

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

P - 24. A **Patch** of the **New Garment** Not Suitable for the Old Garment

Hymns: # 162 / # 1104 / # 55

✚ “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 – calling the Despised]

- Luke 5:36 - ... No one tears a **patch** from a **new garment** and puts it on an old garment;
otherwise, he will **tear** the **new garment**, and also the **patch** from the new will **not match** the old.
- Matt. 9:16 - No one puts a **patch** of **unfulled cloth** on an old garment,
for that which fills it up pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear is made.
- Gal. 3:27 - For as many of you as were **baptized** into Christ have **put on Christ**.

✚ “...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)

❖ The **new garment** is **Christ** as our **righteousness** to cover us **outwardly** (Luke 5:36).

- He is the **new garment** who was “treated” **in** crucifixion and who became **in** resurrection the **completed garment** to cover us before God.
 - The Lord’s intention is to give Himself to us
 - **not** as a piece of unshrunk cloth,
 - **but** as a complete, finished garment
 - that we may **put on to be our righteousness**
 - so that we may be **justified** before God and **enjoy** His presence.
 - In ourselves we are **not** qualified to be in God’s presence.
 - **But** when we put on Christ as the new garment, **we are justified** and **worthy** of God’s presence.
- The “**old garment**” **signifies** our good deeds, good behavior, and religious practices by the old natural life.
 - A **patch** from a new garment is **not** suitable for this old garment.
 - we should **put on Christ** as our **new garment**.

✚ “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)

✚ In **Galatians 3:27** the **way** to put on Christ as the **new garment** is to be **baptized** into Him. **After** His resurrection Christ became the **new garment** and that **through** resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit, the pneumatic Christ, the new garment for us to wear.

✚ **When** we were baptized into Christ as the Spirit, we **put on Christ** as our **clothing**, our **covering**. Hence, the **new garment** which we have put on is **Christ** Himself as the all-inclusive Spirit. Now Christ is no longer the **untreated cloth**; He is the **finished garment** that includes His incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and all the elements of His wonderful person.

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Hymn 162
Praise of the Lord –
His Salvation

1 With praise and thanksgiving
There stands a great throng
In the presence of Jesus
And sing this new song.

Chorus:

Unto Him Who hath loved us
And washed us from sin,
Unto Him be the glory forever!
Amen!

2 All these once were sinners,
Defiled in His sight,
Now arrayed in pure garments,
In praise they unite.

3 He maketh the rebel
A priest and a king,
He hath bought us, and taught us
This new song to sing.

4 How helpless and hopeless
We sinners had been,
If He never had loved us till
Cleansed from our sin.

5 Aloud in His praises
Our voices shall ring,
So that others, believing,
This new song shall sing.

Psa. 51:7 –

Purge my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean;
Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Isa. 1:18 –

...Though your sins are like scarlet,
They will be as white as snow [within];
Though they are as red as crimson,
They will be like wool [white without].

Rev 22:14 –

Blessed are those who wash their robes
that they may have right to the tree of life
and may enter by the gates into the city.

Hymn 1104
Praise the Lord –
As our Peace Offering

1 Lord, Thou art our peace offering;
We lay our hands on Thee.
We're one with Thee, Lord Jesus,
In fact and practically.
Here in the tent of meeting
We offer Thee to God
And with the Father feasting
Enjoy Thee as our food.

Chorus 1:

Christ is our peace!
Christ is our peace!
We praise Thee, blessed Lord!
Our peace with God,
our peace with man
Have fully been restored.

2 O what a peace it gives us
To see the sprinkled blood.
The blood of our peace offering
Has brought us peace with God.
With boldness we're proclaiming—
Now hear this, enemy—
"Peace by the blood of Jesus!"
This is our victory.

3 Based on the burnt oblation
And the meal offering too,
We now may offer Jesus
As our peace offering true.
The more we eat and drink Him
In His humanity,
The more we may enjoy Him
While feasting corporately.

Chorus 2:

What fellowship, what fellowship
With God and man we share!
O what a joy, O what a feast
With all God's people here.

6 With all the cleansed ones feasting,
How rich the Christ we eat!
Oh, this is true communion,
The only way to meet.
We bring our full thanksgiving
And e'en would make a vow—
We're for the Lord's recovery
As He is for us now.

Hymn 55
Worship of the Father –
His Praise from Many Sons

1 O God our Father,
we would come to Thee
In virtue of our
Savior's precious blood;
All distance gone,
our souls by grace set free,
We worship Thee,
our Father and our God.

2 We would, O God,
present before Thy face
The fragrant name
of Thy beloved Son;
By faith we view Him
through Thy boundless grace,
Which, by His dying,
He for us has won.

3 Thy joy in Him
who is with Thee we share;
Our hearts delight
in Thy delight in Him;
Chiefest of thousands,
fairer than the fair;
His glory nought can tarnish,
nought can dim.

4 We bow in worship
now before Thy throne,
By faith the Object
of Thy love would see;
Who, in the midst,
His brethren's song doth lead.
To Him, our Savior,
the glory be!

1Pet. 1:2 –

Chosen according to the
foreknowledge of God the Father in
the sanctification of the Spirit unto the
obedience and sprinkling of the blood
of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and
peace be multiplied.

1Pe 5:10 –

But the God of all grace, He who has
called you into His eternal glory in
Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a
little while, will Himself perfect,
establish, strengthen, and ground you.