

“WORD OF LIFE”

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47. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (27) – In the **Parables** of the New Testament

P - 18. The **Son of the King** in the Parable of the **Marriage Feast**

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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 – The kingdom’s wedding feast]

Matt. 22:2 - The kingdom of the heavens has become like a king who prepared a **wedding feast** for his **son**.

Matt. 22:3 - And he sent his **slaves** to call those who had been called to the **wedding feast**...

Matt. 22:4 - ... Tell those who have been **called**, Behold, I have prepared my **dinner**: ..., and all things are ready.
Come to the wedding feast.

Matt. 22:5 - But they **disregarded** it and went off, one to his own **field** and another to his **business**,

✚ “...He taught them many things in **parables**... (Mark 4:2)
“...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)

❖ **Christ**, is the **Son** of the King who prepared a **marriage feast**.

- The parable of the evil husbandmen of the **vineyard** in Matthew 21:33-46,
 - **refers** to the **Old Testament**,
 - **likened** to a **vineyard**,
 - with the **focus** on the **labor under the law**.
- The parable of the **marriage feast** in Matthew 22:1-14,
 - **Refers** to the New Testament,
 - **likened** to a **marriage feast**,
 - with the **focus** on the **enjoyment of grace**.
- Both the **householder** and the **king** are **God**.
 - The **son** of both the householder and the king is **Christ**.
 - In the parable concerning the vineyard, Christ is the **Heir**
 - who inherits the Father’s possession and
 - **becomes** the **cornerstone** of God’s building,
 - joining together God’s people of different sources.
 - In the parable concerning the wedding feast, Christ is the **Bridegroom**
 - who satisfies the Father’s desire and
 - **becomes** the **pleasure** of God’s invited ones.

✚ “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 vineyard is for labor. A marriage feast is for **enjoyment**.
- ✓ the parable of the vineyard **depicts labor under the law**, and
 - ✓ the parable of the marriage feast **depicts enjoyment under grace**.

We in the Lord’s recovery are **not** laboring under law, **but** are enjoying under grace. Today, we are not under law, but under grace. We are not laboring, but **enjoying**.

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Hymn 538

Experience of Christ – As the Indwelling One

1 It is **God's** intent and **pleasure**
To have **Christ** **revealed** in me,
Nothing outward as religion,
But His **Christ** **within** to be.

[Gal. 1:16]

Chorus:

It is **God's** intent and **pleasure**
That His **Christ** be **wrought** in me;
Nothing outwardly performing,
But His **Christ** **my all** to be.

[2 Cor. 5:5]

2 It is **God's** intent and **pleasure**
That His **Christ** may **live** in me;
Nothing as an outward practice,
But Christ **working** inwardly.

[Gal. 2:20]

3 It is **God's** intent and **pleasure**
That His Christ be **formed** in me;
Not the outward forms to follow,
But Christ **growing** inwardly.

[Gal. 4:19]

4 It is **God's** intent and **pleasure**
That His Christ make **home** in me;
Not just outwardly to serve Him,
But Christ **dwelling** inwardly.

[Eph. 3:17]

5 It is **God's** intent and **pleasure**
That His Christ my **hope** may be;
It is **not** objective glory,
But 'tis Christ **subjectively**.

[Col. 1:27]

6 It is **God's** intent and **pleasure**
That His Christ **be all** in me;
Nothing outwardly possessing,
But His **Christ** **eternally**.

[Eph. 4:6]

Gal 1:15 – 16:

*But when it **pleased** God, who **called**
me through His grace,
To **reveal** His **Son** in me that I might
announce Him as the gospel among
the Gentiles, ...*

Hymn 8438

Experience of Christ – His Overflowing Satisfaction

1 I've **chosen** the **Lord Jesus**,
My very world to be;
His **love** is so abundant,
He fills my every need.
O **Lord**, I am Your **vessel**
Which **only You** can fill;
All Sychar's wells exhausting,
I'm **thirsty** still.

Chorus:

Oh, **Jesus Christ**!
He is the One for me!
My heart's **abiding** at the source
Of every sweetest thing.
Oh, **Jesus Christ**!
He all my heart doth fill;
With Him, I have no other plea,
In Him, my heart is still.

2 I've **chosen** the **Lord Jesus**,
My very **joy** to be,
With Him my heart, though aching,
Has still a **song** to sing.
With Him, I need no reason
To shout exultantly,
For all my jubilation
From Him does spring.

3 I've **chosen** the **Lord Jesus**,
My very **hope** to be,
I muse on all the vastness
Of wealth to me **bequeathed**;
And yet, 'tis the **Provider**
I **treasure** and desire;
To **gain the best**—**Christ Jesus**—
My heart aspires.

4 I've **chosen** the **Lord Jesus**,
My very **Lord** to be;
His **love** defies description,
One taste will conquer thee.
My all I've **consecrated**,
And naught from Him implore,
But that **my Lord** be **happy**,
And grieved no more.

HYMN 1105

Praise the Lord – Remembrance of Him

1 Lo, the **table** spread before us
With the **bread** and with the **wine**;
Lo, the **Savior** waiting for us,
Bidding us to **come and dine**.
"Come and dine," the Lord is **calling**,
"Sup with Me and I with thee"
He's **prepared** for us this **table**—
Let us **feast** abundantly.

2 We are **feasting** with our **Savior**,
He with us and **we with Him**;
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Feast of **feasts** that ne'er will end!
Eating, drinking with Thyself, **Lord**,
We are wholly **satisfied**.
Taste we of that glorious banquet
Thou wilt share with us, Thy **Bride**.

Hymn 42

Worship of the Father – His Redemption

1 By Thee, O God, **invited**,
We look unto the Son,
In whom Thy **heart delighted**,
Who all Thy will hath done;
And by the one **chief treasure**
Thy bosom **freely gave**,
Thine own pure **love** we measure,
Thy willing mind to save.

2 O God of **mercy**—Father!
The one unchanging claim,
The brightest hopes, we gather
From Christ's most **precious name**:
What always sounds so sweetly
In Thine unwearied ear,
Has **freed our souls** completely
From all our guilt and fear.

3 The trembling sinner feareth
That God can ne'er forget;
But one **full payment** cleareth
His memory of **all debt**.
When nought beside could free us,
Or set our souls at large,
The **death** of God's Beloved
Secured a full discharge.

4 No wrath God's heart retaineth
To usward who **believe**;
No dread in ours remaineth
As we His **love** receive;
Returning sons He **kisses**,
And with His **robe** invests;
His perfect **love** dismisses
All terror from our breasts.

Matt. 3:17:

*And behold, a voice out of the heavens,
saying, This is My **Son**, the **Beloved**, in
whom I have found My **delight**.*

Matt. 17:5 –

*..., and behold, a voice out of the
cloud, saying, This is My **Son**,
the **Beloved**, in whom I have found My
delight. **Hear Him!***