

## “WORD OF LIFE”

August 11, 2024

### 45. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (25) –

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

#### 36. The **Fatness** of **God’s House**

**Hymns: # 542 / # 1110 / # 12b**

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

[Type/Figure]

Psa. 36:8 - They are saturated with the **fatness of Your house**, ...

[Fulfillment]

Eph. 3:8 - To me, was this **grace** given to announce to the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches** of **Christ** as the gospel.

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

❖ The **fatness of the Lord’s house** refers to the **rich produce** of the good land, **Christ**.

➤ **Psalm 36:8a** says, “*They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house.*”

- In Old Testament times God’s people could enjoy this fatness **only** in the place God had chosen for His habitation.
- **Apart** from God’s dwelling place, the temple, they did not have this enjoyment.
  - They were bountifully, abundantly satisfied with the fatness of God’s house.
- All the riches that were offered to God in the house **became** the **fatness of His house**.

➤ The **fulfillment** of this type is in **Christ**. He, with His **unsearchable riches** (Eph. 3:8), is the **reality of the fatness of God’s house**.

- **Today** the **rich enjoyment of Christ** is ours in the house of God, the church.
- In the church we are satisfied with the **riches of Christ**, even **His unsearchable riches**,
  - enjoyed, digested, and assimilated by us as the **reality** of the **fatness of God’s house**.

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

✚ The **riches of Christ** are what Christ is to us, such as light, life, righteousness, and holiness, what He has for us, and what He accomplished, attained, and obtained for us. These **riches of Christ** are **unsearchable** and **untraceable**.

✚ The **fatness of the Lord’s house** is the **rich produce** of the good land. All the riches that were offered to God in the house became the fatness of His house. Christ, with His **unsearchable riches** is the **reality of the fatness of God’s house**.

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### Hymn 542

1 O the **riches** of my **Savior**,  
So **unsearchable**, immense;  
All the fulness of the **Godhead**  
I may now experience.

#### *Chorus:*

O the riches, O the **riches**,  
Christ my Savior has for me!  
How **unsearchable** their measure,  
Yet my full **reality**!

2 O the **riches** of my **Savior**,  
All-embracing: life and light,  
Wisdom, power, healing, comfort,  
Treasures rich of **God's** delight;

3 God's **redemption**, full salvation,  
And His **resurrection** pow'r,  
**Sanctifying, glorifying**,  
All **transcending** every hour!

4 O the **riches** of my **Savior**—  
Nothing less than **God** as all!  
All His person and possessions,  
Now my spirit doth enthrall.

5 O the **riches** of my **Savior**!  
Who can know  
their **breadth** and **length**,  
Or their **depth** and  
**height** unmeasured,  
Yet they are my joy and strength.

6 May I know these **boundless riches**,  
**Christ** experience in full;  
And with others may I share them  
In their content **bountiful**.

### Hymn 1110

1 O **Jesus Lord**,  
when present at Thy **table**,  
And on the **bread**  
and on the **wine** we gaze;  
We praise Thee, **Lord**,  
that Thou as **food** art able  
To be **enjoyed** by man in many ways.

#### *Chorus 1:*

So all our being sings in praise to Thee,  
How **small** Thou art,  
how small Thou art!  
And Thee we'll **eat**  
through all eternity;  
How small Thou art,  
how small Thou art!

2 O what a **shame**—  
when **Christ** with all His **riches**,  
Has come into the world,  
**life to supply**—  
That man would live,  
not by Him, but by teachings,  
So powerless these **riches** to apply.

#### *Chorus 2:*

But all we need to do is **eat the Lord**;  
He's marvelous, He's wonderful!  
And as we **eat**,  
we're inwardly restored;  
**Christ grows in us**, grows to the full.

3 O **Jesus Christ**,  
Thou camest not to mankind  
To be a **king**, to rule us **outwardly**.  
But Thou hast come  
as **food** to satisfy us,  
And by Thy **life** to guide us **inwardly**.  
(First chorus)

4 We praise Thee, **Lord**,  
for all Thy glorious **grandeur**,  
For all Thy strength  
and **majesty** replete;  
And yet, O **Lord**,  
what special thanks we give Thee,  
That all Thou art  
is small enough to **eat**.  
(First chorus)

### Hymn 12b

1 O **God**, Thou art the **source of life**,  
Divine, and **rich** and free!  
As living water **flowing** out  
Unto eternity!

2 In **love** Thou in the **Son** didst **flow**  
Among the human race;  
Thou dost as **Spirit** also **flow**  
Within us thru Thy **grace**.

3 Though we in sin and wickedness  
Went far from Thee apace,  
Yet in the **Son** Thou didst redeem,  
Bestowing **life** and **grace**.

4 Though we have  
often slighted Thee,  
Thy **Spirit** often **grieved**,  
Yet Thou dost still as **Spirit** come  
As **life** to be received.

5 Thou as the **Spirit** in the **Son**  
Hast **mingled** heretofore;  
Thou wilt thru fellowship anoint  
And increase more and more.

6 The **love** of **God**,  
the **grace** of **Christ**,  
The **Spirit's** flowing **free**,  
Enable us God's **wealth** to share  
Thru all eternity.

7 The **Father, Son, and Spirit**—one,  
So **richly care** for us;  
Thy **love** with one accord we sing  
And e'er would praise Thee thus.