

“WORD OF LIFE”

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49. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (29)

R. IN THE NEW COVENANT

7. The Offerings

Hymns: # 112 / # 1109 / # 40

✚ “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 – better sacrifices and better blood]

Heb. 9:14 - ...the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, ...

Heb. 9:26 - ...He has been manifested for the putting away of sin through the sacrifice of Himself.

Heb. 10:9 - ...“Behold, I have come to do Your will.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second,

Heb. 10:10 - ...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Heb. 10:12 - ...this One, having offered one sacrifice for sins, sat down forever on the right hand of God,

✚ “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 was consummated with better sacrifices and with the blood that speaks better things.

- ✓ The will of God is to take away the first, the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament,
- ✓ so that the second, the sacrifice of Christ of the New Testament, might be established to replace the sacrifices of the Old Testament.

❖ Christ offered Himself as one sacrifice (Heb. 9:14; 10:12).

- All the sacrifices offered according to the law were a shadow of Christ.
 - None of the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests could put away sin.
 - The Old Testament predicted that Christ would come to be the sacrifice for sin,
 - Christ would come to replace and terminate the Levitical sacrifices. (Isa. 53:10, 12)
- At the fullness of time, Christ came with a body of blood and flesh to replace those sacrifices of the law.
 - In the flesh He offered Himself to God once for all to take away sins.
 - Christ has dealt with sins once for all (Heb. 1:3; 2:17; 7:27; 9:26; 10:12).
 - Christ, the unique sacrifice, is the reality of all the offerings.

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

✚ Christ is the eternal Son of the living God incarnated to be the Son of Man who offered Himself to God through the eternal Spirit, His sacrifices are better than those of animals. The animal sacrifices were shadows which could never take away sins (Heb. 10:11), but His sacrifices are real and have put away sin once for all (Heb. 9:26).

✚ In the new covenant Christ, the unique sacrifice, is the reality of all the offerings. According to the divine principle, God’s covenant required both the blood and the offerings. Christ is both the Shedder of the better blood and also the offerings for the enacting of the new covenant and to make this covenant a will full of divine bequests. (Heb. 10:7, 9, 10)

✚ In the new covenant Christ is everything. He is the Apostle, the High Priest, the Shedder of the better blood, the Mediator, the Surety, the Maker and Executor of the New Testament, and all the offerings. Through Him, the new covenant has become a New Testament with many bequests for us to enjoy and experience through the Spirit.

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Hymn 112
Praise of the Lord

1 How sweet is the story
of **Christ's** boundless love,
That brought Him to suffer
from glory above!
He died in our stead
upon Calvary's tree,
Obtaining redemption
that we might be free.

Chorus:

Sound His praise!
Sound His praise!
All the work has been done;
Praise His name!
Praise His name!
Jesus, God's blessed Son.
We give Him the glory,
our **Savior** and Friend;
Our song is of **Jesus**
and never will end.

2 How wondrous the story!
the law's holy claims
Were met by the blood
which redemption proclaims.
The judgment of sin
has been borne by the **Son**,
Who glorified **God**
in the work He has done.

3 How brilliant the glory
where **Christ** is enthroned
How rightly His name
above others is owned!
Yes, **Jesus**, the **Savior**,
the glory-crowned **Lord**,
Is worthy by all to be ever adored.

Eph 5:2 –

And walk in love, even as **Christ**
also loved us and gave Himself up
for us, an offering and a sacrifice to
God for a sweet-smelling savor.

Col 1:14 –

In whom we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins;

Hymn 1109
Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

1 Take, drink this cup, His blood,
Redemption of our **God**.
The peace which **Christ** has made,
Is in this cup displayed.
We fellowship now with the **Son**:
On Calvary the work was done:
The way is clear, now all can come!

2 Take, drink this cup, each one,
His death show till He come.
Eat, drink, display this feast:
God in the **Lamb** released!
Around the table, sup and dine;
We eat the bread and drink the wine.
All blessing in this cup we find.

3 No blood of cow or goat
Could give us any hope.
Our sins would all remain
Still year by year the same.
A **God-man**, sinless, He must find
No other offering of His kind,
A spotless lamb for all mankind.

4 Come! Now enjoy His blood.
What access this to **God**!
Here wondrous cleansing power
Flows to us, hour by hour.
One sacrifice for all was made,
And peace our conscience
does pervade.
Redemption's price is fully paid!

5 Redeemer! Savior! King!
Of Thy dear blood we sing,
For in it now we see
Thy mercy, boundless, free.
This cup, our portion blessed of God,
Is of the covenant in Thy blood—
Dear, precious, precious,
priceless blood!

Heb 10:14 –

For by one offering He has perfected
forever those who are being sanctified.

Heb 10:17 –

...“And their sins and their lawlessnesses
I shall by no means remember anymore.”

Heb 10:18 –

Now where forgiveness of these is, there
is no longer an offering for sin.

Hymn 40
Worship of the Father
His Redemption

1 We praise Thee, O **God**,
For the **Son** of Thy love,
For our **Savior** who died and
Is now gone above.

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
Hallelujah! Amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory,
We praise Thee again.

2 We praise Thee, O **God**,
For Thy **Spirit** of light,
Who has shown us our **Savior**,
And scattered our night.

3 All glory and praise
To Thee, **Father** of love,
For through **Jesus' redemption**
Thy heart we may prove.

4 We praise Thee again;
We are filled with Thy love,
And each heart is rekindled
With fire from above.

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.