

“WORD OF LIFE”

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50. CHRIST – HIS **PERSON** (30)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

The **Portion of the Saints**

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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 preeminent and all-inclusive One]

- Col. 1:12 - Giving **thanks** to the **Father**,
who has **qualified** you for a **share** of the **allotted portion** of the saints in the light;
- Col. 1:13 - ... into the **kingdom** of the **Son** of His love,
- Col. 1:15 - ... the **image** of the invisible **God**, the **Firstborn** of all creation,
- Col. 1:18 - ... the **Head** of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the **Firstborn** from the dead,
that He Himself might have the **first place** in all things;
- Col. 1:19 - For in **Him** all the **fullness** was pleased to dwell

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

❖ **Christ** as the **portion** of the saints (Colossians 1:12)

- In the **Old Testament**, God gave His chosen people, the **good land** for their inheritance and enjoyment.
 - Each of the twelve tribes received an **allotment** of the good land,
 - the good land was all things to the children of Israel
- In the **New Testament**, as God’s chosen people, we have Christ as our **portion**.
 - The good land is an all-inclusive type of Christ
 - Christ is our **portion**, our lot, our everything (Colossians 1:12-29)
 - He is the **image** of God and also the **Firstborn** of **all** creation (v. 15).
 - As to His divinity He is the image of the invisible **God**.
 - In His humanity He is the first item of God’s creation.
 - He is also the **Firstborn** in resurrection (v. 18), the **Firstborn** of the **new** creation.
 - He is the One in whom all the **fullness** of the **divine Trinity** dwells (v. 19).

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

✚ **Christ** must have the **preeminence**, the first place, **in** everything. He is the One who has the **preeminence in all** things, He redeemed and reconciled all things to God. **Christ** the wonderful, all-inclusive One is our **portion** for our enjoyment in the divine dispensing.

✚ **Christ** as the **all-inclusive One** belongs to all of us. He is the **portion** given to us by **God**. We have been **called** into the **fellowship** of **Christ** who is ours (1 Cor. 1:9). That **Christ** is ours means that He is our **portion**. We have **Christ** as our unique **portion**.

- ✓ We have been called **into** the fellowship, **into** the participation and enjoyment, of this **portion**, and this **portion** is God’s **power** and **wisdom** to us (1 Cor. 1:24).
- ✓ We have been **put into** this **portion**, and God has made this **portion** our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption (1 Cor. 1:30).

Hymn 197
Praise of the Lord
His All-inclusiveness

- 1 How all-inclusive, Lord, Thou art;
Of God we are in Thee—
The portion God prepared for us,
Our all in all to be.
- 2 Thou art to us God's wisdom true,
We all are saved through Thee;
Thou art God's only way to save,
Thou art our only plea.
- 3 Thou art to us our righteousness,
All God requires to meet;
In Thee we all are justified,
In Thee we are complete.
- 4 Thou art to us our holiness
That we may be transformed;
In Thee we all are sanctified,
To Thee we'll be conformed.
- 5 Thou art to us redemption too,
That we Thy likeness bear;
Transfigured will our bodies be
Thy liberty to share.
- 6 Dear Lord,
while we remember Thee,
Enjoying all Thou art,
We thus would hasten Thy return
And ne'er from Thee depart.
- 7 How sweet
to have this foretaste here,
A taste so wonderful,
Yet still we fain would be with Thee,
And share Thyself in full.

Gal. 3:28 –

There cannot be Jew nor Greek,
there cannot be slave nor free man;
there cannot be male and female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 4:4-6 –

One Body and one Spirit, even as
also you were called in one hope of
your calling;
One Lord, one faith, one baptism;
One God and Father of all, who is
over all and through all and in all.

Hymn 223
Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1 On the table of Thy love,
With the bread, the cup is spread.
By partaking of these signs,
We with Thee are richly fed.
How we thank Thee for this cup,
For the cup of blessing, Lord,
Cup of Thy Salvation full,
Cup of all Thou dost afford.
- 2 'Tis the blood Thou shedd'st for us,
That our sins may be forgiven;
'Tis the covenant made for us,
That Thy blessings may be given.
Thou didst drink the cup of wrath,
Thou hast tasted death for us,
Thus the cup of blessing bought,
As the portion gained for us.
- 3 In this portion we have God,
Whom we lost thru Adam's fall;
By the shedding of Thy blood,
God becomes our all in all.
In this portion all we have—
Life and peace, redemption sure;
All that God has planned
and willed,
In this portion we secure.
- 4 An eternal portion, 'tis,
Overflowing cup divine;
Heav'nly taste do we enjoy
In this cup of God's design.
Here in love we drink this cup
In remembrance, Lord, of Thee;
Thus in spirit we partake
All Thy work on Calvary.

1Cor. 10:16-17 –

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?
Seeing that there is one bread, we
who are many are one Body; for we
all partake of the one bread.

Hymn 27
Worship of the Father
His Love

- 1 Come, let us all unite to sing,
God is love, God is love.
Let heav'n and earth
their praises bring;
God is love, God is love.
Let ev'ry soul from sin awake,
Each in his heart
sweet music make,
And sing with us, for Jesus' sake,
God is love! God is love!
- 2 How happy is our portion here!
God is love, God is love.
His promises our spirits cheer;
God is love, God is love.
He is our sun and shield by day,
Our help, our hope,
our strength, and stay,
He will be with us all the way:
God is love! God is love!
- 3 In glory we shall sing again,
God is love, God is love.
Yes, this shall be our lofty strain,
God is love, God is love.
While endless ages roll along,
In concert with the heav'nly throng,
This shall be
still our sweetest song,
God is love! God is love!

1John 2:15 –

Do not love the world nor the things
in the world. If anyone loves the
world, love for the Father is not in
him;

1John 2:16 –

Because all that is in the world,
the lust of the flesh and
the lust of the eyes and
the vainglory of life,
is not of the Father but is of the
world.

1John 2:17 –

And the world is passing away, and
its lust, but he who does the will of
God abides forever.