

“WORD OF LIFE”

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50. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (30)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

2. God

Hymns: # 1198 / # 220 / # 12

✚ “Your words were found and I ate them, And Your word became to me The gladness and joy of my heart,” (Jer. 15:16)

[Christ who is our Savior God appeared]

Titus 1:2 - In the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before the times of the ages

Titus 1:3 - But in its own times manifested His word ... according to the command of our Savior God;

Titus 3:4 - But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,

Titus 2:11 - For the grace of God, bringing salvation to all men, has appeared,

John 4:14 - But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him ... will become in him a fountain of water springing up into eternal life.

John 7:38 - He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

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

❖ As our portion, Christ who is our Savior is God, the Triune God, to us (Titus 1:3; 3:4).

➤ The Triune God is our portion for our enjoyment.

- God is not only an object of worship;
- He is a portion for us to enjoy.

➤ The way to receive God as our salvation is to draw water from the springs of salvation—to drink Him (Psa. 36:8; John 4:14; 7:37; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rev. 22:17).

- To be our salvation, the Triune God was processed to become the life-giving Spirit as the living water, the water of life (1 Cor. 15:45; John 7:37-39; Rev. 21:6; 22:1, 17).
- When the living water enters into us, it permeates our entire being, causing us to be nourished, transformed, conformed, and glorified (Rom. 12:2; 8:29-30).
- Both the Old Testament and the New Testament show that God’s practical salvation is the processed Triune God Himself as the living water.

➤ In John chapter four, the Lord Jesus indicated that the real worship of God is to drink of God.

- The real worship of God is enjoying Him as our drink in our spirit.
- As God, Christ is for our enjoyment.
- By calling on the name of the Lord with rejoicing and praising, we draw water out of the springs of salvation (Acts 2:21, Rom. 10:12, Isa. 12:4).

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

✚ God’s grace was given to us in eternity, but it was manifested and applied to us through our Lord’s first coming, in which He nullified death and brought life to us. Grace was given to us in eternity, but in the Old Testament it was hidden. In the New Testament it appeared through the first appearing of Christ, bringing salvation to all men, both Jews and Gentiles.

✚ Our Savior is not only Christ but the Triune God embodied in Christ. The eternal life of God, which is given to us in Christ and which is the main element of the divine grace given to us. This life has conquered death and will swallow up death.

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Hymn 1198
Experience of God
His Dispensation

- 1 A mighty **flowing-out** is **God**,
He **flows** throughout the ages.
And so to **flow** Himself to man
He is in many stages;
Yet still one **God** is He,
One **flow** eternally;
His stages pave the way
To **flow** through man today,
And now He **flows** within us!
- 2 In the beginning we can see,
God as a **flowing river**,
The **river** to convey the **tree**,
Himself as **life** deliver.
And at the end the same,
The **river** doth remain,
God in the **Lamb** doth **flow**,
The **tree** prevails to grow,
And **God flows** on forever.
- 3 **God flowed** Himself into a man,
The man we call **Christ Jesus**.
He **gave up** His own **life for man**
And **God's** own **life** releases.
Though **Satan** did his best
To put **God's flow** to rest—
He had Him **crucified**
And cruelly **pierced** His side—
But out came **blood** and **water**!
- 4 The **blood** and **water**
flowed from Him,
In **streams** of pure **salvation**.
The **blood** brings **cleansing**
from all **sin**;
Water, regeneration.
And now the **Spirit flows**,
Brings **God** where'er He goes.
All he could do, the **foe**,
Was just release the **flow**.
And **God** just keeps on **flowing**.

Col 3:3 –

For you died, and your **life** is hidden
with **Christ** in **God**.

Col 3:4 –

When **Christ** our **life** is manifested,
then you also will be manifested with
Him in **glory**.

Hymn 220
Praise the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1 When on Thy **table**, **Lord**, we gaze,
We marvel at the **signs**:
A **loaf** of **bread**, a **cup** of **wine**,
Displayed as **God** designs.
- 2 The **loaf** portrays the **bread of life**
As heav'nly **food** to us,
Imparted by Thy mystic **death**
That we may share Thee thus.
- 3 The **portion** is the **cup** divine,
Composed of **Jesus' blood**;
This **cup** of blessing we receive
And **gain** what is of **God**.
- 4 We **eat** of Thee, the **Bread of life**,
By sharing here this **bread**;
Thus we **remember** Thee in **love**
And with Thyself are **fed**.
- 5 We all **enjoy** the **blessings** gained
By **drinking** of this **cup**;
Thus we **remember** Thee with **joy**,
Till we are taken up.
- 6 By **feasting** on this **bread** and **cup**
Thy **death** we now declare,
And testify Thou art our **life**
And all we daily share.
- 7 We're waiting for that **glorious** hour,
When in the fullest way
We'll **feed** on Thee
and **feast** with Thee
And **worship** Thee for aye.

Joh 6:33-35 –

For the **bread** of **God** is He who
comes down out of heaven and gives
life to the world.

They said therefore to Him, **Lord**,
give us this **bread** always.

Jesus said to them, **I am** the **bread of life**;
he who **comes** to Me shall by no means
hunger, and he who **believes**
into Me shall by no means ever **thirst**.

Hymn 12
Worship of the Father
His Love

- 1 O **God**, Thou art the source of **life**,
Divine, and **rich** and free!
As **living water flowing out**
Unto eternity!
- 2 In **love** Thou in the **Son** didst **flow**
Among the human race;
Thou dost as **Spirit** also **flow**
Within us thru Thy **grace**.
- 3 Though we in **sin** and **wickedness**
Went far from Thee apace,
Yet in the **Son** Thou didst **redeem**,
Bestowing **life** and **grace**.
- 4 Though we have often
slighted Thee,
Thy **Spirit** often **grieved**,
Yet Thou dost still as **Spirit** come
As **life** to be received.
- 5 Thou as the **Spirit** in the **Son**
Hast **mingled** heretofore;
Thou wilt thru **fellowship** anoint
And **increase** more and more.
- 6 The **love** of **God**,
the **grace** of **Christ**,
The **Spirit's flowing** free,
Enable us **God's** wealth to share
Thru all eternity.
- 7 The **Father, Son, and Spirit**—one,
So richly care for us;
Thy **love** with one accord we **sing**
And e'er would **praise** Thee thus.

Rev 22:1 –

And he showed me a **river** of **water**
of life, bright as crystal, proceeding
out of the throne of **God** and of the
Lamb in the middle of its street.

Rev 22:2 - And on this side and on
that side of the **river** was the **tree** of
life, producing twelve fruits, yielding
its fruit each month; ...