

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 48. CHRIST IN HIS PERSON (28) – In the Parables of the New Testament

#### P – 26. A Compassionate Samaritan Saving the Wounded

Hymns: # 165 / NS 651 – Christ Gave Himself Up for Me / # 33

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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 – Portraying Himself as the good Samaritan with the highest morality]

Luke 10:27 - ...“You shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole strength and with your whole mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

Luke 10:29 - But he [a certain lawyer]...said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor?

Luke 10:30 - Jesus...said, A certain man...fell among robbers, who having both stripped him and beaten him, went away, leaving him half dead.

Luke 10:31 - ...a certain priest was going down on that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Luke 10:32 - ...also a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the opposite side.

Luke 10:33 - But a certain Samaritan, who was journeying, came upon him...he was moved with compassion;

Luke 10:34 - ...bound up his wounds and poured oil and wine on them...he brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Luke 10:35 - ...to the innkeeper and said, Take care of him...when I return, I will repay you.

Luke 10:36 - Which of these three...has become a neighbor to him...?

Luke 10:37 - And he said, The one who showed mercy to him. And Jesus said to him, Go, and you do likewise.

✚ “...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 portrayed as a compassionate Samaritan saving the wounded.

- The Samaritan signifies the Lord Jesus, despised and slandered by the Pharisees.
  - Christ in His sinner-saving ministry journey, came down to the place where the wounded victim was in his miserable and dying condition.
  - When He saw him, He was moved with compassion and rendered him tender healing and saving care.
- As the compassionate Samaritan, the Lord Jesus fully met the urgent need of the wounded one.
  - He bound up his wounds—healing him;
  - He poured on his wounds oil and wine—giving him the Holy Spirit and the divine life (Matt. 9:17; John 2:9);
  - He placed him on His own beast—carrying him by lowly means in a lowly way (Zech. 9:9);
  - He brought him to an inn—bringing him to the church;
    - He took care of him—taking care of him through the church;
    - He paid the inn for him—blessing the church for him; and,
    - He will repay what is spent by the inn to take care of the wounded one.

✚ “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 Lord Jesus as the compassionate Samaritan fully meets our urgent need. In all this we see Christ’s divine attributes and human virtues. Christ’s human virtues are mingled with His divine attributes to produce the highest standard of morality shown in His merciful, tender, and bountiful care for us wounded ones.

- ✓ Concerning the divine attributes, we see the Spirit, the eternal life, the blessing, and the repayment.
- ✓ The Lord’s human virtues revealed here include His compassion, love, sympathy, and care.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 48 letter P – point 26)  
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## Hymn 165

Praise of the Lord –  
His Goodness

- 1 My **song** shall be of **Jesus**;  
His **mercy** crowns my days,  
He fills my cup with **blessings**,  
And tunes my heart to **praise**.  
My **song** shall be of **Jesus**,  
The precious **Lamb of God**,  
Who gave Himself my **ransom**,  
And bought me with His **blood**.
- 2 My **song** shall be of **Jesus**  
When, sitting at His feet,  
I call to mind His **goodness**  
In meditation sweet:  
My **song** shall be of **Jesus**,  
Whatever ill betide;  
I'll **sing** the **grace** that **saves me**,  
And keeps me at His side.
- 3 My **song** shall be of **Jesus**  
While pressing on my way  
To reach the blissful **kingdom**  
Of pure and perfect day:  
And when my soul shall enter  
That realm of splendor fair,  
A **song** of praise to **Jesus**  
I'll **sing** forever there.

Eph 5:19 –

Speaking to one another in psalms and  
**hymns** and spiritual **songs**, **singing** and  
psalming with your heart to the Lord,

Eph 5:20 –

Giving **thanks** at all times for **all things**  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to  
our God and Father,

Col 3:16 –

Let the word of Christ **dwell** in you  
richly in all wisdom, teaching and  
admonishing one another with psalms  
and **hymns** and spiritual **songs**, **singing**  
with grace in your hearts to God.

Col 3:17 –

And whatever you do in word or in  
deed, do **all things** in the name of the  
Lord Jesus, giving **thanks** to God the  
Father through Him.

## Christ Gave Himself Up for Me Out of Love

Praise the Lord – Remembrance of Him

- 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.

Luke 18:32 –

For He will be **delivered** up to the Gentiles  
and will be **mocked** and outrageously treated  
and spat upon;

Luke 18:33 –

And when they have scourged Him, **they will**  
**kill Him**; and **on the third day** **He will rise**.

## Hymn 33

Worship of the Father – His Election

- 1 **Father**, long before creation,  
Thou hadst **chosen us** in love;  
And that **love**, so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to **Christ** above,  
And will **keep** us, and will keep us,  
Firmly fixed in **Christ** alone,  
Firmly fixed in **Christ** alone.
- 2 Though the world  
may change its fashion,  
Yet our **God** is e'er the same;  
His **compassion** and His **cov'nant**  
Through all ages will remain.  
**God's** own **children**,  
**God's** own **children**,  
Must forever **praise** His name,  
Must forever **praise** His name.
- 3 **God's** **compassion** is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
**Mercy** free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
**God** so **loved** us, **God** so **loved** us,  
That His only **Son** He gave,  
That His only **Son** He gave.
- 4 Loving **Father**, now before Thee  
We will ever **praise** Thy **love**;  
And our **song** will sound unceasing  
Till we meet Thy **Son** above,  
Giving glory, giving glory,  
To our **God** and to the **Lamb**,  
To our **God** and to the **Lamb**.

Eph 1:4 –

Even as He **chose us** in Him before  
the foundation of the world to be  
holy and without blemish before Him  
in love,

Eph 1:5 –

**Predestinating** us unto **sonship**  
through **Jesus Christ** to Himself,  
according to the good pleasure of His  
will,