

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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

#### P – 29. The Man Seeking the Lost Sheep

Hymns: # 112 / # 116 / # 39

✚ “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 – A Shepherd Seeking a Sheep]

Luke 15:4 - Which man of you, who has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them,  
does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

Luke 15:5 - And when he finds it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luke 15:7 - I tell you that in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner repenting than over ninety-nine righteous persons who have no need of repentance.

✚ “...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 man seeking the lost sheep (Matt. 3-7).

- The shepherd going into the wilderness to seek the lost sheep
  - The Son has come into the world (wilderness) to be with men (John 1:14).
  - The Son came in His humanity as the Shepherd
    - to find the sinner as a lost sheep
    - and bring it back home.
  - The Son was rejoicing having found the one that was lost.
    - He lays us on His shoulder
      - our Savior’s saving strength and His saving love.
- In God’s salvation the One who comes, practically speaking, is the Son.
  - The Son comes to accomplish redemption, the foundation of our salvation.
  - The redemption accomplished by Christ’s death on the cross is the base of God’s salvation.

✚ “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 Luke 15:3-32 the Lord Jesus spoke three parables unveiling and depicting how the divine Trinity works to bring sinners back, through the Son and by the Spirit, to the Father. As the Shepherd, the Son’s way to seek us out is to die for us. He is the good Shepherd who gives His life for the sheep (John 10:11). If He did not die for us, He would not have a way to seek us out. We thank and praise for the Shepherd’s work dying for us.

✚ The Lord Jesus, our Shepherd has come into the world to be with us (John 1:14). He came in His humanity as the Shepherd to find us “lost sheep” and bring us back home. Having found us, His sheep -  
✓ “He lays us on His shoulders, rejoicing,” and  
✓ “in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner repenting than over ninety-nine righteous persons who have no need of repentance.”

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**Hymn 112**  
Praise of the Lord –  
**His Redemption**

**1** How **sweet is the story**  
of **Christ's** boundless **love**,  
That brought Him to suffer  
from **glory** above!  
He **died** in our stead  
upon **Calvary's tree**,  
Obtaining **redemption**  
that we might be **free**.

**Chorus:**

Sound His **praise**!  
Sound His **praise**!  
All the work has been done;  
**Praise** His name! **Praise** His name!  
**Jesus, God's blessed Son**.  
We give Him the **glory**,  
our **Savior** and **Friend**;  
Our **song** is of **Jesus**  
and never will end.

**2** How **wondrous the story**!  
the law's holy claims  
Were met by the **blood**  
which **redemption** proclaims.  
The **judgment** of sin  
has been borne by the **Son**,  
Who glorified **God**  
in the work He has done.

**3** How **brilliant the glory**  
where **Christ** is **enthroned**  
How rightly His name  
above others is owned!  
Yes, **Jesus**, the **Savior**,  
the **glory-crowned** Lord,  
Is worthy by all to be ever adored.

**Eph 1:6 –**

To the praise of the glory of  
His **grace**, with which He **graced** us  
in the **Beloved**;

**Eph 1:7 –**

In whom we have **redemption**  
through His **blood**, the forgiveness of  
offenses, according to the **riches** of  
His **grace**,

**Hymn 116**  
Praise the Lord –  
**His Redemption**

**1** How wonderful **redemption** is,  
My **gracious Lord**, in Thee!  
Not seen, nor heard, nor e'er conceived  
What Thou hast done for me!  
Thou art **divine**, mysterious,  
Beyond my grandest phrase!  
**Redemption** is so marvellous,  
Beyond all pow'r to **praise**!

**2** For us Thou on the **Cross** wast **pierced**,  
And **blood** and **water** streamed;  
That **life** divine be giv'n to us,  
That we may be **redeemed**.  
Thy **precious blood** has made us clean,  
That we accepted be;  
**Regenerated** by Thy **life**,  
We now are one with Thee.

**3** Thou art the **grain** divine that **died**  
The **many grains** to bear,  
Which, blent and formed, Thy **Body** are.  
And all Thy **nature** share.  
We are the **increase** of Thyself,  
And Thou our content art;  
Through us Thou livest and dost move  
And manifested art.

**4** Since we're Thy **Body**, Thou may come  
And settle down in us;  
In us Thou may obtain Thy home  
And we become Thy trust.  
Thy heart to satisfy and please,  
We are Thy **counterpart**,  
Now in one **Body** with Thyself,  
Enjoying all Thou art.

**5** While in **remembrance** now we meet  
And here the **symbols** see,  
For Thy **redemption** great and full  
We're filled with **praise** to Thee.  
Since we are made Thy **Body, Lord**,  
Thy dwelling place and bride,  
We would give thanks and **worship** Thee  
And in Thy **praise** abide.

**John 19:34 –**

But one of the soldiers **pierced** His side  
with a spear, and immediately there came  
out **blood** and **water**.

**Blood** is for **redemption**, to deal with  
sins.

**Water** is for **imparting life**, to deal  
with death.

**Hymn 39**  
Worship of the Father –  
**His Redemption**

**1** To **God** be the **glory**,  
great things He hath done,  
So **loved** He the world  
that He gave us His **Son**,  
Who **yielded** His **life**  
our **redemption** to win,  
And opened the life-gate  
that all may go in.

**Chorus:**

**Praise** the **Lord**, praise the **Lord**,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
**Praise** the **Lord**, praise the **Lord**,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the **Father**,  
through **Jesus** the **Son**,  
And give Him the **glory**;  
great things He hath done.

**2** Oh, perfect **redemption**,  
the **purchase** of **blood**,  
To every believer  
the promise of **God**;  
The vilest offender  
who truly believes,  
That moment from **Jesus**  
a **pardon** receives.

**3** Great things He hath taught us,  
great things He hath done,  
And great our **rejoicing**  
through **Jesus** the **Son**;  
But purer, and higher,  
and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport  
when **Jesus** we see.

**1Co 6:20 –**

For you have been **bought** with a  
price. So then **glorify God** in your  
body.

**1Co 10:31 –**

Therefore whether you eat or drink,  
or whatever you do, **do all** to the  
**glory** of **God**.