

“WORD OF LIFE”

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49. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (29)

R. IN THE NEW COVENANT

6. The Maker and the Executor of the New Testament

Hymns: # 188 / # 221 / # 16

✚ “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 9:16 - For where there is a testament, the death of him who made the testament must of necessity be established.

Heb 9:17 - For a testament is confirmed in the case of the dead, since it never has force when he who made the testament is living.

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

❖ Christ is the Maker and the Executor of the New Testament (Heb. 9:16-17).

- The new covenant was consummated with the blood of Christ
 - It was not merely a covenant containing promises for us,
 - but a testament with all the things which have been accomplished by the death of Christ bequeathed to us.
- God’s covenant is enacted upon God’s promise (Heb. 8:6),
 - after God made His promise, He confirmed, sealed it with an oath,
 - immediately became the covenant confirmed, sealed by God.
 - they cannot be altered;
 - there is no possibility of repentance or change.
- The Lord Jesus came and accomplished all that God had promised.
 - By the Lord’s work on earth every item of God’s promise has become an accomplished fact.
 - God’s promised covenant was consummated as the new covenant by the Lord’s death with His blood.

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

✚ After His death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus ascended into the heavens, leaving with us the covenant that He had accomplished by His death. When He left this covenant with us, it immediately became, a New Testament bequeathed to us.

✚ Through the Lord’s death and resurrection all the promises were fulfilled and became accomplished facts. Now these facts are bequests. As our High Priest in the heavens, the Lord is now the Executor of the New Testament, executing what He has bequeathed.

✚ Today the resurrected Christ is executing this will by interceding for us. The New Testament, has been validated by Christ’s death and is being executed and enforced by Christ in His resurrection. As the ascended One sitting on the throne in the heavens, Christ is now executing what He has bequeathed, interceding for us to realize all the bequests contained in the New Testament.

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Hymn 188
Praise of the Lord
His All-Inclusiveness

- 1 Dear **Lord**, Thou art the **Son of God**,
His absolute **expression**;
In Thee **God** speaks to us today,
Thou art His **definition**.
- 2 The **impress** of **God's** substance true,
Effulgence of His **glory**,
Thou even art our **God** Himself,
In Thee is His full story.
- 7 Thou also art a **man** indeed,
With all our human nature;
By **grace** Thou **tastedst death** for us
That we may have Thy stature.
- 11 Superior Thou to **Moses**, **Lord**,
As to the house the builder;
Thou, our **Apostle** sent from **God**,
Art worthy of more splendor.
- 16 Thou art the **better sacrifice**,
Thru the eternal **Spirit**,
Once offered unto **God** for us,
That we may gain Thy merit.
- 17 A **better covenant** was made
With Thy dear **blood** in heaven;
By Thee this sure **New Testament**
To Thy **redeemed** was given.
- 18 Thou art its **Maker** adequate,
For Thou dost have the merit;
Thou art its **Giver** competent
That we may all inherit;
- 19 Its qualified **Executor**,
By life of **resurrection**;
Its potent **Mediator** too,
Fulfilling **God's** election.
- 21 Thou art the **Finisher** of **faith**,
As well its **Author** perfect;
By faith and love we follow Thee,
And e'er to Thee are subject.
- 22 Unequaled is Thy worth, dear **Lord**,
And all Thou art we **treasure**;
Thou art so perfect and complete,
Beyond all human measure.

Heb. 12:2 –
Looking away unto **Jesus**, the **Author**
and Perfector of our **faith**, ...

1Tim. 2:5 –
For there is one **God** and one
Mediator of God and men, the man
Christ Jesus,

Hymn 221
Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1 **Lord**, we thank Thee for the **table**,
With the **bread** and with the **wine**;
At this **table** we enjoy Thee
As the **feast** of love divine.
We **partake** the **bread**, the **emblem**
Of Thy **body** giv'n for us;
And we share the **wine**, the symbol
Of Thy **blood** Thou **shedd'st** for us.

Chorus:
Lo, the **holy table**!
With the **sacred symbols**;
Its significance in **figure**
Is unsearchable!

- 2 By the **death** of Thy **redemption**,
That Thy **life** Thou may impart,
E'en Thyself to us Thou gavest
That we share in all Thou art.
By the **bread** and **wine** **partaking**,
We Thy **death** display and prove;
Eating, drinking of Thyself, **Lord**,
We **remember** Thee with **love**.
- 3 By this **bread** which signifieth
Thy one **body** mystical,
We **commune** with all Thy members
In one bond identical.
By this holy **cup** of **blessing**,
Cup of **wine** which now we **bless**,
Of Thy **blood** we have **communion**
With all those who faith possess.
- 4 Thou art our **eternal portion**,
Here we take a sweet **foretaste**;
We are waiting for Thy **kingdom**,
And Thy coming now we haste.
At Thy coming, in Thy **kingdom**,
With all saints that overcome,
We anew will **feast** upon Thee
And Thy loving **Bride** become.

1Cor. 10:16 –
The **cup** of blessing which we **bless**,
is it not the **fellowship** of the **blood** of
Christ? The **bread** which we **break**,
is it not the **fellowship** of the **body** of
Christ?

1Cor. 10:17 –
Seeing that there is **one bread**, we
who are many are **one Body**; for we
all **partake** of the one **bread**.

Hymn 16
Worship of the Father
His Predestination

- 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.

Rev. 21:5 –
... Behold, I make all things **new**.
And He said, Write, for these words
are **faithful** and **true**.

Isa. 42:9 –
Indeed, the former things have come
to pass, And **new things** I am telling
you; ...

Isa. 42:10 –
Sing a **new song** to **Jehovah**;
Sing His **praise** from the end of the
earth;