

“WORD OF LIFE”

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42. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (22) –

In the Fulfillment of the Types and Figures of the Old Testament

O 16. The **Rock** with the **Living Water**

Hymns: Speak to the Rock / # 227 / Our Father God

✚ “In my heart I have treasured up Your word...” (Psa. 119:11)

[Type/Figure]

Exo. 17:6 - I will be standing before you there upon the **rock** in Horeb; and you shall **strike the rock**, and **water will come out** of it so that the people may **drink**...

[Fulfillment]

John 7:37 - Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, **Jesus** stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts, let him **come to Me** and **drink**.

John 7:38 - He who **believes into Me**,... out of his innermost being shall **flow rivers of living water**.

1Cor. 10:4 - And all drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank of a **spiritual rock** which followed *them*, and **the rock was Christ**.

✚ “...For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of Jehovah, ...” (Isa. 11:9)

❖ The **rock** in Exodus 17 is a **type** of **Christ**.

➤ The **rock** was **struck** by the rod of Moses

- In typology Moses **signifies** the **law**, and the rod **represents** the power and **authority** of the law.
- The smiting of the **rock** by the rod **signifies** that Christ was smitten by the authority of God’s law.
 - The **rock** that was **smitten** and **cleft**, **flowed out the living water** for God’s chosen people to **drink**.

➤ The **smitten rock** in 1 Cor. 10:4, where the children of Israel drank, was **Christ**

- Through incarnation **Christ** came to earth as the **rock**.
- He was crucified, **smitten by God’s law** with its power and authority.
- His **side was cleft**, and **living water flowed forth**.
 - This **living water**, which is the **Spirit**, **quenches** our thirst and satisfies our being.

➤ The **water flowing out** of the smitten **rock** **signifies** the **Spirit** (John 7:37-39).

- ✓ “*Jesus stood and cried out, saying, If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and **drink**.*” (v. 37)
- ✓ “*He who believes in Me, out of his innermost being shall **flow rivers of living water**.*” (v.38)
- ✓ “*But this He said concerning the **Spirit**, whom those who believed in Him were about to receive.*” (v.39)

✚ “And having gift that differ..., let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;” (Rom. 12:6)

✚ The **rock** followed God’s people in their journey through the wilderness. Wherever the children of Israel journeyed, the **rock** went with them. The **water that flowed out** of the cleft **rock**, typifies the **Spirit** as our all-inclusive **drink** (1 Cor. 12:13).

✚ The **rock** that was **smitten** and **cleft** to **flow out the living water** for God’s chosen people was a physical **rock**. Yet Paul calls it a **spiritual rock** because it typifies **Christ** **smitten** and **cleft** by God **to flow out the water of life** (John 19:34) to satisfy our thirst.

**Speak to the Rock who was
smitten for our salvation**

- 1 Speak to the **rock** who was
smitten for our full salvation!
Sing to the well with
a spirit of praise and elation!
Drink the supply from **God**
enthroned, the **Most High**,
Our inexhaustible portion!
- 2 **God** gave us **Christ** as the **rock**
of our refuge, our rampart,
Cov'ring from tempests,
our strength, our protection,
our bulwark!
As we entreat,
He is our shield and retreat;
Morning by morning,
our safeguard!
- 3 **God** stands on **Christ**,
the **cleft rock**,
His own life to deliver!
He comes as **Spirit**,
refreshing us as the Life-giver!
Our **El Shaddai**,
our all-sufficient supply,
Flows into us as a **river**!
- 4 **Christ** is unlimited, **flowing**,
our **rock** of salvation!
Having done all,
He's awaiting our cooperation!
Simply believe!
Speak to the **rock** and receive!
Drink Him with great jubilation!
- 5 Our **smitten rock** has been
following us without ceasing,
Ready to **flow out**, the torrents
of **God's life releasing**!
Life as a tide streams
from the **Lord's wounded side**,
Thirst **quenching**,
dryness appeasing!

Hymn 227

- 1 Through the **bread** and **cup**,
Lord Jesus,
We Thy **death** exhibit here;
What Thy love has done reviewing,
All Thy **suff'ring** we revere.
Bread and **cup** in **separation**,
Show that Thou thru **death** hast gone;
Grateful now, our spirit worships,
And to Thee we give our song.

Chorus:

- Thine the **cup** of **suff'ring**,
Mine the **cup** of **blessing**;
For Thy love in Thy **redemption**,
Praise we ever sing!
- 2 Thou, in love,
hast shed Thy **blood**, **Lord**,
Bringing us to **God** in grace,
That from **God**, no longer severed,
We may ever see His face.
All **God's** righteousness and glory
Have been fully satisfied;
Thru Thy **death's** abundant merit
We may now with **God** abide.
- 3 By Thy **death** the **veil was riven**,
Opened was the holiest place,
All the **barriers have been broken**;
We approach the throne of grace,
There receiving grace and mercy,
Thus the timely need to meet,
Drinking as of **living water**,
Tasting **God** Himself replete.
- 4 Thou in grace hast so **redeemed** us,
We the priests may be fore'er
To fulfill that holy office,
All **God's** sweetness thus to share.
Such a blessing, such a mercy,
From Thy **death** for us ensue;
We would ever Thee **remember**
Till with Thee we **drink** anew.

**O Father God,
how faithful You are**

- 1 **O Father God**, how **faithful** You
Are through eternity;
For Your eternal purpose You
Are **faithful** now in me.

Chorus:

- How **steadfast** is Thy **faithfulness**!
For this I worship Thee;
It is established in the heav'n,
And ever stands for me.
- 2 You've called us into **fellowship**
Of Your dear **Son**, our **Lord**,
That He may be our portion full,
Our center, our accord.
- 3 Though we unfaithful oft will be,
Yet You are **faithful** still,
Though not for human welfare but
For Your eternal will.
- 4 Since we've believed into Your **Son**
Some losses You've allowed
That we from broken cisterns turn
To **drink** our **Fountain-God**.
- 5 Your **faithfulness** has led us in
To Your **economy**,
Where **Christ** we all enjoy that You
In us may increased be.
- 6 The **living water's faithful flow**
We **drink** and shout, **Amen**;
The destination of this flow
The **New Jerusalem**.