

“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 5. The Ark

Hymns: # Dearest Lord, You’ve called us here / #481 / #46

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

[Type/Figure]

Gen. 6:14 - [God said to Noah...] Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; ... and shall cover it within and without with pitch.

Gen. 6:16 - ... you shall put the entrance of the ark in its side; you shall make it with lower, second, and third stories.

[Fulfillment]

1Pet. 3:20 - ...God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared; entering into which...were brought safely through by water.

1Pet. 3:21 - Which water, as the antitype, also now saves you, that is, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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

❖ The ark made by Noah and into which he and his family entered is a type of Christ (Genesis 6:14-16).

- The ark’s three stories signify the Triune God; a type of the Three of the Godhead
 - the ark had three stories, that it was made of gopher wood,
 - The ark was made of gopher wood, which is a cypress full of resin that can withstand the attack of water.
 - Cypress signifies the crucified Christ, who can withstand the waters of death.
 - The ark was pitched within and without with pitch (Gen. 6:14).
 - The Hebrew for “pitch” has the same root as the Hebrew word for atonement, meaning to cover.
 - Only in Christ, who fulfills the type of the ark, can we have the full covering in His redemption.
 - Noah and his family could not have been saved outside of the ark. Only by entering into Christ can we be saved (Genesis 7:13).
- Hebrews 2:9, Christ tasted death “on behalf of everything.”
 - Christ’s redemption was accomplished not only for mankind but for everything created by God.
- Colossians 1:20 says that God has reconciled all things to Himself through Christ.
 - This is clearly typified by the redemption of Noah’s ark, in which not only eight persons but also the living things created by God were saved.
 - The fact that creatures as well as human beings were in the ark indicates that Christ accomplished an all-inclusive death for every creature.

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

✚ The Triune God is in Christ, mingled with human nature typified by the wood of gopher, which is a cypress full of resin. This resinous wood can withstand the attack of water. Cypress signifies the crucified Christ, who can withstand the waters of death. He tasted death, and death could not damage Him. Christ is the real gopher wood.

✚ The ark made by Noah was pitched within and without with pitch, meaning to cover. Christ is our full covering in His redemption. We were saved by entering into the ark of Noah a type of our entering into Christ. Only by entering into Christ can we be saved.

**Dearest Lord,
You've called us here**

1 Dearest **Lord**,
You've **called** us here,
And opened up Your heart.
O the joy to hear Your call
And **enter** in the **Ark**.
Saving us from day to day
O **Lord**, this is Your way.
In Yourself we stay afloat,
Above this wicked age today.

Chorus:

Thank You **Lord**,
in Your eyes we find grace,
And with open hearts
we **come to You**.

Regardless what our friends
might say to us or do,
O **Lord Jesus**, we **love** You.

2 Seeking of this age to taste,
And of it have a part.
If we only knew, dear **Lord**,
The ways we grieve Your heart.
We would come and turn to You
With a repenting heart,
And would give ourselves to be
With you, O **Lord**, **inside** the **Ark**.

3 Praise You Lord,
we're safe in You;
Outside death-waters pour.
Many things that I once loved
Are on the ocean floor.
Keep us open to You Lord,
Don't let us miss the mark.
Hallelujah, praise the Lord,
We're here within the church,
the **Ark**.

Hymn 481

1 **Crucified** with **Christ** my **Savior**,
To the world and self and sin;
To the **death-born** life of **Jesus**
I am sweetly **ent'ring** in:
In His fellowship of suff'ring,
To His **death** conformed to be,
I am going with my **Savior**
All the way to **Calvary**.

Chorus:

All the way to **Calvary**,
Where my **Savior** went for me,
Help me, **Lord**, to go with Thee,
All the way to **Calvary**.

2 'Tis not hard to **die** with **Christ**
When His **risen life** we know;
'Tis not hard to share
His suff'rings
When our hearts
with joy o'erflow.
In His **resurrection** power
He has come to dwell in me,
And my heart is gladly going
All the way to **Calvary**.

3 If we **die** we'll **live** with **Christ**,
If we suffer we shall reign;
Only thus the prize of glory
Can the conqueror attain.
Oh, how sweet,
on that glad morning
Should the Master say to thee,
"Yes, my child,
thou didst go with me
All the way to **Calvary**."

Hymn 46

1 O gracious **God**, Thy pleasure
Is in Thy **Christ** made known,
And tells the boundless measure
Of blessing for Thine own.
He has Thy presence **entered**,
As **Man** in heav'n is known;
In Him Thy glory's **centered**,
In Him Thy purpose shown.

2 And O what **love** is beaming
Refulgent in that face!
What blessed light is streaming
From that most glorious place!
Both **love** and **light** proclaiming
What Thou, the **Father**, art,
And wondrous grace revealing,
With Thine own **Son**, our part.

3 Thou source of every blessing!
Thou spring of all delight!
Thy **Name** with joy confessing
Let all the **saints unite**!
Each heart its praise outpouring
To Thee all praise above,
Each voice in strains adoring
Re-echoes— "**God is love**."