

“WORD OF LIFE”

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46. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (26) – In the Parables of the New Testament

P - 10. The Sower in the Parables of the Sower and of the Tares

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✚ “So that what was spoken through the prophet [Psa. 78:2] might be fulfilled, saying, ‘I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things hidden from the foundation of the world’.” (Matt 13:35)

[Parable – Preliminary work of the kingdom]

Matt. 13:3 - And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went out to sow.

Matt. 13:24 - Another parable He set before them, saying,
The kingdom of the heavens has become like a man sowing good seed in his field.

✚ “...Why do You speak in parables to them? (Mat 13:10)
“...And His disciples came to Him, saying, Make the parable ... clear to us. (Matt. 13:36)

- ❖ In the parables of the sower and of the tares Christ is revealed as the Sower.
 - At the beginning of the parable of the sower the Lord says,
 - ✓ “Behold, the sower went out to sow” (Matt. 13:3).
 - Then in the parable of the tares He says,
 - ✓ “The kingdom of the heavens was likened to a man sowing good seed in his field” (Matt. 13:24).
 - As verse 37 explains,
 - ✓ “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.”
- ❖ The Sower is the wonderful person of the Lord Jesus, and the seed sown is also the Lord Himself.
 - The Lord Jesus is the embodiment of the Triune God, as life to produce the kingdom of God.
 - Through incarnation Christ became the seed of life,
 - He sowed Himself as the embodiment of the Triune God.
 - the seed sown by the Lord Jesus into our being is just Himself
 - as life to make us sons of the kingdom (Matt. 13:38).
 - In teaching the truth and in preaching the gospel He was a Sower, and His life was a life of sowing.

✚ “And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak,” (2Cor. 4:13)

✚ The seed sown to us is the Lord Himself, as life to produce the kingdom of God. He became the seed of life. He sowed Himself into our hearts so that He may live in us, grow in us, and be expressed from within us.

✚ He establishes the kingdom not by teaching or by outward working, but by sowing Himself as the seed of life into us so that the kingdom may be brought into being by the growth in life. This seed will grow, and the life in it will produce the kingdom. The kingdom of God is actually a person, Christ Himself.

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Hymn 501

Experience of Christ – As life

- 1 O glorious **Christ**, **Savior** mine,
Thou art truly **radiance** divine;
God infinite, in eternity,
Yet **man** in time, finite to be.
- Chorus:*
Oh! **Christ**, expression of **God**,
the Great,
Inexhaustible, **rich**, and **sweet**!
God mingled with humanity
Lives in me my all to be.
- 2 The **fulness** of **God** **dwells in Thee**;
Thou dost manifest **God's glory**;
In **flesh** Thou hast
redemption wrought;
As **Spirit**, **oneness** with me sought.
- 3 All things of the **Father** are Thine;
All Thou art in **Spirit** is **mine**;
The **Spirit** makes Thee **real to me**,
That Thou **experienced** might be.
- 4 The **Spirit of life** causes Thee
By Thy **Word** to **transfer to me**.
Thy **Spirit** touched,
Thy word **received**,
Thy **life in me** is thus conceived.
- 5 In **spirit** while gazing on Thee,
As a glass reflecting Thy **glory**,
Like to Thyself **transformed** I'll be,
That Thou might be **expressed**
thru me.
- 6 In no other way could we be
Sanctified and share Thy vict'ry;
Thus only spiritual we'll be
And touch the life of **glory**.
- 7 Thy **Spirit** will me saturate
Every part will **God** **permeate**,
Deliv'ring me from the **old man**,
With all saints **building**
for His plan.

Hymn 1106

Praise the Lord – Remembrance of Him

- 1 We **gather** together to **eat**
the **Lord's supper**:
By **eating** and **drinking**,
our **oneness** we show.
His presence possessing,
our oneness confessing,
'Tis thus we **eat** and **drink**,
and His **blessing** we know.
- 2 We're **eating** the **bread**
of His **body** once broken
As now we're enjoying
His **Body** made one:
One **loaf** on the **table**—
one **Body**, we're able
To testify to all
that the **Lord's** **made us one**.
- 3 We also are **drinking**
the **cup** of His blessing,
The church's **true fellowship**
of the Lord's **blood**;
Redeemed by **believing**,
all saints we're **receiving**,
All those who through **redemption**
have come unto **God**.
- 4 Oh, what can we say now except
"Hallelujah!"
For such a **reality** given to us.
Thy **blood** we're employing,
Thy **Body** enjoying;
Thus Thou wilt have the **church**
for Thyself **glorious**.

Hymn 30

Worship of the Father – His Love

- 1 What **love** Thou hast
bestowed on us,
We **thank** Thee from our heart;
Our **Father**,
we would **worship** Thee
And **praise** for all Thou art.
- 2 Thy heart Thou hast **revealed to us**,
Made known th' eternal will;
Within the **Son**
Thou hast **come forth**,
Thy purpose to **fulfill**.
- 3 Thou **gavest** Thy beloved **Son**
In **love** to **come** and **die**,
That we may be Thy **many sons**,
As **heirs** with Him, made nigh.
- 4 Through Him we **have**
Thy very **life**
And Thou our **Father** art;
Thy **very nature**, all Thyself,
Thou dost **to us impart**.
- 5 Thy **Spirit** into ours has come
That we may "**Abba**" **cry**;
Of **Spirit** born, with **Spirit** sealed,
To be transformed thereby.
- 6 The **many sons** to **glory** brought
Is Thine eternal goal,
And to Thy **Son's** own image
wrought,
Thou wilt **conform** the whole.
- 7 Throughout Thy **transformation**
work
Thou dost direct each one,
From **glory** unto **glory** bring
Until the work is done.
- 8 What **love** Thou,
Father, hast bestowed;
We'll **ever grateful be**;
We'll **worship** Thee forevermore
And **praise** unceasingly.