serpent trod;  
By the **Cross** his head  
Thou bruised  
And fulfilled the plan of **God**.

#### *Chorus:*

**Lord**, we see Thy glory,  
Shown in **human** beauty,  
Full of splendor, manifested  
In humanity.

2 As a **man**, by **incarnation**,  
Flesh and blood didst  
Thou **partake**  
To **destroy** the devil, Satan,  
In our stead and for our sake.  
With the name of **Jesus** given  
And **Emmanuel** called too,  
Thou becam’st  
our precious **Savior**,  
Bringing us salvation true.

3 Thou, “**Last Adam**” wast entitled,  
And wast called  
the “**second man**”,  
Head of all the **new creation**,  
Better than the **first man**.  
On this earth in life and conduct  
Thou indeed wast **Son of man**;  
Now in heaven with this nature  
Thou dost still appear as **man**.

4 In the time which **God** appointed  
Thou wilt come,  
dear **Lord**, again,  
With the glory of the **Father**,  
Still appearing as a **man**.  
Even on the throne of judgment  
**Son of man** Thou still wilt be;  
And with this, our **human nature**,  
Thou forevermore wilt be.

### 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 28

1 The **love of God** is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell.  
It goes beyond the highest star  
And reaches to the lowest hell.  
The **guilty pair**,  
bowed down with care,  
**God** gave His **Son** to win;  
His **erring child** He reconciled  
And pardoned from his sin.

#### *Chorus:*

O **love of God**, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure—  
The saints’ and angels’ song.

2 When hoary time shall pass away,  
And earthly thrones  
and kingdoms fall;  
When men who here  
refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hills  
and mountains call;  
**God’s love**, so sure,  
shall still endure,  
All measureless and strong;  
Redeeming **grace**  
to **Adam’s race**—  
The saints’ and angels’ song.

3 Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
And were the skies  
of parchment made;  
Were every stalk on earth a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the **love of God** above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll  
contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky.