

## “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

### 25. The Rock

Hymns: # 199 / # 223 / # 48

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

[Type/Figure – The Rock]

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 – Christ is the Rock]

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**.

John 19:34 - But one of the soldiers **pierced His side** with a spear, and immediately there came out **blood** and **water**.

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

❖ **Christ** is the **smitten rock** with the **living water** (Exo. 17:6).

✓ so that the Spirit as living water may flow out for us to drink (Exo. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4).

➤ The **Rock**—**perfect** is His work, His **ways** are justice, Righteous and upright is He (Deut. 32:4)

- is the **eternal Rock**, whom we trust forever and ever (Isa. 26:4)
- is the **begetting Rock**, full of life (Deut. 32:18)
- is the **Rock** of our **salvation** (Deut. 32:15; 2 Sam. 22:47; Psa. 95:1)
- is our **strength** (Psa. 62:7)
- is our **refuge** (Psa. 94:22).

➤ **Christ** is the **Rock**, the **One smitten by God** on the cross (John 19:34).

- The embodiment and expression of the Triune God (Matt. 16:18).
  - on which we rely and on which we stand.
- Two substances came out of the Lord’s **pierced side**: blood and water.
  - **Blood** is for redemption, to deal with sins for the **purchasing** of the church (Acts 20:28).
    - The blood formed a **fountain** for the washing away of sin (Zech. 13:1),
  - **Water** is for imparting life, to deal with death for the **producing** of the church (Eph. 5:29-30).
    - The water became the **fountain** of life (Psa. 36:9; Rev. 21:6).

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

✚ The **rock** that was smitten and cleft to flow out the living water for God’s chosen people in the wilderness was a physical rock. Yet Paul called it a **spiritual rock** because it typified **Christ**, who was smitten and cleft by God to flow out the water of life to **satisfy our thirst**.

✚ The **rock** was Christ, it was a **spiritual rock** that was able to follow the children of Israel. Today, Christ as the **real rock** is following us.

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### Hymn 199

1 Thou art the **Rock** everlasting,  
Spiritual **Rock** cleft for me;  
Drinking of Thee as the **Spirit**,  
Thus I become **one with Thee**.  
Thou art the **Rock** never shaken,  
'Tis on this **Rock** we are built;  
Joined unto Thee thru **redemption**,  
Nothing can shake us thru guilt.

#### *Chorus:*

**Lord**, how we **treasure** Thy value,  
All that Thou art is **for us**;  
While here in loving **remembrance**  
We share Thy wealth glorious.

2 Thou art the **Stone** tried by many,  
Precious to **God**, dear to us,  
Thou art so sure and trustworthy,  
Thy strength is so marvelous.  
Thou art the **Stone** that is living,  
Chosen of **God**, made our own;  
So energetic and pow'rful,  
With endless life to us known.

3 Thou art the **Stone** of **Foundation**  
Laid by our **God**, safe and sure;  
It is by this sure foundation  
Safety fore'er we secure.  
To us no other foundation  
Of any kind man can lay;  
Thou art the only foundation  
Which we have now and for aye.

4 **Lord**, for God's spiritual building,  
Thou art the Chief **Cornerstone**;  
Both of the **Jews** and the **Gentiles**  
By Thee are built into one.  
**Lord**, Thou art also the Topstone,  
Brought forth in measureless grace;  
Thou art our cover and glory,  
Moving our hearts in Thy praise.

### Hymn 223

1 On the **table** of Thy **love**,  
With the **bread**, the **cup** is spread.  
By partaking of these **signs**,  
We with Thee are richly fed.  
How we thank Thee for this **cup**,  
For the **cup** of blessing, **Lord**,  
**Cup** of Thy **Salvation** full,  
**Cup** of all Thou dost afford.

2 'Tis the **blood** Thou **shedd'st** for us,  
That our sins may be **forgiv'n**;  
'Tis the **cov'nant** made for us,  
That Thy **blessings** may be giv'n.  
Thou didst **drink** the **cup** of wrath,  
Thou hast tasted **death** for us,  
Thus the **cup** of **blessing** bought,  
As the **portion** gained for us.

3 In this **portion** we have **God**,  
Whom we lost thru Adam's fall;  
By the **shedding** of Thy **blood**,  
**God** becomes our all in all.  
In this **portion** all we have—  
**Life** and **peace**, **redemption** sure;  
All that **God** has planned  
and willed,  
In this **portion** we secure.

4 An eternal **portion**, 'tis,  
Overflowing **cup** divine;  
Heav'nly taste do we enjoy  
In this **cup** of God's design.  
Here in **love** we drink this **cup**  
In **remembrance**, **Lord**, of Thee;  
Thus in spirit we **partake**  
All Thy work on **Calvary**.

### 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**!