

“WORD OF LIFE”

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49. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (29)

R. IN THE NEW COVENANT

1. The Apostle

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

[The New Covenant]

Heb. 7:22 - By so much Jesus has also become the surety of a **better covenant**.

Heb. 8:6 - But now He has obtained a more excellent **ministry** in as much as He is also the **Mediator** of a **better covenant**, ...

[1. The Apostle]

Heb. 3:1 - Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the **Apostle**..., Jesus,

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

✚ The **new covenant**.

- ✓ The **new covenant**, which the Lord Jesus enacted, is **better** than the old covenant made through Moses.
- ✓ In the **old** covenant all things were **shadows**, whereas in the **new covenant** everything is **reality**.
- ✓ Everything in the old covenant has been **fulfilled** and **realized** in the **new covenant**.
- ✓ Hence, the **new covenant** is a better covenant (Heb. 7:22; 8:6).
- ✓ In the **new covenant** God **gives** us **forgiveness**, **life**, **salvation**, and all spiritual, heavenly, and divine **blessings**.

❖ In the **new covenant** **Christ** is the first **Apostle** (Heb. 3:1).

➤ The word “**apostle**” in Greek means a **sent one**, one who is sent by a higher authority.

- Christ was **sent** by God to carry out God’s new covenant.
- As the **Apostle** Christ is the One who was sent to us **from God and with God** (John 6:46; 8:16, 29).
- Christ, our **Apostle**, **came to us with God** to share God with us so that we may partake of His divine nature, life, and **fullness**.

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

✚ As the **Apostle** Christ is **typified** by Moses, who came from God to **serve** the house of God. However, whereas Moses was **only part** of the house, Christ is the **Builder** of God’s house (Heb. 3:3).

He has two natures:

- **humanity**, which is good for the **material** for the building of God’s house,
- and **divinity**, which is the **element** of the **Builder**.

As the **Apostle**, Christ **came to us** with God to share God with us that we may **partake** of His divine life, nature, and **fullness**.

✚ Christ was sent from God to be the **Apostle** to form, **build**, and constitute God’s house, **the church** (1 Tim. 3:15), and then **to** take care of this house. Christ is now “*over His house, whose house we are*” (Heb. 3:6). Today in the church we enjoy Him as the **Apostle** in the **new covenant**.

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Hymn 1187

Experience of Christ
As the Minister of the New Covenant

- 1 Your **ministry**, O Lord,
How excellent it is;
A **better covenant**,
And **better promises**;
Enacted on a better law.
Of such You are **Executor**.
- 2 A **better covenant**,
And **better promises**;
A better **law of life**
And sacrifice this.
Redemption's work, done long ago,
A better **blood** has made it so.
- 3 In **Hebrews eight** we see
The way to make us whole;
Life planted deep within,
Which spreads into the **soul**.
The **law of life**, **imparted**, still
Inscribed in **mind**, **emotion**, **will**.
- 4 The **law of letters** leave,
The **law of life** pursue;
The one is old and dead,
The other **fresh** and **new**.
Dead teachings cannot help the seed;
The **law of life** is what we need.
- 5 The **law of life** in us,
In function now we see,
Works not by will and thought
But automatically.
It **saturates**, **conforms** to Him;
The standard model **spreads** within.
- 6 Our sins are all forgiv'n,
His life **imparted** too;
God is our **God** today,
And we're **His people** true.
We know Him in an **inward** way:
These blessings four have come to stay.
- 7 We're being **sonized** now;
The **life within** will do
The deep **transforming** work
Of making us **anew**.
In ages past, the work was done—
Now prayer is over—**praise** the **Son**!

Heb 8:10 –

For this is the **covenant** which I will
covenant with the house of Israel after
those days, says the Lord:
I will **impart** My **laws** into their **mind**,
and on their **hearts** I will **inscribe** them;
and I will be God to them, and they will
be a people to Me.

Hymn 224

Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1 As we're sharing of the **cup**,
How can we restrain our **praise**;
For the **blood** Thou **shedd'st** for us,
Worth of which none can appraise.
O how precious is Thy **blood**!
All our problems it resolves;
In Thine efficacious **blood**
All our care and fear dissolves.
- 2 It is by this **blood** of worth
The **New Testament** was made;
For this **better covenant**,
'Tis a sure foundation laid.
We have been **redeemed** by **God**,
Not with silver or with gold,
But, **Lord**, with Thy precious **blood**,
Which Thy **love** doth e'er unfold.
- 3 For **remission** of our sins
Thou hast shed Thy cleansing **blood**.
Which for us has fully met
All the righteous claims of **God**.
Thou hast **washed** us from our sins
In Thy pow'rful purging **blood**;
And our conscience purged by it,
Thus to serve the **living God**.
- 4 By Thy separating **blood**,
We have all been **sanctified**;
'Tis by Thy preserving **blood**
Holiness is testified.
By Thy **propitiating** **blood**,
We have all been **justified**;
'Tis by Thy **redeeming** **blood**
God is fully satisfied.
- 5 Thru Thy **blood** shed on the **cross**,
We are **reconciled** to **God**,
That the way to contact Him
May in **peace** by us be trod.
By **partaking** of Thy **blood**,
We have Thine **eternal life**;
In Thy **blood** and life received,
We have rest, free from all strife.

Luke 22:19 –

And He took a **loaf** and gave thanks, and
He broke it and gave it to them, saying,
This is My **body** which is being **given** for
you; do this in **remembrance** of Me.

Luke 22:20 –

And similarly the **cup** after they had
dined, saying, This **cup** is the **new**
covenant established in My **blood**,
which is being **poured** out for you.

Hymn 16

Worship of the Father
His Newness

- 1 Our **Father**, as the evergreen,
Thou art forever **new**;
Thou art the ever living **Lord**,
Thy **freshness** as the **dew**.
- Chorus:**
O **Father**, Thou art unchanging,
Thou never hast grown old;
Thru countless ages, ever **fresh**,
Thy **newness** doth unfold.
- 2 O Thou art **God**, and Thou art "**new**";
Without Thee all is worn,
But all with Thee is ever **fresh**,
Though many years have gone.
 - 3 Each blessing Thou hast given us
Thy **newness** doth contain;
Thy **covenant**, Thy ways are **new**,
And ever thus remain.
 - 4 Now we Thy **new creation** are—
New spirit and **new heart**;
We're daily from the old **renewed**,
New life Thou dost impart.
 - 5 The earth and heavens will be **new**
And Thy **new city** share;
New fruits each month will be supplied,
For all is **newness** there.
 - 6 O **Father**, Thou art ever **new**,
And all is **new** in Thee;
We sing the **new eternal song**,
New **praise** we give to Thee.

Heb. 13:20 - 21 –

Now the **God** of **peace**, He who brought
up from the dead our **Lord Jesus**, the
great **Shepherd** of the sheep, in the
blood of an **eternal covenant**,
Perfect you in **every good work** for the
doing of His **will**, ...; to Him be the glory
forever and ever. **Amen**.

2Cor. 5:17 –

So then if anyone is in **Christ**, he is a
new creation. The old things have passed
away; behold, they have become **new**.

Rev. 21:5b –

And He **who** sits on the throne said,
Behold, I make all things **new**...