

“WORD OF LIFE”

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49. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (29)

S. IN THE APOSTLES’ PREACHING

The Triumphant Victor

Hymns: # 124 / # 1111 / # 50

✚ “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 Ministry of the New Covenant – Its triumph and effect]

2Cor. 2:14 - But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in the Christ and manifests the savor of the knowledge of Him through us in every place.

2Cor. 2:15 - For we are a fragrance of Christ to God in those who are being saved and in those who are perishing:

2Cor. 2:16 - To some a savor out of death unto death, and to the others a savor out of life unto life. ...

✚ “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 apostles’ preaching Christ is the triumphant Victor (2 Cor. 2:14)

➤ God always leads “us” the apostles in such a triumphant way in their ministry.

- (Saul of Tarsus) Paul once fought against Christ, the heavenly General
 - He fought against Christ, against God’s economy, and against the churches
 - but eventually he was defeated, subdued, and captured,
 - and thereby became a captive of Christ.
 - he was placed in Christ’s triumphal procession as one of the captives in a train of defeated foes.
- The proper ministry of the New Testament is a triumphal procession celebrating Christ’s victory.
 - The ministry of the New Testament is to testify of Christ as the triumphant Victor.

➤ God is celebrating His triumph over His enemies

- The conquered and captured captives in the train of Christ’s triumph are celebrating and participating in Christ’s triumph.
- The apostles as captives of Christ in their ministry for Him was God’s celebration of Christ’s victory over His enemies.

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

✚ The captives of Christ in their ministry for Him is God’s celebration of Christ’s victory over His enemies. Their move and ministry for Christ is like a triumphal procession from one place to another under God’s leading,

- ✓ bearing the fragrant incense of Christ for His triumphant glory
- ✓ scattering the fragrance of Christ from place to place.

✚ The conquered and captured captives are celebrating and participating in Christ’s triumph, an incense-bearer, scattering incense as the procession moves on. Some of the conquered enemies were put to death (perished); to them the smell of the incense was ‘an odor of death unto death’; to the rest who were spared (saved), ‘an odor of life unto life’

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Hymn 124
Praise of the Lord
His Victory

- 1 **Praise** Him! **praise** Him!
Christ is **Victor**!
He has won the **victory**!
Sin is judged, old Adam finished,
Full **redemption** now we see!
Vanquished all the **evil** powers
Thru the **Cross** **triumphantly**!
- 2 **Praise** Him!
Christ is **resurrected**!
God hath **raised** Him
from the dead!
All the pow'r of death
is swallowed,
Man from death to **life** is **led**!
Broken through are hell
and darkness
And His **pow'r** exhibited!
- 3 **Praise** Him!
Christ hath now **ascended**!
God hath **raised** Him to the **throne**!
Far above all rule and power,
He the highest **Name** doth own!
All **authority** receiving
Till His **foe** is overthrown!
- 4 **Hallelujah**, **Christ** the **Victor**
Triumphed on Mt. **Calvary**!
Hallelujah, **resurrected**,
He displays His **victory**!
Hallelujah, now **ascended**,
He shall **reign** eternally!

1Cor. 15:57 –

But thanks be to **God** who gives us
the **victory** through our **Lord Jesus**
Christ.

Rom 8:37 –

But in all these things we **more than**
conquer through Him who loved us.

Hymn 1111
Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1 **Gathered** at Thy **table**, **Lord**;
Here the **bread** and **wine** are spread.
Thou, our High Priest, present here;
We, by Thee, are **richly fed**.
Thou, **Lord**, our **Melchisedec**—
We, the ones You come to **feed**;
God to us to **minister**,
Rich supply to us indeed.
- 2 From the slaughter of the kings
Abram did return one night,
O'er the foe **victorious**,
With the spoils of the fight.
On the way this One he met,
Who for him did **intercede**;
King of **Righteousness** and **Peace**
Meeting **Abram** in his need.
- 3 We too, **Lord**,
the kings have **fought**
In the battle all day long;
By Thine **intercession**, **Lord**,
We are now **victorious**, strong.
Round this **table** here we meet,
We Thy **church** **victorious**,
To enjoy the **ministering**
Of the processed **God** to us.
- 4 We're not **sinners**, miserable;
All our **sins** are history!
Now to us, the fighters true,
Is Thy priestly ministry.
Gathered in **thanksgiving**, **Lord**,
Now our hearts to Thee we raise;
To our great **Melchisedec**,
Render we our highest **praise**!

1Cor. 11:26 –

For as often as you **eat** this **bread** and
drink the **cup**, you **declare** the Lord's
death until He comes.

Hymn 50
Worship of the Father
His Praise from Many Sons

- 1 **Father**, Thy **Son** beloved
leads our praise
After the banquet **feast**
is had and done;
How dear, how sweet
to Thee the **praise** He **leads**,
And in His **praises**
joining we are one.
- 2 **Father**, we need
no **goodness** more than Thee,
Nor do we seek
a **love** that's less than Thine;
How we **adore** Thee
now that here we know
Thy searchless,
uncreated **life** **divine**.
- 3 **Father**, within Thy **love**
our **love** to Thee
Grows, far **transcending**
all our earthly ties;
Thine own dear **love**
in power **leads** our hearts
Where Thine own
presence deeply satisfies.
- 4 **Father**, by joining
with Thy **Son** **beloved**,
We all with gladness
praise Thee now again;
Joyfully **feasting** on Thy holy **love**,
Tasting, as **sons**,
the sweetness of Thy **name**.

1John 3:1 –

Behold what manner of **love** the
Father has given to us, that we
should be called **children** of **God**;
and **we are**.

1John 3:2 –

Beloved, now **we are** **children** of
God, and it has not yet been
manifested what we will be. We
know that if He is manifested, we
will be like Him because we will **see**
Him even as He is.