

“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

40. Wisdom

Hymns: # 189 / # 233 / # 24

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

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Prv 2:6, 10 - For **Jehovah** gives **wisdom**;... For **wisdom** will enter your heart, ...

Prv 8:1, 12 - Does not **wisdom** call,... I, **wisdom**, dwell with prudence,...

[Fulfillment]

Mat 11:19 - ...Yet **wisdom** is justified by her **works**.

1Cor. 1:24 - But to those who are **called**, ..., **Christ** the power of God and the **wisdom** of God.

1Cor. 1:30 - But of Him you are in **Christ Jesus**, who became **wisdom** to us from **God**:
both **righteousness** and **sanctification** and **redemption**,

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

❖ **Wisdom**, the reality of which is **Christ**. (Prov. 8:1, 12; 9:1)

- As **God's wisdom**, **Christ** is the **hidden mystery** foreordained before the ages for our glory (1 Cor. 2:7).
 - In **eternity** God decided that Christ as His **wisdom** would be our **glory**.
 - **Now** day by day Christ is **becoming** wisdom to us from God.
- The **Lord Jesus**, referring to Himself says,
 - ✓ “**Wisdom** has been justified by her **works**.” (Matt. 11:19)
 - ✓ “Yet **wisdom** is justified by all her **children**.” (Luke 7:35)
 - **Wisdom** is Christ (1 Cor. 1:24, 30).
 - Whatever Christ did was done **by** the **wisdom** of God, which is **Himself**.
 - This **wisdom** [Christ] was justified, vindicated, by His **wise deeds**.
 - We are **children of wisdom** caring for the life of wisdom.
 - Because we have the life of Christ, we have the life of **wisdom**.
 - As children of wisdom, we –
 - **justify** Christ and His deeds and **follow** Him as our **wisdom**.
- Christ is “**God's wisdom**.” (1 Cor. 1:24)
 - In God's **economy** the crucified Christ is God's **wisdom** for planning and purposing.
- Christ has become “**wisdom to us from God**.” (1 Cor. 1:30)
 - God **put us** in Him –
 - Christ became wisdom to us in **righteousness** for our past,
 - Christ became wisdom to us in **sanctification** for our present, and
 - Christ became wisdom to us **redemption** for our future.

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

✚ We need **wisdom** to live a **proper human life**, in the way of a living, on-going transmission Christ should **continually** become **wisdom** to us from God.

- ✓ We should **reject** self-cultivation and condemn the building up of the natural man.
- ✓ We **exercise** our spirit to contact the word in the spirit of prayer to cultivate our regenerated new man.
- ✓ We must be persons who **love** the Lord and **pursue** Christ, to nourish our spirit that we may live a Christian life that is perfect in the divine virtues, which are the expressions of the divine attributes.

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Hymn 189

- 1 Thou art the **Son beloved**,
The image of our **God**;
Thou art the saints' dear portion,
Imparted thru Thy **blood**.
Among all God's creation
Thou art the **firstborn One**;
By Thee all was created,
All for Thyself to own.
- 2 Thou art before all creatures,
In Thee all things consist;
Of all Thou art the center,
By Thee all things subsist.
Thou art the sole beginning,
The **Firstborn** from the dead;
And for the **Church**, Thy **Body**,
Thou art the glorious **Head**.
- 3 Because it pleased the **Father**,
All fulness dwells in Thee,
That Thou might have the first place
In all we ever see.
All things Thou reconciledst
To **God** by Thy shed **blood**,
To thus present us holy
And blameless unto **God**.
- 4 In Thee God's fulness dwelleth,
Thou art **God's mystery**;
The treasures of all **wisdom**
And knowledge are in Thee.
Thou art the hope of **glory**,
In us Thou dost **abide**;
In Thee we are perfected
And **God** is satisfied.
- 5 All things are but a **shadow**
Which unto us reveal
Thyself, in whom we're rooted,
The only One that's real.
Enjoying all Thy riches,
Thy fulness we will be;
We'll hold Thee, as Thy **Body**,
And grow with **God** in Thee.
- 6 With Thee in **God** we're **hidden**,
Thou art in us **our life**;
Thy peace in us presiding,
We rest from all our strife.
In the **new man**, Thy **Body**,
Thou art the all in all;
Our all-inclusive **Savior**,
Thyself we'll ever call.

Hymn 233

- 1 O what a miracle, my **Lord**,
That I'm in Thee and Thou in me,
That Thou and I are really one;
O what a wondrous mystery!
- 2 For me Thy body Thou didst give,
That I may ever share in Thee;
For me Thy precious **blood**
was **shed**,
That from my sins I might be free.
- 3 By **resurrection** Thou didst change
Thy form and as the **Spirit** come;
Thou wouldst that
I be **filled** with Thee
That all Thy riches mine become.
- 4 Now as the **symbols** we behold,
Thy loving self we see anew;
We thank Thee for
Thy heart's desire
As all Thy travail we review.
- 5 We **eat** the **bread** and
drink the **wine**,
And to Thy sweetness we are led;
In spirit each **receiving** Thee,
Our spirits with Thyself are fed.
- 6 We long to **eat**
and **drink** e'en more,
To take Thyself in spirit thus,
Till Thou shalt all our being fill
And true **remembrance**
have from us.

Hymn 24

- 1 O **God**, in **Christ** all focused is
Thy **wisdom** with Thy **grace**;
As **wisdom** Thou mad'st Him to us,
In Him Thy way we trace.
- 2 What Thou has planned
is all in Him,
Thy way of **grace** is He;
In Him, Thy **Wisdom**, we have all,
That glory be to Thee.
- 3 In Him, who is our **righteousness**,
Have we been **justified**;
In Him, who is our **holiness**,
We're being **sanctified**.
- 4 **Redemption** too He is to us,
According to Thy plan,
That we may fully be **redeemed**
To be a perfect man.
- 5 He is Thy **wisdom**, **Father God**,
In Thine **economy**;
For Him we offer praise to Thee
With all humility.
- 6 Thy **wisdom** we have seen in Him,
So rich and so profound;
Yet richer, deeper, in Thy way,
By us will it be found.