

“WORD OF LIFE”

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44. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (24) –

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

24. The One **Hanged** on a Tree

Hymns: What made You die for me / # 215 / # 55

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

[Type/Figure – hang him on a tree]

Deut. 21:22 - And if in a man there is a sin, a cause worthy of death, and he is put to death, and you **hang him on a tree**;

Deut. 21:23 - ... For he who is **hanged is accursed** of **God**, ...

[Fulfillment – Christ hanging on a tree]

Acts 5:30 - The **God** of our fathers has raised **Jesus**, whom you slew by **hanging Him on a tree**.

Gal. 3:13 - **Christ** has redeemed us out of the curse of the law, having **become a curse on our behalf**; because it is written, “**Cursed** is everyone **hanging on a tree**”;

1Pet. 2:24 - Who Himself **bore up our sins** in His **body on the tree**, in order that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness;...

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

❖ The one **hanged on a tree** is a type of the **crucified Christ**.

- In the Old Testament if a **man** has committed a sin worthy of death,
 - he was put to death and was **hanged on a tree**, and
 - he who was hanged was **accursed** of **God** (Deut. 21:22-23)
- When the **Lord Jesus** was **crucified**, He was **hanged on a tree**, in fulfillment of Deut. 21:22-23.
 - He was cursed and **hanged** on the cross to **redeem us** out of the **curse of the law** (Gal. 3:13)
 - Christ was born under law in order to **redeem us** from the custody of the law,
 - that we might **receive the sonship** and become the sons of God.
 - In 1Pet. 2:24, Christ carried up our sins in His body onto the tree.
 - The “tree” refers to the **cross** made of wood.
 - The Jewish death penalty was by **stoning**,
 - but **crucifixion** was a heathen practice for the execution of slaves and heinous criminals only.

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

✚ As our **Substitute** on the cross, **Christ** not only **bore** the **curse** for us but also **became** a **curse for us**. The curse of the law issued from the sin of man. When Christ took away our sin on the cross, He redeemed us out of the curse of the law.

- ✚ Stephen was killed by being **stoned**, the **Lord Jesus** was killed by being **crucified**, that is, by being **hanged on a tree**.
- ✓ **Faith** in Christ had brought us into the **blessing** in **Christ**, causing us to **enjoy** the **grace of life** in the **Spirit**.
 - ✓ Christ was born under law in order to **redeem us** from the **custody of the law**.
 - ✓ We should **not return** to the custody of the law to be under its **slavery**.
 - ✓ We should **remain in the sonship** of God to enjoy the life supply of the **Spirit** in **Christ**.

What made You die for me

- 1 What made You, **Lord**,
to **die** for me?
Why would You **die** for me,
Your enemy?
You took my place
to **hang on a tree**,
To be a **curse**, a **curse for me**.

*What made You **die** for me?*

*I was Your **enemy**.*

***Lord**, You became a **curse** for me.*

Oh, what a mystery!

*My **God**, You **died for me**!*

*You died for me, Your **enemy**.*

- 2 I never thought that You would be
So full of love and tender **mercy**.
How could You love
a person like me?
You loved me, dear **Jesus**,
Your enemy.

- 3 You **loved** me, **Lord**, so very long;
And with a love enduring
and strong.
Although I mocked
and **cursed** You so long,
You waited and prayed for me
all along.

- 4 I was a man who was **just sin**,
Which issued in a life full of sins.
My heart toward You
was in **rebellion**,
But, **Lord**, You touched me
with Your **compassion**.

*Your **love** has conquered me,*

*Even Your **enemy**.*

*In love, dear **Lord**, You came to me.*

Nothing could change me

*But **love** and **mercy**.*

*Your **love**, dear **Lord**,*

has conquered me.

- 5 One little turn and You were there,
Waiting for me with Your
loving care.
How could I still
remain Your **enemy**?
Your **love**, dear **Jesus**,
disarmed me.

Hymn 215

- 1 **Jesus, Lord**, we know Thee present
At Thy **table** freshly spread,
Seated at Thy **priceless banquet**
With Thy banner overhead.
Precious moments at Thy **table**,
From all fear and doubt set free;
Here to rest, so sweetly able,
Occupied alone with Thee.

- 2 Here rejoicing in Thy nearness,
Gladly by Thy **Spirit** led;
Calmly in the blest **remembrance**
Of Thyself, Thy **blood** once **shed**.
Lord, we take each simple token
In fond memory of Thee,
Muse upon Thy **body** broken
And Thy **blood** **shed on the tree**.

- 3 Oh, what joy it is to see Thee,
In these chosen **emblems** here;
In the **bread** and **wine** of blessing—
Bread to strengthen, **wine** to cheer!
Lord, behold us met together,
One in Thee, our risen Head,
Thus we take the **cup** of **blessing**,
Thus we share the broken **bread**.

- 4 **Lord**, we know how true
Thy promise
To be with us where we meet,
When in Thy loved name we gather
To enjoy **communion** sweet;
Dearer still that looked-for promise
To each waiting, yearning heart,
That **with Thee**
we soon shall be, **Lord**,
Yes, "**forever**" where Thou art.

Hymn 55

- 1 O **God** our **Father**,
we would come to Thee
In virtue of our **Savior's**
precious blood;
All distance gone,
our souls by grace set free,
We **worship** Thee,
our **Father** and our **God**.

- 2 We would, O **God**,
present before Thy face
The fragrant name
of Thy **beloved Son**;
By faith we view Him through
Thy boundless **grace**,
Which, by **His dying**,
He for us has won.

- 3 Thy joy in Him
who is with Thee we share;
Our hearts delight
in Thy **delight** in Him;
Chiefest of thousands,
fairer than the fair;
His **glory** nought can tarnish,
nought can dim.

- 4 We bow in **worship**
now before Thy throne,
By faith the Object of Thy **love**
would see;
Who, in the midst,
His brethren's song doth lead.
To Him, our **Savior**,
shall the **glory** be!