

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 49. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (29)

#### R. IN THE NEW COVENANT

#### 5. The Surety of a Better Covenant

Hymns: # 1120 / # 228 / # 8032

✚ “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 – superior to the old]

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

Heb. 7:25 - Hence also He is able to save to the uttermost those who come forward to God through Him, since He lives always to intercede for them.

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

❖ “Jesus has become the surety of a better covenant.” (Heb. 7:22)

➤ Christ has become the Surety of a better covenant because He is the living and perpetual High Priest.

- In Greek, the root word translated “surety” means a limb, a member of the body.
  - The meaning is that a member of the body pledges itself to the body.
  - This pledge is a guarantee.
- In Hebrew, the word surety means that Christ has pledged Himself to the new covenant and to all of us.
  - He is the bondsman, the guarantee
  - that He will do everything necessary for the fulfillment of the new covenant.
- This pledge, which is unlimited, depends completely on His divine priesthood.
  - He is always available and prevailing to fulfill whatever He has guaranteed.
  - Everything included in it will be fulfilled not by us but by our Surety.

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

✚ A bond has been signed by Christ. Christ signed this bond by pledging Himself to the new covenant and to all of us. Christ has pledged Himself in this way, there is no possibility for Him to change His mind. He must do everything for us. Thus, He is the Surety of the new covenant.

✚ Christ is not only the consummator of the new covenant; He is also the surety, the pledge that everything in the new covenant will be fulfilled. He has become the surety of a better covenant based on the fact that He is our living and perpetual High Priest.

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### Hymn 1120

Fulness of the Spirit  
The Anointing, Sealing, and Pledging

- 1 The **Holy Spirit** is the **seal**,  
The **foretaste**, **earnest**, and the **pledge**.  
He designates us as **God's** own  
And **guarantees** our **heritage**.
- 2 'Twas after we **believed** in **Christ**,  
The word of truth, the **gospel**, heard,  
The **Holy Spirit** us did **seal**  
To show that we **belong** to **God**.
- 3 This **Spirit** as the **living seal**,  
To us **God's** **image** now **imparts**;  
**Conforming** us unto the **Son**,  
He stamps His image in our hearts.
- 4 This **Spirit** also is the **pledge**,  
Our **earnest** and our **foretaste** true.  
He **witnesses** that we are sons,  
With **God's** **inheritance** in view.
- 5 'Tis by this **Spirit God** does **spread**  
Into our mind, emotion, will;  
By **sealing** every inward part,  
He will our very being **fill**.
- 6 Oh **Lord**, we would **cooperate**  
With all Thy **Spirit's** **inward move**;  
That we'd become **Thy masterpiece**,  
Th' eternal purpose thus to prove.

#### 2Cor. 1:21 –

But the One who firmly **attaches** us with  
you unto **Christ** and has anointed us is  
**God**,

#### 2Cor. 1:22 –

He who has also **sealed** us and given the  
**Spirit** in our hearts as a **pledge**.

#### 2Cor. 5:5 –

Now He who has **wrought** us for this  
very thing is **God**, who has given to us  
the **Spirit** as a **pledge**.

#### 2Cor. 5:6 –

Therefore being always of **good courage**  
and knowing that while we are at home  
in the body, we are **abroad** from the  
**Lord**.

### Hymn 228

Praise the Lord –  
Remembrance of Him

- 1 Sweet feast of **love** divine!  
'Tis **grace** that makes us **free**  
To **feed** upon this **bread** and **wine**,  
In **mem'ry**, **Lord**, of Thee.
- 2 Here every welcome guest  
Waits, **Lord**, from Thee to learn  
The secrets of Thy **Father's** breast,  
And all Thy **grace** discern.
- 3 Here conscience ends its strife,  
And **faith** delights to prove  
The sweetness of the **Bread of Life**,  
The fulness of Thy **love**.
- 4 That **blood** that flowed for **sin**  
In **symbol** here we see,  
And feel the **blessed pledge** within  
That we are **loved** of Thee.
- 5 O if this glimpse of **love**  
Is so divinely sweet,  
What will it be, O **Lord**, above,  
Thy gladd'ning smile to meet!
- 6 To see Thee **face to face**,  
Thy **perfect likeness** wear,  
And all Thy ways of wondrous **grace**  
Through endless years declare.

#### 1John 4:9 –

In this the **love** of **God** was  
manifested among us, that God **sent**  
His only **begotten Son** into the world  
that we might have life and live  
through Him.

#### 1John 4:10 –

Herein is **love**, not that we have  
**loved God** but that He **loved** us and  
**sent** His **Son** as a propitiation for our  
sins.

#### 1John 4:19 –

We **love** because He first **loved** us.

### Hymn 8032

Worship of the Father  
His Predestination

- 1 We **praise** Thee, **glorious Father**,  
As objects of Thy **grace**,  
Who for Thine own heart's **pleasure**  
Are now before Thy face:  
Thy sons **marked out** for **glory**  
Known from eternity  
With **Christ** Thy Well-beloved,  
Object supreme to Thee.
- 2 For **holiness** Thou chose us,  
Ere earth was set in space,  
**Predestined** us Thy **glorious**  
Inheritance in **grace**;  
Thou **marked us out** beforehand,  
Chose us for **sonship's** sake;  
Our full **predestined** portion,  
When full-grown, we'll partake.
- 3 As Thou **predestinated**,  
Thou called us to be **graced**;  
Thy life divine **imparted**,  
Our every sin erased.  
Our **pledge** and **seal's** the **Spirit**,  
Supplying boundlessly;  
Thine ever, we inherit  
Thy wealth eternally.
- 4 Who else but Thee, O **Father**,  
Could in Thine only **Son**  
So **bless** us with Thy **Spirit**,  
And have us for Thine own?  
Soon shall we be forever  
With **Christ** in **glory**; then  
We'll shine in His blest image  
Eternally, Amen!

#### 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,