

50. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (30)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

7. Righteousness

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# 841 (for concluding hymn)

✚ “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 our wisdom]

1Cor. 1:30 - But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God:  
both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Rom 3:24 - Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Rom 3:25 - ..., for the demonstrating of His righteousness, ... God passed over the sins that had previously occurred,

Rom 3:26 - ... to the demonstrating of His righteousness in the present time, so that He might be righteous and the One who justifies him who is of the faith of Jesus.

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

❖ Christ is our righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30).

➤ Christ is the righteousness by which we have been justified by God

✓ Justification is God’s action in approving us according to the standard of His righteousness.

- Our righteousness is not the righteousness of Christ; it is Christ Himself.
- Christ Himself has become our righteousness.
- God has made Christ, the embodiment of God Himself, our righteousness.

➤ Christ is both our objective and subjective righteousness.

- As our objective righteousness,
  - Christ is the One in whom we are justified by God.
  - In Christ as our objective righteousness before God we are justified, approved, by Him.
  - Objective righteousness is the Christ we received when we believed in Him
    - in order to be justified before God (Rom. 3:26).
    - so that we may be reborn in our spirit to receive the divine life.
- As our subjective righteousness,
  - Christ is the One dwelling in us to live for us a life that can be justified by God and that is always acceptable to God.
  - When we live this Christ and express Him, He becomes our daily righteousness.
  - Christ as our subjective righteousness is our life;
    - He is the One whom we live and express as righteousness.
    - this is the surpassing righteousness (Matt. 5:20)

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

✚ As believers we need not only to receive Christ as our righteousness objectively but also to live Him as righteousness subjectively. In Christ, who is our righteousness, we have been justified and saved. But after receiving Christ we need to live Him so that He may become our subjective righteousness. This subjective righteousness is the indwelling Christ lived out of us as our righteousness in our daily life.

✚ Christ as our righteousness is for our enjoyment. Whenever we enjoy Christ and experience Him, we have Him as our righteousness not only objectively but also subjectively. When we exercise our spirit to contact Him, we become righteous. The more we contact Him and enjoy Him, the more righteous we become in Him. Eventually, by having Christ wrought into us we become the very righteousness of God in Christ.

**Hymn 537**  
Experience of Christ  
As the Subjective One

**1** Christ to me is so **subjective**,  
In my spirit **dwelleth** He;  
**Christ** to me is all-inclusive,  
As the **Spirit** one with me.

**Chorus:**

So **subjective** is my **Christ** to me!  
Real in me, and rich and sweet!  
**All-inclusive** is my **Christ** to me!  
All my needs He fully meets.

**2** Christ to me is so **subjective**,  
**Life imparting** all the way;  
As the **Spirit** He **revives** me  
And refreshes day by day.

**3** Christ to me is so **subjective**,  
All my being He **transforms**;  
By the mind and will **renewing**  
To His image He **conforms**.

**4** Christ to me is so **subjective**,  
**Liberating** pow'r is He,  
By the **law of life** and **power**  
As the **Spirit** **setting free**.

**5** Christ to me is so **subjective**,  
**Regulating** all the day;  
He **corrects** and **rules**  
and **guides** me,  
And **adjusts** in every way.

**6** Christ to me is so **subjective**,  
All my thirst He **satisfies**;  
With His riches He **supplies** me,  
Thus **God's** fulness testifies.

**Rom. 8:9-11 –**

... you are ... in the spirit, if indeed  
the **Spirit of God dwells in you**. ...

... **Christ** is **in you**, ... the **spirit** is life  
because of **righteousness**.

... the **Spirit** of the One who raised **Jesus**  
from the dead **dwells in you**, He who  
raised **Christ** from the dead will  
also **give life** to your mortal bodies  
through His **Spirit** who **indwells you**.

**Hymn 233**  
Praise of the Lord –  
Remembrance of Him

**1** O what a miracle, my **Lord**,  
That **I'm in Thee** and **Thou in me**,  
That Thou and I are **really one**;  
O what a wondrous mystery!

**2** For me Thy **body** Thou didst give,  
That I may ever share in Thee;  
For me Thy precious **blood**  
was **shed**,  
That from my sins I might be free.

**3** By **resurrection** Thou didst change  
Thy form and as the **Spirit** come;  
Thou wouldst that I **be filled**  
with Thee  
That all Thy riches mine become.

**4** Now as the **symbols** we behold,  
Thy loving self we see anew;  
We thank Thee  
for Thy heart's desire  
As all Thy travail we review.

**5** We **eat** the **bread**  
and **drink** the **wine**,  
And to Thy sweetness we are led;  
**In spirit each receiving Thee**,  
Our spirits with Thyself are fed.

**6** We long to **eat** and **drink** e'en more,  
To **take Thyself in spirit** thus,  
Till Thou shalt all our being fill  
And **true remembrance**  
have from us.

**John 3:5 –**

**Jesus** answered, Truly, truly, I say to you,  
Unless one is born of **water** and the **Spirit**,  
he cannot enter into the **kingdom of God**.

**John 6:56 –**

He who **eats** My **flesh** and **drinks** My  
**blood** abides in Me and **I in him**.

**John 6:57 –**

As the living **Father** has sent **Me** and I  
live because of the **Father**, so he who  
**eats Me**, he also shall **live because of Me**.

**Hymn 20**  
Worship of the Father  
His Righteousness

**1** God our **Father**, we adore Thee,  
For the sake of **righteousness**;  
Thou in **Christ** hast **justified** us,  
Who our conscience can depress?  
Thou art **righteous**, and art **faithful**,  
On Thy **righteousness** we stand;  
No unrighteousness is in Thee,  
None can turn Thy **righteous** hand.

**2** Thou hast laid our sins on **Jesus**,  
By Thy **justice** He was killed;  
All Thy holy law's requirements  
For Thy justice He fulfilled.  
**Recompense** from Him **receiving**,  
Thou art fully satisfied;  
How couldst Thou,  
O **God** most **righteous**,  
Claim it once more from our side?

**3** **Father God**, Thou hast **accepted**  
**Jesus** as our **Substitute**;  
Judged the Just One for the unjust,  
Couldst Thou change Thy attitude?  
As a proof of perfect justice,  
At Thine **own right hand He sits**;  
He, as Thy full satisfaction,  
**Righteously** Thy need befits.

**4** **Father**, through the **blood** of **Jesus**  
We possess Thy **righteousness**;  
By Thy **righteousness** protected,  
None can shake our steadfastness.  
**Righteousness** of Thine  
Thou mad'st us,  
None can ever us **condemn**;  
We'll forever testify this  
In the **new Jerusalem**.

**Rom. 1:17 –**

For the **righteousness** of **God** is revealed  
in it out of faith to faith, as it is written,  
"But the **righteous** shall have **life** and  
**live by faith**."

**Rom. 4:3 –**

... "And Abraham **believed God**, and it  
was accounted to him as **righteousness**."

**Rom. 5:17 –**

... much more those who **receive** the  
abundance of grace and of the gift of  
**righteousness** will **reign in life** through  
the One, **Jesus Christ**.