

“WORD OF LIFE”

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

P – 34. The **Child** in the Parable of a Travailing Woman

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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 **Son** to be born in resurrection as a **newborn child**]

John 16:21 - A **woman**, when she **gives birth**, has sorrow because her hour has come; but when she **brings forth** the little **child**, she no longer remembers the affliction because of the **joy** that **a man has been born** into the world.

1Pet. 1:3 - Blessed be the **God** and **Father** of our **Lord Jesus Christ**, who according to His great mercy has **regenerated** us unto a living hope through the **resurrection** of **Jesus Christ** from the dead,

✚ “...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 **child** in the parable of the **travailing woman** (John 16:21).

- The hour has come the **woman** brings forth the **child**.
 - This **woman** is the whole group of the disciples,
 - the **child** is Christ, and the **birth** is **resurrection**.
 - the Lord Jesus was born, in resurrection to be the Son of God with **respect** to His **humanity** (Acts 13:33).
- Christ was already the **only begotten Son of God**, it was still necessary for Him to be born in resurrection as the **firstborn Son of God**.
 - **In eternity** **Christ** was the **only begotten Son of God**.
 - Then **in the incarnation** He was born of Mary to be the **Son of Man**,
 - and **in resurrection** He had another birth to be the **firstborn Son of God**.

✚ “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)

✚ When Christ was born of Mary, He was **born as a man**, and His humanity had nothing to do with His being the **only begotten Son of God**. The **human part** of **Jesus** was **not** the **Son of God**. Therefore, it was necessary for this **human part** of Him to be born **into the divine sonship through resurrection**.

✚ Christ’s **resurrection** was a new birth for Him, and the disciples were the **woman** travailing in this birth. **Christ** was a **child** born in **resurrection**. After His resurrection He was the “**child**” with the divine life and the human nature **with both divinity** glorified and **humanity** “sonized.”

✚ The **bringing forth** is begetting. The incarnated Christ, **including** all of us, was **begotten** in His resurrection to be the **Son of God**. He has **become** the **firstborn Son of God**, and we have **become** God’s **many sons** as His brothers to constitute His church as His multiplication, His increase, and His **Body**, which is His **fullness**, His expression.

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Hymn 189

Praise of the Lord –
His All-inclusiveness

- 1 Thou art the **Son beloved**,
The image of our **God**;
Thou art the saints' dear portion,
Imparted thru Thy **blood**.
Among all God's creation
Thou art the **firstborn One**;
By Thee all was created,
All for Thyself to own.
- 2 Thou art before all creatures,
In Thee all things **consist**;
Of all Thou art the **center**,
By Thee all things subsist.
Thou art the sole beginning,
The **Firstborn** from the dead;
And for the **Church**, Thy **Body**,
Thou art the glorious **Head**.
- 3 Because it pleased the **Father**,
All **fulness** dwells in Thee,
That Thou might have the **first place**
In all we ever see.
All things Thou reconciledst
To **God** by Thy shed **blood**,
To thus present us holy
And **blameless** unto **God**.
- 4 In Thee **God's fulness** dwelleth,
Thou art **God's** mystery;
The treasures of all **wisdom**
And knowledge are in Thee.
Thou art the **hope of glory**,
In us Thou dost abide;
In Thee we are perfected
And **God** is satisfied.
- 5 All things are but a shadow
Which unto us reveal
Thyself, in whom we're rooted,
The only One that's real.
Enjoying all Thy **riches**,
Thy **fulness** we will be;
We'll hold Thee, as Thy **Body**,
And grow with **God** in Thee.
- 6 With Thee in **God** we're hidden,
Thou art in us **our life**;
Thy **peace** in us presiding,
We rest from all our strife.
In the **new man**, Thy **Body**,
Thou art the **all in all**;
Our all-inclusive **Savior**,
Thyself we'll ever **call**.

Eph 1:6 - To the praise of the glory of His grace, with which He **graced** us in the **Beloved**;

Col 1:15 - Who is the **image** of the invisible God, the **Firstborn** of all creation,

Hymn 227

Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1 Through the **bread** and **cup**, **Lord Jesus**,
We Thy **death** exhibit here;
What Thy **love** has done reviewing,
All Thy **suff'ring** we revere.
Bread and **cup** in separation,
Show that Thou thru **death** hast gone;
Grateful now, our spirit **worships**,
And to Thee we give our song.
- Chorus:**
Thine the **cup** of **suff'ring**,
Mine the **cup** of **blessing**;
For Thy **love** in Thy **redemption**,
Praise we ever sing!
- 2 Thou, in love, hast **shed Thy blood**, Lord,
Bringing us to **God** in **grace**,
That from **God**, no longer severed,
We may ever see His face.
All God's **righteousness** and **glory**
Have been fully satisfied;
Thru Thy **death's** abundant merit
We may now with **God** abide.
- 3 By Thy **death** the **veil was riven**,
Opened was the **holiest place**,
All the barriers have been broken;
We approach the **throne of grace**,
There receiving **grace** and **mercy**,
Thus the **timely need** to meet,
Drinking as of **living water**,
Tasting **God** Himself replete.
- 4 Thou in **grace** hast so **redeemed** us,
We the priests may be fore'er
To fulfill that holy office,
All **God's** sweetness thus to share.
Such a **blessing**, such a **mercy**,
From Thy **death** for us ensue;
We would ever Thee **remember**
Till with Thee we **drink anew**.

Heb 4:16 - Let us therefore **come forward** with boldness to the **throne of grace** that we may receive mercy and find **grace** for **timely** help.

Heb 10:19 - Having therefore, brothers, boldness for **entering** the **Holy of Holies** in the **blood** of **Jesus**,

Heb 10:22 - Let us **come forward** to the **Holy of Holies** with a **true heart** in full assurance of faith...

Hymn 28

Worship of the Father –
His Love

- 1 The **love** of **God** is greater far
Than tongue or **pen** can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star
And reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair,
 bowed down with care,
God gave His **Son** to win;
His erring child He **reconciled**
And pardoned from his sin.
- Chorus:**
O **love** of **God**, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.
- 2 When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones
 and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills
 and mountains call;
God's love, so sure,
 shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming **grace** to Adam's race—
The saints' and angels' song.
- 3 Could we with **ink** the ocean fill,
And were the **skies**
 of parchment made;
Were every **stalk** on earth a quill,
And every man a **scribe** by trade;
To write the **love of God** above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the **scroll**
 contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

John 20:30 - Moreover indeed many other signs also **Jesus** did before His disciples, which are **not written** in this book.

John 20:31 - But these have been **written** that you may believe that **Jesus** is the **Christ**, the **Son of God**, and that **believing**, you may have life in His **name**.