

“WORD OF LIFE”

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49. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (29)

Q. IN THE FATHER’S HUSBANDRY

Hymns: Just to be in you / # 233/ # 5

✚ “Your words were found and I ate them, And Your word became to me The gladness and joy of my heart,” (Jer. 15:16)

John 15:1 - I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.

John 15:5 - I am the vine; you are the branches...; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

✚ “Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, ...” (Eph. 4:13)

❖ In the Father’s husbandry Christ is the vine (John 15:1)

- The true vine, is Christ the Son, with its branches, the believers in the Son,
 - is the organism of the Triune God in God’s economy, the divine dispensing,
 - to grow with His riches and express His divine life.
 - As the organism of the Triune God, the vine is corporate and universal.
- God the Father is the Husbandman.
 - He is the source, the originator, the founder, and the planter of a husbandry.
 - It is the Father’s pleasure that all that He is and has become the riches of Christ as the vine.
 - all the riches of the Father’s life, and
 - all the fullness of the Godhead are in the vine.
- The Son as the vine is the center of God’s economy and the embodiment of all the riches of the Father.
- The Father, by cultivating the Son, works Himself with all of His riches into this vine,
 - eventually the vine expresses the Father
 - through its branches in a corporate way.
 - This is the Father’s economy in the universe.

✚ “But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.,” (1Cor. 14:3)

✚ The Lord Jesus came as the true vine that can fully express God. He is the very embodiment of God and the full manifestation of God. What God is and what God has are embodied in Him and are fully expressed through Him.

✚ Christ as the true vine is the center of God’s economy, the center of God’s husbandry, of God’s universal enterprise. Everything that God the Father is and has is for the vine as the center, is embodied in the center, and is expressed through the center. God the Father is expressed, manifested, and glorified through the vine.

✚ God is life, and life needs an organism in which to grow and express itself. God desires to grow within and to have Himself expressed by means of this organism. This organism is the vine with the branches, Christ with the believers. This organism glorifies the Father by releasing and expressing His intent, content, life, and riches. The vine expresses the riches of the divine life in the clusters of fruit. This is the glorification of the Father through Christ as the vine in the Father’s husbandry.

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Just to be in You

Experience of Christ
Abiding in Him

1 Just to be **in You** as You're **in me**.
Just **abide** in You, **Lord**, constantly.
Here I'm **one** with You, as You're with me.
Here we're **joined** as one, **Lord**, mutually.

Chorus:

God's **dispensing**, His **economy**,
In His **Trinity**,
He's **transfusing**, and He's mingling
All He is to me.

2 I am just a **branch**, and You're the **vine**.
As I **dwell** in You, everything is fine.
Here I'd like to be, **Lord**, all the time.
Here I'm Yours, dear **Lord**,
and You are mine.

3 I'm a **branch** that's been, **Lord**, **grafted** in.
I'm supplied in You in this **life union**.
Here Your **riches**, **Lord**,
in this sweet life flow.
As I dwell in You, I will surely grow.

4 As I **dwell** in You, and You in me,
Here I'm **joined** to You,
Lord, practically.
As I stay with You, as You're with me,
We will **mingle**, **Lord**, subjectively.

5 As I'm **loving** You and
enjoying You, **Lord**,
You become in me the **rhema word**.
Here I'll pray in You as You pray in me.
You'll **bear fruit** in me,
Lord, abundantly.

6 As I **dwell** in You,
Lord You're flowing through.
Lord, You're **filling** me,
overflowing too.
Here we all are one and **expressing** You.
Here our joy is full as we **dwell** in You.

Joh 15:5 –

I am the **vine**; you are the **branches**. He
who abides in Me and **I in him**, he bears
much fruit; for apart from Me you can do
nothing.

Joh 15:7 –

If you **abide in Me** and My **words abide**
in you, ask whatever you will, and it
shall be done for you.

Hymn 233

Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

1 O what a miracle, my **Lord**,
That **I'm in Thee** and **Thou in me**,
That Thou and I are really **one**;
O what a wondrous mystery!

2 For me Thy **body** Thou didst give,
That I may ever **share** in Thee;
For me Thy precious **blood** was **shed**,
That from my **sins** I might be **free**.

3 By **resurrection** Thou didst change
Thy form and as the **Spirit** come;
Thou wouldst that
I be **filled** with Thee
That all Thy **riches** mine become.

4 Now as the **symbols** we behold,
Thy **loving** self we see anew;
We thank Thee
for Thy heart's desire
As all Thy travail we review.

5 We **eat** the **bread**
and **drink** the **wine**,
And to Thy sweetness we are led;
In spirit each **receiving** Thee,
Our spirits with Thyself are fed.

6 We long to **eat**
and **drink** e'en more,
To take Thyself in spirit thus,
Till Thou shalt **all our being fill**
And **true remembrance**
have from us.

Joh 14:18 –

I will not leave you as orphans; **I am**
coming to you.

Joh 14:19 –

Yet a little while and the world beholds
Me no longer, but you behold Me;
because I live, **you also shall live**.

Joh 14:20 –

In that day you will know that **I am in**
My Father, and **you in Me**, and **I in you**.

Hymn 5

Blessing of the Trinity
His Fatherhood

1 **God**, our **Father**, we adore Thee!
We, Thy children, **bless** Thy Name!
Chosen in the **Christ** before Thee,
We are "*holy without blame*."
We adore Thee! we **adore** Thee!
Abba's **praises** we proclaim!
We adore Thee! we **adore** Thee!
Abba's **praises** we proclaim!

2 **Son Eternal**, we adore Thee!
Lamb upon the throne on high!
Lamb of God,
we **bow** before Thee,
Thou hast brought
Thy people nigh!
We adore Thee! we **adore** Thee!
Son of God, Who came to die!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Son of God, Who came to die!

3 **Father, Son and Holy Spirit**—
Three in One! we give Thee **praise**!
For the **riches** we inherit,
Heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! we **adore** Thee!
Thee we **bless**,
through endless days!
We adore Thee! we **adore** Thee!
Thee we **bless**,
through endless days!

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.

2Th 2:13 –

But we ought to thank **God** always
concerning you, brothers beloved of
the Lord, because **God** **chose** you
from the beginning unto salvation in
sanctification of the **Spirit** and belief
of the truth,