

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 43. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (23) –

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

#### O 17. The Tabernacle with All the Furniture

[The **Tabernacle**, the Showbread Table, the Lampstand, the Incense Altar, and the Ark]

##### a. The **Tabernacle**

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

[Type/Figure]

Exo. 25:8 - And let them make a **sanctuary** for Me that I may **dwell in their midst**;

Exo. 25:9 - According to all that I show you, the **pattern** of the **tabernacle** and the **pattern** of all its **furnishings**,...

[Fulfillment]

John 1:14 - And the **Word** became flesh and **tabernacled** among us ..., full of grace and reality.

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

❖ Christ is **typified** by the **tabernacle** with all the **furniture**.

➤ “Let them make me a **sanctuary**; that I may **dwell** among them.” Exo. 25:8

- This sanctuary was the **tabernacle**, which **signifies** God’s **dwelling place**.
- In the Old Testament God was **in** the **tabernacle**,
  - for the **tabernacle** brought God to the children of Israel.
- This dwelling place was not only **for living** but also **for enjoyment**.

➤ “The **Word** became flesh and **tabernacled** among us.” John 1:14

- **Christ**, the **incarnated Word**, and became God’s **dwelling place**.
- In the New Testament **Christ in the flesh**, **is** the **real tabernacle**,
  - the **tabernacle** that brought God to man so that man might enjoy Him.
- **God** became a man in **Christ**, mingled Himself with humanity, **for our enjoyment**.

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

✚ God’s **dwelling place** is the place for Him to be our enjoyment, the place where we may participate in the full enjoyment of God Himself. The Old Testament **tabernacle** was a type, of the **real tabernacle**, which was **Christ** Himself **in the flesh**. He was the **tabernacle** of God among men.

✚ **Christ**, the **incarnated Word**, is a **tabernacle**, signifies the Word becoming flesh as **God’s expression**. The **Word** took on human nature.

- ✓ Humanity is typified by the **acacia wood** of the tabernacle (Exo. 26:15, 26).
- ✓ The **shining gold** signify the divine nature of Christ.

**Christ** is **God’s embodiment**—the **Father**, the **Son**, and the **Spirit**—

- ✓ was embodied in the **tabernacle**, and this embodiment was **God’s dwelling among men**
- ✓ was embodied in the **tabernacle**, so that **we may enter into God and enjoy Him**.

## He stepped out of glory

- 1 He stepped out of glory  
And put on the lowly.  
And life's very Author  
A creature became.  
Despised and forsaken,  
Afflicted with sorrow,  
From infinite splendor  
To the likeness of shame.
- 2 He chose to be humbled,  
He chose limitation,  
He chose to be finite,  
He chose to be man.  
God's unfathomed purpose  
Found substance in Jesus;  
A two-natured being—  
The unique God-man.
- 3 His own shell was broken,  
Releasing His glory.  
This life-impartation  
Produced many grains.  
The Firstborn rejoices  
With His many brothers;  
An incorporation—  
Divine and human.
- 4 We cannot but love Him,  
Our lovely Forerunner.  
His shame was our vict'ry,  
His anguish our joy.  
The children of judgement  
He brought into glory.  
The millions of God-men  
Forever rejoice.

## Hymn 228

- 1 Sweet feast of love divine!  
'Tis grace that makes us free  
To feed upon this bread and wine,  
In mem'ry, Lord, of Thee.
  - 2 Here every welcome guest  
Waits, Lord, from Thee to learn  
The secrets of Thy Father's breast,  
And all Thy grace discern.
  - 3 Here conscience ends its strife,  
And faith delights to prove  
The sweetness of the Bread of Life,  
The fulness of Thy love.
  - 4 That blood that flowed for sin  
In symbol here we see,  
And feel the blessed pledge within  
That we are loved of Thee.
  - 5 O if this glimpse of love  
Is so divinely sweet,  
What will it be, O Lord, above,  
Thy gladd'ning smile to meet!
  - 6 To see Thee face to face,  
Thy perfect likeness wear,  
And all Thy ways  
of wondrous grace  
Through endless years declare.
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- Mat 26:26 - And as they were eating,  
Jesus took bread and blessed it,  
and He broke it and gave it to the  
disciples and said, Take, eat; this  
is My body.
- Mat 26:27 - And He took a cup and  
gave thanks, and He gave it to  
them, saying, Drink of it,  
all of you,
- Mat 26:28 - For this is My blood of  
the covenant, which is being  
poured out  
for many for forgiveness of sins.
- Mat 26:29 - But I say to you, I shall  
by no means drink of  
this product of the vine from now  
on until that day when I drink it  
new with you in the kingdom of  
My Father.

## Hymn 608

- 1 What mystery, the Father, Son,  
and Spirit,  
In person three,  
in substance all are one.  
How glorious,  
this God our being enters  
To be our all, thru Spirit in the Son!
- Chorus:*  
The Triune God  
has now become our all!  
How wonderful! How glorious!  
This Gift divine  
we never can exhaust!  
How excellent! How marvelous!
- 2 How rich the source,  
the Father as the fountain,  
And all this wealth  
He wants man to enjoy!  
O blessed fact,  
this vast exhaustless portion  
Is now for us forever to employ!
  - 3 How wonderful,  
the Son is God's expression  
Come in the flesh  
to dwell with all mankind!  
Redemption's work,  
how perfectly effective,  
That sinners we  
with God might oneness find.
  - 4 The Spirit is the  
Son's transfiguration  
Come into us as life the full supply.  
Amazing fact,  
our spirit with the Spirit  
Now mingles  
and in oneness joins thereby!
  - 5 How real it is  
that God is now the Spirit  
For us to touch,  
experience day by day!  
Astounding fact,  
with God we are one spirit,  
And differ not in life in any way!