

“WORD OF LIFE”

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50. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (30)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

8. Life

Hymns: # 499 / # Christ Gave Himself Up for Me... / # 12 / # 639 (for spirit uplifting 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 life]

Col. 3:4 - When **Christ** our **life** is **manifested**, then you also will be **manifested** with Him in glory.

1John 5:12 - He who has the **Son** has the **life**; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

John 1:4 - In Him was **life**, and the life was the light of men.

John 10:10 - ... I have come that they may have **life** and may **have it abundantly**.

John 11:25 - Jesus said ..., I am the resurrection and the **life**; he who believes into Me, ..., shall **live**;

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

❖ “**Christ** our **life**.” (Col. 3:4)

➤ **Christ** is God and also **life** (1 John 5:12).

- The **life** which is God, the life that God is, is in **Christ** (John 1:4)
- The Lord Jesus is **life** (John 14:6; 11:25)
- He **came** that we may have **life** (John 10:10)
- he who has **Christ** has **life** (1 John 5:12)

➤ **Christ** now **dwells** in us as **life**.

- **Just** as **life** is **God** Himself, so also **life** is **Christ**.
- **Just** as having **life** is having **God** Himself, so also having **life** is having **Christ**.
- Christ is God becoming **life** to us.
- Through Christ **God** is manifested as **life**, therefore, **Christ is now our life**.

➤ **Christ**, who is our **life**, (Col. 3:4)

- is the allotted **portion** of the saints (1:12),
- is the **image** of the invisible God (1:15),
- is the **Firstborn** of all creation (1:15),
- is the **Firstborn** from the dead (1:18),
- is the One in whom God’s **fullness dwells** (1:19; 2:9),
- is the mystery of God’s economy (1:26),
- is the mystery of God (2:2),
- is the **reality** of all positive things (2:16-17), and
- is the **constituent** of the **new man** (vv. 10-11).

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

✚ To say that **Christ** has become our **life** means that **Christ** has **become us**. Since our life cannot be separated from us and since Christ is our life, He **cannot be separated from us**. Because our life is our self and because Christ is our **life**, we may say that, **in this sense**, **Christ has become us**.

✚ The all-inclusive **Christ** is our **life**. This life is a **crucified** life, a **resurrected** life and this is a life **hidden** in God (Col. 3:3). Only the **divine life** can be hidden in God. If we experience **Christ** as our **life**, what we do in the church will not be done in a showy way but rather be done by a life hidden in God. He should be our **life** within, and we should have **one life** and **living with Him**.

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Hymn 499

Experience of Christ As Life

- 1 Oh, what a **life**! Oh, what a **peace**!
The **Christ** who's all
within me lives. *(Col 1:27)*
With Him I have been **crucified**;
This **glorious** fact to me He gives.
Now it's **no longer I that live**,
But **Christ the Lord**
within me lives. *(Gal. 2:20)*
- 2 Oh, what a **joy**! Oh, what a **rest**!
Christ now is being **formed** in me.
His very **nature** and **life divine**
In my whole being *(Gal 4:19)*
inwrought shall be. *(2Cor. 5:5)*
All that **I am came to an end**,
And all of **Christ** is **all to me.**
(Col. 3:11)
- 3 Oh, what a thought!
Oh, what a **boast**! *(Phil. 1:20)*
Christ shall in me be **magnified**.
In nothing shall I be ashamed,
For He in all shall be applied.
In woe or blessing, death or life,
Through me shall **Christ**
be **testified.** *(Acts 2:40; Eph. 4:17)*
- 4 Oh, what a prize! Oh, what a **gain**!
Christ is the **goal**
toward which I press. *(Phil. 3:14)*
Nothing I treasure, nor aught desire,
But **Christ** of all-inclusiveness.
My **hope**, my **glory**, and my **crown**
(Col. 1:27 – hope of glory)
Is **Christ**, the One of **peerlessness.**
(Nothing can be compared)

John 6:27 –

Work **not** for the food which perishes, **but**
for the food which abides unto **eternal**
life, which the **Son of Man** will **give** you;
....

John 6:28 –

Then they said to Him, **What** shall we do
that we may work the **works of God**?

John 6:29 –

Jesus answered and said to them,
This is the **work of God**, that you **believe**
into **Him** whom He has sent.

Christ Gave Himself Up for Me Out of Love

Praise of the Lord – Remembrance of Him

- 1 What kind of person would **die** for my **sin**?
Someone more **perfect** *(Matt. 26:28)*
than all men have been.
Someone who did not deserve **death**,
my **due**, *(Rom. 5:8 – died for us)*
Bridging the gap
that brought curse to all men.
- Chorus:** *(2Cor. 5:20 – not know sin, made sin)*
Christ on the **cross** was a man **without sin**,
Living, while **dying**, by virtues within,
Virtues expressing **divine attributes**,
His **life**, most valued by **God**, shown therein.
- 2 **Christ** chose the friend
who **betrayed** Him for gain; *(Matt. 26:25)*
Loved Peter still,
though he'd **sworn** at His name;
Mutely faced hatred
from those who'd defame; *(Matt 26:70, 72)*
Saved one who **mocked** Him
but later felt shame.
- 3 For the **transgressors**
while **dying** **Christ** prayed,
“**Father, forgive them,**”
this prayer **for us made.** *(Luke 23:34)*
“**They do not know what they're doing,**”
He said.
God's tender **mercy** and **love** He displayed.
- 4 **Dying**, in pain, **Christ** saw **Mary** bereaved.
Still, in **compassion**,
He **cared** for her need—
“**Behold your mother**”
and “**Behold your son**”— *(John 19:26-27)*
She from that hour by **John** was received.
- 5 What shall we say then
for all of these things?
God's Son was **raised** by the **Father**,
approved.
Seated at **God's right**, *(Acts 2:33; 5:31)*
the **Lord** Himself brings
Me to the **Father**, **all distance removed.**
- 6 Were **I the only one** e'er to be born,
Christ would have **given Himself**,
still, **in love.** *(Gal. 2:20; Eph 5:25)*
He **lived** and **died** **making all of us one**,
His **life** and living **God's gift** from above.

John 19:26 – 27

Then **Jesus**, ..., said to His
mother, **Woman, behold, your son.**
Then He said to the disciple, **Behold, your**
mother.

Footnotes:

These words indicate a **life-union**, since this
Gospel testifies that the Lord is **life** imparted into
His believers.

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JESUS WORDS ON THE CROSS

Hymn 12

Worship of the Father As the Source of Life

- 1 O **God**, Thou art the **source** of **life**,
Divine, and rich and free!
As **living water** flowing out
Unto eternity! *(Psa. 36:9; John 4:14)*
- 2 In **love** Thou in the **Son** didst **flow**
Among the human race; *(1John 5:11-12)*
Thou dost as **Spirit** also flow *(John 7:38-39)*
Within us thru Thy **grace.** *(John 1:14-16)*
- 3 Though we in **sin** and **wickedness**
Went far from Thee apace, *(Titus 2:14)*
Yet in the **Son** Thou didst **redeem**,
Bestowing **life** and **grace.** *(Rom. 5:17, 21)*
- 4 Though we have often **slighted** Thee,
Thy **Spirit** often **grieved**, *(Eph. 4:30)*
Yet Thou dost still as **Spirit** come
As **life** to be received. *(John 14:17-18)*
- 5 Thou as the **Spirit** in the **Son**
Hast **mingled** heretofore; *(John 14:20)*
Thou wilt thru **fellowship** anoint
And increase more and more. *(2Cor. 1:21)*
(1John 2:20)
- 6 The **love** of **God**, the **grace** of **Christ**,
The **Spirit's** flowing free, *(2Cor. 13:14)*
Enable us **God's** wealth to share
Thru all **eternity.** *(Eph. 1:11-14 inheritance)*
- 7 The **Father, Son**, and **Spirit**—one,
So richly care for us; *(Matt. 6:8, 32-33)*
Thy **love** with **one accord** we **sing**
And e'er would **praise** Thee thus.
(Rom. 15:6 – one accord, one mouth glorifying God)
(Eph. 5:19 – singing with our heart)
(Col. 3:16 – word of Christ dwell – richly)

1Pet. 5:10 –

But the **God** of all **grace**, He who has
called you into His eternal **glory** in
Christ Jesus, after you have suffered
a little while, will Himself **perfect**,
establish, **strengthen**, and **ground** you.

2Pet. 1:3 –

Seeing that His **divine power** has granted
to us all things which relate to **life** and
godliness, through the **full knowledge** of
Him who has **called us** by His own **glory**
and virtue,