

## “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

### 18. The **Testimony** (the **Law**)

Hymns: # 541, 540 / # 1105 / # 24

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

Exo. 20:2-3 - I am Jehovah your God,...no other **gods** before Me.

Exo. 20:4-5 - You shall not make for yourself an **idol**,...

Exo. 20:7 - You shall not take the **name** of... your God in vain...

Exo. 20:8 - Remember the **Sabbath** day ...

Exo. 20:12 - **Honor** your father and your mother,...

[Type/Figure—the Law]

Exo. 25:21 - ... and into the Ark you shall **put** the **Testimony** that I shall give you.

Exo. 31:18 - ... He gave to Moses the two **tablets** of the **testimony**, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

Exo. 34:28 - ... And He wrote upon the **tablets** the words of the **covenant**, the **Ten Commandments**.

[Fulfillment—Christ came]

John 1:17 - For the **law** was **given** through Moses; **grace** and **reality** **came** through **Jesus Christ**.

Exo. 20:13 - You shall not **kill**.

Exo. 20:14 - You shall not commit **adultery**.

Exo. 20:15 - You shall not **steal**.

Exo. 20:16 - You shall not testify with **false testimony** against your neighbor.

Exo. 20:17 - You shall not **covet**.

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

❖ The **testimony** of God, the **law** is a type of Christ.

➤ The **tables of stone** on which the **Ten Commandments** were written are called the “**two tables of testimony**.”

- This indicates that the **law** was God’s **testimony**.
- The **law** was called the testimony because it **testifies** of God;
  - it **testifies** **what kind** of **God He is**.
  - it **testifies** that God is **holy** and **righteous** and that He is **love** and **light**.

➤ The real, living, full, and adequate **testimony of God** is **Christ** Himself.

- Christ **describes** God and **expresses** Him in a full and adequate way.
- Therefore, the **law**, the testimony, **typifies** Christ as God’s living testimony.
- The **law was given**, but **Christ came** to be the **living expression** of God (John 1:17).
  - When Christ **came**, the testimony of God became a **living person**.
  - Wherever the Lord Jesus went, He **expressed** God.
  - Whatever He did and said expressed God, He is called “**the faithful Witness**” (Rev. 1:5; 3:14).
- As the **faithful Witness**, Christ is the **testimony** of God, His **expression**.

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

✚ The tables of stone on which the Ten Commandments were written are called the “**two tables of testimony**.” This indicates that the **law** was God’s **testimony**, because it **testifies** of God; it **testifies** what kind of God He is. The law, the **Ten Commandments**, testifies that

- ✓ God is holy and righteous and that He is love and light.
- ✓ In nature our God is love (1 John 4:8),
- ✓ in expression He is light (1 John 1:5).
- ✓ He is also holy in nature and righteous in all His activities.

✚ As the **testimony of God**, Christ **describes** God and expresses Him in a full and adequate way.

✚ As the **faithful Witness**, Christ is the testimony of God, His expression. He **testifies** that God is holy and righteous and that He is love and light. Christ is the reality of the **testimony** typified by the **law**.

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### Hymn 541

- 1 Not the law of letters,  
But the **Christ** of life  
**God** desires to give us,  
Saving us from strife;  
It is not some doctrine,  
But 'tis **Christ** Himself  
Who alone releases  
From our sinful self.
- 2 Any kind of teaching,  
Any kind of form,  
Cannot quicken spirits  
Or our souls transform;  
It is **Christ** as **Spirit**  
Gives us life divine,  
Thus thru us to live the  
Life of God's design.
- 3 Not philosophy nor  
Any element  
Can to **Christ** conform us  
As His complement;  
But 'tis **Christ** Himself who  
All our nature takes  
And in resurrection  
Us His members makes.
- 4 Not religion, even  
Christianity,  
Can fulfill **God's purpose**  
Or **economy**;  
But 'tis **Christ** within us  
As our all in all  
Satisfies God's wishes,  
And His plan withal.
- 5 All the gifts we're given  
By the **Lord** in grace,  
All the different functions  
Cannot **Christ** replace.  
Only **Christ** Himself must  
Be our all in all!  
Only **Christ** Himself in  
All things; great or small!.

### Hymn 540

- 1 What release the **Savior** gave me!  
**Christ** indeed has set me free!  
All the pow'r of sin is broken,  
All death's sting is passed from me!
- Chorus:*  
**Christ** has made me more than conqu'ror,  
By His mighty victory,  
Now His resurrection power  
From my spirit strengthens me!
- 2 From the law **Christ** has delivered,  
To its claims I'm ever dead;  
Nevermore the law shall bind me,  
But by grace I'll live instead.
- 3 **Christ** has sin condemned at **Calv'ry**  
And its power done away;  
Now it has no ground within me,  
I am freed from all its sway.
- 4 **Death** by Him has been abolished,  
Incorrupted life is shown;  
Death's enthralling bonds are broken,  
Resurrection life is known.
- 5 **Christ** through death  
has crushed the devil,  
World and demons by His might,  
From the pow'r of darkness  
brought me  
To the realm of life and light.
- 6 All-sufficient grace He giveth,  
With His pow'r He covers me,  
Makes me glory in my weakness  
And in weakness strengthens me.

### Hymn 1105

- 1 Lo, the table spread before us  
With the bread and with the wine:  
Lo, the **Savior** waiting for us,  
Bidding us to come and dine.  
"Come and dine," the Lord is calling,  
"Sup with Me and I with thee"  
He's prepared for us this table—  
Let us feast abundantly.
- 2 We are feasting with our **Savior**,  
He with us and we with Him;  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Feast of feasts that ne'er will end!  
Eating, drinking with Thyself, **Lord**,  
We are wholly satisfied.  
Taste we of that glorious banquet  
Thou wilt share with us, Thy **Bride**.

### Hymn 24

- 1 O **God**, in **Christ** all focused is  
Thy wisdom with Thy grace;  
As wisdom Thou mad'st Him to us,  
In Him Thy way we trace.
- 2 What Thou has planned  
is all in Him,  
Thy way of grace is He;  
In Him, Thy Wisdom, we have all,  
That glory be to Thee.
- 3 In Him, who is our righteousness,  
Have we been justified;  
In Him, who is our holiness,  
We're being sanctified.
- 4 Redemption too He is to us,  
According to Thy plan,  
That we may fully be redeemed  
To be a perfect man.
- 5 He is Thy wisdom, **Father God**,  
In Thine economy;  
For Him we offer praise to Thee  
With all humility.
- 6 Thy wisdom we have seen in Him,  
So rich and so profound;  
Yet richer, deeper, in Thy way,  
By us will it be found.