

“WORD OF LIFE”

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45. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (25) –

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

37. The **Fountain of Life**

Hymns: # 206, Oh my God / Christ Gave Himself Up for Me / Eternal Blessing

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

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Psa. 36:9 - For with You [*Jehovah*] is the **fountain of life**; ...

[Fulfillment]

John 4:10 - ...If you knew the **gift of God** ..., you would have asked **Him**, and He would have given you **living water**.

John 4:14 - ...whoever **drinks** of the **water** that **I will give** him shall by **no means thirst forever**;

...the **water** that **I will give** him will become **in him** a **fountain** of water springing up into **eternal life**.

Rev. 21:6 - And He said ... **I will give** to him who **thirsts** from the **spring of the water of life** freely.

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

❖ **Christ** is the **fountain of life** in the house of God, the church.

➤ Psalm 36:9a says, “*With thee is the fountain of life.*”

- The **fountain** is the source, **God** as our salvation is the fountain.
- the **spring** is the gushing up, **Christ** is the springs of salvation for our enjoyment and experience
- the **river** is the flow, the **Spirit** is the flow of this salvation within us.

➤ **Psalm 36:9a** is fulfilled in **John 4:14**.

- The Lord **Jesus** is the living **Son of God** as the **fountain** to become a **spring of water** welling up in us.
- **God's gift** includes both His **Son** and the **divine life** (John 4:10).
 - the **divine life** is in the **Son** (1 John 5:11-12),
 - the **Son** actually is the **divine life** (John 14:6).
- We have **received** Him, and He has **become** a **spring of water** welling up within us into **eternal life**.
 - Our thirst can only be **satisfied** by the One who has been given to us as eternal life.
 - the **Lord** say, “*Everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again*” (4:13).
 - Only one “water” can satisfy us for eternity—**Jesus Christ**.
- “*Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall by no means thirst forever...*”

➤ **Psalm 36:9a** is also fulfilled in **Revelation 21:6**:

- This spring is **Christ** Himself. In eternity and for eternity we, the sons of God, shall enjoy Christ as the **spring of the water of life**.
- “**I will give** to him who **thirsts** from the **spring of the water of life** freely.”

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

✚ **Christ** as the **life-giving Spirit** is the many springs of salvation gushing up from the **fountain** of the Triune God's salvation, from whom we may **draw** the water of life for our enjoyment. When the **living water** enters into us, it permeates our entire being, causing us to be nourished, transformed, conformed, and glorified.

✚ On the one hand, **Christ** is the **fountain of living water**; on the other hand, He is the **spring**. **In God** He is the **fountain**, but **in us** He is the **spring**. When He enters into us and dwells in us, He **becomes** a **spring of water** welling up into **eternal life**. Whenever He wells up in us we are brought into eternal life, and our thirst is quenched.

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Hymn 206

- 1** O Christ, He is the fountain,
The deep, sweet well of life:
Its living streams I've tasted
Which save from grief and strife.
And to an ocean fulness,
His mercy doth expand;
His grace is all-sufficient
As by His wisdom planned.
- 2** O I am my Beloved's,
And my Beloved's mine;
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His house of wine!
I stand upon His merit;
I know no other stand.
I'm hidden in His presence
And held by His own hand.
- 3** The Bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory,
But on my King of grace:
Not at the crown He giveth,
But on His pierced hand;
The Lamb is all the glory,
And my eternal stand!

O my God, within Thee there is eternal life

- 1** O my God,
within Thee there is eternal life
And this life is expressed in the Son
He has risen, today, as the Spirit of life
Which in us quickens us, gives us life.
- 2** O behold, from the throne
of our God and the Lamb
Flows a river of water of life
God the source, Christ the fount,
the Spirit the flow,
Springing up as a river of life.
- 3** Jesus Lord, from my spirit
I turn unto Thee
Open wide, call Thy name,
drink Thee in;
Dearest Lord, to this stream
I outpour utterly;
Triune God, flow as life,
flood my being.

Christ Gave Himself Up for Me Out of Love

- 1** What kind of person
would die for my sin?
Someone more perfect
than all men have been.
Someone who did not deserve death,
my due,
Bridging the gap
that brought curse to all men.

Chorus:

Christ on the cross
was a man without sin,
Living, while dying, by virtues within,
Virtues expressing divine attributes,
His life, most valued by God,
shown therein.

- 2** Christ chose the friend
who betrayed Him for gain;
Loved Peter still,
though he'd sworn at His name;
Mutely faced hatred
from those who'd defame;
Saved one who mocked Him
but later felt shame.

- 3** For the transgressors
while dying Christ prayed,
"Father, forgive them,"
this prayer for us made.
"They do not know
what they're doing," He said.
God's tender mercy
and love He displayed.

- 4** Dying, in pain,
Christ saw Mary bereaved.
Still, in compassion,
He cared for her need—
"Behold your mother" and
"Behold your son"—
She from that hour
by John was received.

- 5** What shall we say
then for all of these things?
God's Son was raised
by the Father, approved.
Seated at God's right,
the Lord Himself brings
Me to the Father, all distance removed.

- 6** Were I the only one e'er to be born,
Christ would have given Himself,
still, in love.
He lived and died making all of us one,
His life and living
God's gift from above.

Eternal Blessing

- 1** Blessing eternal
comes from the Triune God;
Father, Son, Spirit,
our portion free!
What gift of favor,
what guarding power!
What wealth of mercy!
What perfect peace!
- 2** Eternal Father,
source of each blessing,
Bestowed on Christ
from heaven above;
In Your name keep us!
With Your hand hold us!
From evil shield us,
safe in Your love!
- 3** Eternal Son,
arose as the morning sun;
God in the flesh
brought glory and grace;
Your presence touched us!
Your kindness reached us!
Shine now upon us,
light up Your face!
- 4** Eternal Spirit,
lift up Your countenance,
Flow within us as rivers of peace;
Your eyes assure us!
Your gaze inspires us!
Your smile approves us,
what guarantee!
- 5** Praise to You, Father,
for care Almighty;
Praise to You, Son,
for amazing grace;
Praise to You, Spirit,
for peace abiding;
Blessing eternal, ours to embrace!
- 6** The love of God,
the grace of Christ Jesus,
Fellowship of the Spirit divine;
Be with us now,
be with us ever;
Blessing and praise
shall soon intertwine!