

“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

21. The Sabbath and the Feasts

Hymns: # 510 / # 228 / # 48

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

[Type/Figure – the Sabbath and feast]

Lev. 23:3 - Six days work shall be done, but on the seventh day there is a **Sabbath** of complete rest, a holy convocation. You shall **do no work**; it is a **Sabbath** to **Jehovah** in all your dwelling places.

Lev. 23:4 - These are the appointed **feasts** of **Jehovah**,..., which you shall proclaim at their appointed time:

[Fulfillment – Christ as the real Sabbath rest]

Col. 2:16-17 - Let no one therefore judge you in **eating** and in **drinking** or in respect of a **feast** or of a **new moon** or of the **Sabbath**, Which are a **shadow** of the things to come, but the **body** is of **Christ**.

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

❖ In the Old Testament the children of Israel observed **seven annual feasts** -

- The **Sabbath** rest, was “to **Jehovah**,” signifying a rest for God’s joy and enjoyment, participated in by His redeemed people.
- The **feasts**, the annual Jewish festivals, the fulness of God’s riches signify **joy** and **enjoyment**.
 - the **Passover** – Christ was sacrificed on the cross that we might be redeemed and reconciled to God.
 - the feast of **unleavened bread** – continue our enjoyment for our entire Christian life.
 - the feast of **firstfruit** – Christ was resurrected that we might be justified and accepted before God.
 - the feast of **weeks (Pentecost)** – have participated in the bountiful riches of the all-inclusive Christ.
 - the feast of **trumpets** – the proclaiming of the gospel to call sinners to repentance and salvation.
 - the day of **atonement** – our repentance and return to God
 - the feast of **tabernacles** (also called the feast of ingathering or harvest) – the coming millennium as a dispensational, **joyful blessing** for God’s redeemed people, including the overcomers and the saved Israelites. Ultimately, the **eternal** Feast of Tabernacles will be the enjoyment of the **New Jerusalem**.
- In Colossians 2:16 and 17 Paul says that the **Sabbath** and the **feasts** are –
 - “a *shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ.*”
 - **Shadows** are like types or figures.
 - The “**body**,” the substance, the **reality**, of these shadows is **Christ**.
 - As the **fulfillment** and the **reality** of the **Sabbath** and the **feasts**,
 - **Christ** is our **completion** and **rest** and **our joy** and **enjoyment**.

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

✚ **Feasts** are yearly, **new moons** monthly, **Sabbaths** weekly, and eating and drinking daily.

- ✓ **Daily** we eat and drink Christ,
- ✓ **weekly** we have completion and rest in Him,
- ✓ **monthly** we experience a new beginning in Him,
- ✓ and throughout the **year** He is our joy and enjoyment.

✚ Daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly **Christ** is to us the **reality** of every positive thing, the universal extensiveness of the all-inclusive **Christ**. Christ our **Sabbath** is our **completion** and **rest**, and Christ our **feast** is our **joy** and **enjoyment**.

Hymn 510

- 1 I've found the **One**
of peerless **worth**,
My heart doth sing for joy;
And sing I must, for **Christ** I have:
Oh, what a **Christ** have I!
- 2 My **Christ**, He is
the **Lamb of God**,
Who full salvation brings;
He is the **Sun of Righteousness**,
With healing in His wings.
- 3 My **Christ**, He is the **Tree of Life**
With fruit abundant, sweet;
My hunger He doth satisfy;
Of Him **I daily eat**.
- 4 My **Christ**, He is
the **smitten Rock**
Whence living waters burst;
He is the **fountain** in my heart
Which quenches all my thirst.
- 12 **Christ** is my **sabbath**
and **new moon**,
My morning and my day,
My age and my **eternity**
That ne'er will pass away.
- 13 **Christ** is my **trust** and my **desire**,
In comeliness replete,
My satisfaction and delight,
Who **all my need doth meet**.
- 14 My **Christ**, the **all-inclusive One**,
My **Christ** what shall I call?
He is the **first**, He is the **last**,
My **Christ** is **All in all**.
- 15 Since such a **treasure** I possess,
My heart doth sing for joy;
And I must sing, and sing again;
Oh, what a **Christ** have I!

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.

Hymn 48

- 1 We bless Thee, **God** and **Father**,
We joy before Thy face;
Beyond dark death for ever,
We share Thy **Son's blest place**.
He lives a **Man** before Thee,
In cloudless light above,
In Thine unbounded favor,
Thine everlasting **love**.
- 2 His **Father** and our **Father**,
His **God** and ours Thou art;
And He is Thy **Beloved**,
The gladness of Thy heart.
We're His, in joy He brings us
To share His part and place,
To know Thy **love** and favor,
The shining of Thy face.
- 3 Thy **love** that now enfolds us
Can ne'er wax cold or dim;
In Him that **love** doth center,
And **we are loved in Him**.
In Him Thy **love** and glory
Find their **eternal rest**;
The many sons—His brethren—
In Him, how near, how **blest**!