

“WORD OF LIFE”

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50. CHRIST – HIS **PERSON** (30)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

4. **Passover**

Hymns: # 196 / # 215 / # 39

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

[Keeping the Feast of Unleavened Bread]

1Cor. 5:7 - Purge out the old leaven that you may be a **new** lump, even as you are unleavened;
for our **Passover**, **Christ**, also has been **sacrificed**.

1Cor. 5:8 - So then let us **keep** the **feast**, ...

John 6:4 - Now the **Passover**, the feast of the Jews, was near.

John 6:35 - **Jesus** said to them, I am the **bread of life**; ...

Joh 6:51 - I am the **living bread** ...;
And the **bread** which I will give is My **flesh**, ...

Joh 6:54 - He who eats My **flesh** and drinks My **blood** has eternal life, ...

Joh 6:55 - For My **flesh** is true food, and My **blood** is true drink.

Joh 6:57 - ..., so he who **eats** Me, he also shall **live because of Me**.

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

❖ In **1 Corinthians 5:7** Paul says, “*Our **Passover**, Christ, has been sacrificed.*”

- The history of the children of Israel is a full **type** of our Christian life in the church.
 - They experienced the **Passover**
 - At the **Passover** people slay the redeeming lamb, strike its blood, and **eat** its **flesh** (Exo. 12:3-11).
- We also have a **Passover**, that is **Christ** Himself.
 - Christ is not only the **Lamb** but also the entire **Passover**.
 - To be our **Passover**, He was **sacrificed** on the **cross** for our **redemption** and **reconciliation** to God.
 - **Thus**, we may enjoy Him as a **feast** before God.
 - With the **Passover feast** as the background,
 - the Lord Jesus speak **concerning** Himself as the **bread of life**
 - and **also** of our need to **eat** His **flesh** and **drink** His **blood** (vv. 35, 51, 53-55, 57).

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

✚ The **Passover** signifies **Christ** as the **redeeming Lamb of God** who **shed** His **blood** for our **redemption** and gave His **flesh** for our feeding. He was slain so that we may eat His flesh and drink His blood, thus taking Him in as the life supply **for us to live by**.

✚ In the **Lamb of God** there are two elements: the **blood** for **redeeming** and the meat, the **flesh**, for **feeding**. Today we may enjoy Christ in the **way of redeeming** and in the **way of feeding** as well. As the **Lamb**, the center of the **feast** of **Passover**, He is for our enjoyment. As we feed on Him, we take Him as our life supply.

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Hymn 196
Praise of the Lord
His All-Inclusiveness

- 1** Lord, the ancient **types** and **symbols**
As our all Thyself portrayed;
As was **shadowed** in those figures,
Real to us Thou now art made.
Contemplating such a **picture**,
As we on its wonders gaze,
How we marvel at Thy **riches**
And our song of worship raise.
- 2** Lord, Thou art our true **Passover**,
God passed over us thru Thee;
By Thyself and Thy **redemption**
We with **God** have harmony.
Thou, the **Lamb of God**, **redeemedst** us
With Thyself and with Thy **blood**;
We apply Thy blood, our ransom,
Eating Thee, our **real food**.
- 3** Lord, Thou art the **Bread** from heaven,
The unleavened **Bread of life**;
Eating Thee, with Thee **we mingle**,
Ceasing from our sin and strife.
Lamb and **Bread** are both Thy **figures**,
Showing Thou art **life** to us;
Feasting on Thee at Thy **table**,
We enjoy Thy **riches** thus.
- 4** Lord, Thou art the Heav'nly **Manna**,
As our daily food **supply**;
Strengthening and energizing,
All our need to satisfy.
Living Rock Thou also art, **Lord**,
Cleft for us with life to flow;
Drinking of this **living water**,
Thirst is quenched, Thy life we know.
- 5** Lord, Thou art the **Land of Canaan**—
Elevated, rich and good,
Flowing with both milk and honey
In a glorious plenitude.
By Thy surplus **God** we **worship**,
In Thy **fellowship** we move;
Thus in love we're **joined together**
And **God's building** we will prove.

Exo 12:21 –

Then Moses ...said to them, Draw out
and take **lambs** according to your
families, and slaughter the **passover**.

Joh 1:29 –

The next day he saw **Jesus** coming to
him and said, Behold, the **Lamb of God**,
who takes away the sin of the world!

Hymn 215
Praise of the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1** Jesus, **Lord**, we know Thee **present**
At Thy **table** freshly spread,
Seated at Thy priceless **banquet**
With Thy banner overhead.
Precious moments at Thy **table**,
From all fear and doubt set free;
Here to rest, so sweetly able,
Occupied alone with Thee.
- 2** Here **rejoicing** in Thy nearness,
Gladly by Thy **Spirit** led;
Calmly in the blest **remembrance**
Of Thyself, Thy **blood** once shed.
Lord, we take each simple token
In fond **memory** of Thee,
Muse upon Thy **body** broken
And Thy **blood** shed on the **tree**.
- 3** Oh, what **joy** it is to see Thee,
In these chosen **emblems** here;
In the **bread** and **wine** of **blessing**—
Bread to strengthen, wine to cheer!
Lord, behold us **met together**,
One in Thee, our risen **Head**,
Thus we take the **cup** of **blessing**,
Thus we share the broken **bread**.
- 4** Lord, we know how true Thy **promise**
To be with us where **we meet**,
When in Thy **loved** name **we gather**
To enjoy communion sweet;
Dearer still that looked-for **promise**
To each waiting, yearning heart,
That with Thee **we soon shall be**, **Lord**,
Yes, "forever" **where Thou art**.

Mat 26:26 –

And as they were eating, **Jesus** took
bread and blessed it, and He **broke** it and
gave it to the disciples and said, Take,
eat; this is **My body**.

Mat 26:27 –

And He took a **cup** and gave thanks, and
He gave it to them, saying, **Drink** of it,
all of you,

Mat 26:29 –

But I say to you, I shall by no means
drink of this product of the vine from
now on until that day when I **drink** it new
with you in the **kingdom** of My **Father**.

Hymn 39
Worship of the Father
His Redemption

- 1** To **God** be the **glory**,
great things He hath done,
So **loved** He the world that
He gave us His **Son**,
Who yielded His life
our **redemption** to win,
And opened the life-gate
that all may go in.
- Chorus:**
Praise the **Lord**, **praise** the **Lord**,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the **Lord**, **praise** the **Lord**,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the **Father**,
through **Jesus** the **Son**,
And give Him the **glory**;
great things He hath done.
- 2** Oh, perfect **redemption**,
the **purchase of blood**,
To every believer the **promise** of **God**;
The vilest **offender** who truly believes,
That moment from **Jesus**
a **pardon** receives.
- 3** Great things He hath taught us,
great things He hath done,
And great our **rejoicing**
through **Jesus** the **Son**;
But purer, and higher,
and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
when **Jesus** we **see**.

Eph 1:3 - Blessed be the **God** and
Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ**,
who has **blessed** us with every spiritual
blessing in the heavenlies in **Christ**,

Eph 1:4 - Even as He **chose** us in Him
before the foundation of the world to be
holy and without blemish before Him in
love,

Eph 1:5 - Predestinating us unto **sonship**
through **Jesus Christ** to Himself,
according to the good pleasure of His
will,

Eph 1:6 - To the praise of the glory of
His **grace**, with which He **graced** us in
the **Beloved**;