

“WORD OF LIFE”

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50. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (30)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

10. Sanctification

Hymns: Christ in me the law of life is / # 102 / # 33

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

1Cor. 1:30 - But of **Him you are in** Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from **God**:
both righteousness (Rom. 5:18) and **sanctification** (Rom. 6:19, 22) and redemption (Rom. 8:23),

✚ “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 not only our **Sanctifier**; He Himself is our **sanctification** (1 Cor. 1:30).

➤ Christ is the **element** that produces transformation.

- He is the **element** that, when added to our being, produces a **metabolic** change.
- Whereas the **crucified Christ** was for our **justification**,
- the **resurrected Christ** is for our **sanctification**.
- As the life-giving Spirit **in our spirit**,
 - Christ **lives within us** for our sanctification.
 - He is our life, and He is **saturating** our being with His **holy nature**
 - until we are thoroughly **sanctified** dispositionally.

➤ Christ is our **sanctification**

- **not only** positional **by** the Lord’s blood
- **but also** dispositional **by** the divine life, **even by** the **living Christ Himself**.
- The Lord is now **working within our spirit**,
 - spreading Himself from the center of our being throughout every part of us until He reaches the circumference.
 - Then we shall be completely saturated with His holy nature.
- **Separation**, or **objective sanctification**, can take place rather easily and in a very short time.
- **But** it takes a long time for us to be **sanctified dispositionally**.
 - we should remain under the **dispensing** of the Triune God,
 - experiencing Christ as our dispositional **sanctification**,
 - then we shall daily be **saturated** with the divine nature until we are thoroughly **transformed** in mind, emotion, and will.

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

✚ **Sanctification** of the Spirit consists of three steps:

- (1) the Spirit’s **seeking** us and **convicting** us at the time that He caused us to **repent** and **believe** (1 Pet. 1:2; John 16:8);
- (2) His **sanctifying** us both positionally and dispositionally (Heb. 13:12; 1 Cor. 6:11) at the time we were saved; and
- (3) His sanctifying us dispositionally as we **pursue** the **growth in life** (Rom. 6:19, 22).

✚ God’s **salvation** is applied to us that we may obtain and enjoy it fully. The three steps of the Spirit’s **sanctification** not only **separate us** from all old and negative things, **making us holy unto God**, but also sanctify us, **making us a new creation** full of the Lord’s essence and **element**, that we may obtain the Lord’s glory.

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Christ in me the law of life is
Various Aspects of the Inner Life—
The Law of Life

1 Christ in me the law of life is
 Working e'er spontaneously.
 He's the **Spirit in my spirit**;
 The almighty pow'r is He.
[Gal. 6:18; Phil. 4:23; 2Tim. 1:14; 4:22]

Chorus:

Christ in me the law of life is,
Operating now in me; *[Phil. 2:13; 3:21]*
 With its automatic power, *[Eph. 3:7]*
Making me the same as He!

2 Trusting in His mighty power,
 I would **cease from all my strife**—
 'Tis **not I but He** who worketh—
 As I rest and **reign in life**.
[Eph. 1:19; Rom. 5:17]

3 Law of life in Christ has freed me
 From the **law of sin and death**,
 As I walk in **Christ**, in spirit, *[Rom. 8:2]*
 Living out God's **Righteousness**.

4 As the law, He's now dispensing
 To my being tripartite *[John 4:14; 7:38-39]*
 He Himself as **life eternal**, *[John 3:36]*
 Making me a **man of life**. *[Rom. 6:22]*

5 Into Christ's own glorious image,
 Now this law is shaping me.
Christ, the Prototype,
 God's **Firstborn**, *[Rom. 8:29-30]*
 Will be **reproduced in me**.

6 Inner law will constitute me
Member of Christ Body true
 And develop all my **function**
 By **divine capacity**.
[Rom. 12:4-5; Eph. 4:16]

1Pe 1:15 –
 But according to the **Holy One** who
called you, you yourselves also **be holy**
 in all your manner of life;

1Pe 1:16 –
 Because it is written, "You shall **be**
holy because I am **holy**."

Heb. 12:14 –
 Pursue **peace** with all men and
sanctification, without which no one
 will see the **Lord**;

Hymn 548 – hymn for uplifting the spirit (a vessel)
Hymn 395 – hymn for maintaining the spirit (grow)

Hymn 102
Praise the Lord—
His Death

1 We sing the praise of Him who died,
[1 Cor. 15:3; Rom. 5:8]
 Of Him who **died** upon the **Cross**;
 The sinner's hope let men deride, *(insult)*
 For this we count the world but loss.
[Phil. 3:7-8]

2 Inscribed upon the Cross we see
 In shining letters, **God is love!**
[1John 4:8, 10, 16]
 He **bears our sins upon the tree**,
 He brings us **mercy** from above.
[1 Pet. 2:24]

3 The Cross: it takes our guilt away;
 It holds the fainting spirit up;
 It cheers with **hope** the gloomy day,
 And sweetens every bitter cup.
[Acts 10:43; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14]

4 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
 The measure and *[Eph. 2:4-5]*
 the **pledge of love**,
 The sinner's refuge here below,
 The angels' theme in heav'n above.
[Heb. 6:18-19; 10:19]

John 3:14 –
 And as Moses **lifted up** the **serpent** in the
 wilderness, so must the **Son of Man** be
lifted up,

John 12:32 –
 And I, if I be **lifted up** from the earth,
 will **draw all men** to Myself.

(In one aspect,
the Lord's death was His falling into the
ground, as revealed in v. 24;
in another aspect,
it was His being lifted up on the tree (1 Pet.
2:24).

* His falling into the ground
 was to **produce** the **many grains**;
 * His being lifted up on the tree
 was to **draw all men** to Himself.

The many grains produced by His falling into
the ground are the "all men" drawn by His
being lifted up on the tree.)

1Pet. 2:24 –
 Who Himself **bore up our sins** in His
 body **on the tree**, in order that we, having
died to sins, might live to righteousness;
 by whose bruise you were **healed**.

Hymn 214 – hymn for strengthening
Hymn 180 – hymn for maintaining the spirit
and/or filling up time

Hymn 33
Worship of the Father—
His Election

1 Father, long before creation,
 Thou hadst **chosen us** in **love**;
 And that **love**, so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to **Christ** above,
 And **will keep us**, and will keep us,
 Firmly fixed in **Christ** alone,
 Firmly fixed in **Christ** alone.
[Eph. 1:4; 3:17; Num. 6:24; Psa. 121:3,7,8]

2 Though the world may change
 its fashion, *[Heb. 1:10-12; Rev. 22:13]*
 Yet our **God** is e'er the same;
 His **compassion** and His **cov'nant**
 Through all ages will remain. *[Jer. 32:40]*
God's own children, *[Heb. 13:20]*
God's own children,
 Must forever **praise** His name,
 Must forever **praise** His name.

3 God's compassion is my story,
 Is my boasting all the day; *[Rom. 12:1]*
Mercy free and never failing
 Moves my will, directs my way.
God so **loved** us, **God** so **loved** us,
 That His only **Son** He gave, *[John 3:16]*
 That His only **Son** He gave.

4 Loving Father, now before Thee
 We will ever **praise** Thy **love**; *[Hymn 152]*
 And our song will sound unceasing
 Till we meet Thy **Son** above,
 Giving **glory**, giving **glory**,
 To our **God** and to the **Lamb**,
 To our **God** and to the **Lamb**.
[Rev. 5:12-13; Rom. 16:27; 2Pet. 3:18]

1Pe 1:2 –
Chosen according to the **foreknowledge**
 of **God the Father** in the **sanctification**
 of the **Spirit** unto the obedience and
 sprinkling of the **blood** of **Jesus Christ**:
Grace to you and **peace** be multiplied.

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**,

2Thes. 2:13 –
 But we ought to thank **God** always
 concerning you, brothers beloved of the
Lord, because God **chose you** from the
 beginning unto **salvation in sanctification**
 of the **Spirit** and belief of the truth,"