

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 50. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (30)

#### T. TO THE BELIEVERS

#### 11. Redemption of Our Body

Hymns: # 203 / # 222 / # 30

✚ “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),

Phil. 3:21 - Who will transfigure the body of our humiliation to be conformed to the body of His glory, ...

1John 3:2 - Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been manifested what we will be.

We know that if He is manifested, we will be like Him because we will see Him even as He is.

✚ “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 redemption, (1 Cor. 1:30) that is, the redemption of our body (Rom. 8:23).

- As the One who is our redemption, Christ
  - will transfigure the body of our humiliation, and
  - conforming it to the body of His glory (Phil. 3:21).
    - we all shall be conformed to the image of Christ. (Rom 8:29)
    - By conformation, we are brought into the reality of sonship.
  - At the time of the Lord’s coming back, even our physical body will be saturated with the sonship
    - the saturation of our body with the sonship is the redemption of our body.
    - every part of our being—spirit, soul, and body—we shall be the real sons of God; we shall be glorified
- Today our spirit is in the sonship, but our body is not.
  - According to the spirit we are sons of God, but
  - according to our physical body, we are not yet in the sonship.
- At time of transfiguration, we shall be brought wholly and thoroughly into sonship.
- We shall be like Christ “because we shall see Him even as He is.” (1 John 3:2)

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

✚ Within us we have the Spirit of sonship as a foretaste. When we cry, “Abba, Father,” we have a sweet enjoyment of the Holy Spirit as a foretaste. This Spirit of sonship is now resurrecting us, sanctifying us, transforming us, and conforming us to the image of Christ.

✚ Today we are not like the Lord in our body. But when our body is transfigured, fully redeemed, we shall be wholly like Him in spirit, soul, and body. As the redemption of our body, Christ Himself is the element by which we shall be transfigured in our body to have His glorious likeness.

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### Hymn 203 Praise the Lord— His Increase

- 1 In the **bosom** of the **Father**,  
Ere the ages had begun, [John 1:18; 17:5]  
Thou wast in the **Father's glory**,  
**God's** unique **begotten Son**.  
When to us the **Father** gave Thee,  
Thou in person wast the same, [Isa. 9:6]  
All the **fulness** of the **Father** [Col. 2:9]  
In the **Spirit** to proclaim.
- 2 By Thy **death** and **resurrection**, [Col. 1:18]  
Thou wast made God's **firstborn Son**;  
By Thy **life** to us **imparting**,  
Was Thy **duplication** done. [John 12:24]  
We, in Thee **regenerated**,  
Many **sons to God** became; [Rom 8:29]  
Truly as Thy **many brethren**,  
We are as **Thyself the same**. [1John 3:2]
- 3 Once Thou wast the **only grain**, **Lord**,  
Falling to the earth to **die**, [John 12:24]  
That thru **death** and **resurrection**  
Thou in **life** may multiply.  
We were brought forth in Thy **nature**  
And the **many grains** became; [1Cor. 12:24]  
As **one loaf** we all are **blended**,  
All Thy **fulness** to proclaim.
- 4 We're Thy total **reproduction**,  
Thy dear **Body** and Thy **Bride**, [Eph. 1:22-23]  
Thine **expression** and Thy **fulness**,  
For Thee ever to abide.  
We are Thy **continuation**, [Acts 28:31]  
Thy **life-increase** and Thy **spread**,  
Thy full growth and Thy rich surplus,  
**One with Thee**, our **glorious Head**.  
[Eph. 4:14]

#### 1Co 15:47 –

The first man is out of the earth, **earthy**;  
the **second man** is out of **heaven**.

#### 1Co 15:49 –

And even as we have **borne** the image of  
the **earthy**, we will also **bear the image of**  
the **heavenly**.

#### 1Co 15:51 –

Behold, I tell you a **mystery**: We will not  
all sleep, but **we will all be changed**,

#### 1Co 15:52 –

..., in the twinkling of an eye, at the last  
trumpet; ..., **we will be changed**.

#### 1Co 15:53 –

... this mortal must **put on immortality**.

Hymn 132 – hymn for maintaining the spirit

### Hymn 222 Praise the Lord— Remembrance of Him

- 1 Dear **Lord**, we thank Thee for this **bread**,  
It is a **sign divine**; [Luke 22:19; 1Cor. 11:24]  
In it we see the mysteries  
Of **God's** unique **design**.
- 2 This **bread** Thy **body** signifies,  
Which Thou hast **giv'n** for us,  
That we may share Thy **life divine**,  
**Partaking** of Thee thus. [John 6:51b; 6:58]
- 3 For us Thy **body** Thou didst **break**  
That Thou may thus **impart** [1Cor. 11:24]  
Thyself as **life** to us that we  
May be Thy **counterpart**. [Rev. 22:17]
- 4 This **bread** thus also **signifies**  
Thy **body mystical**, [1Cor. 10:17]  
Of which we living **members** are,  
With Thee **identical**. [Rom. 12:4]
- 5 Though we are **many grains** of wheat,  
Yet all **one loaf**, **one bread**; [1Cor. 11:24]  
**Remembering** Thee in such a way,  
With Thee we all are fed.
- 6 As of this **bread** we all **commune**,  
Thou, **Lord**, dost satisfy; [1Cor. 10:16]  
With all the saints we **fellowship**,  
And Thee we testify.

#### Rom 12:4 –

For just as in **one body** we have many  
**members**, and all the members do not  
have the same function,

#### Rom 12:5 –

So we who are **many** are **one Body** in  
**Christ**, and individually **members** one of  
another.

#### 1Co 12:12 –

For even as the **body is one** and has  
many **members**, yet all the members of  
the body, being **many**, are **one body**, so  
also is **the** Christ.

#### 1Co 12:13 –

For also in one **Spirit** we were all  
**baptized** into **one Body**, whether Jews or  
Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were  
all given to **drink** one **Spirit**.

Hymn 233 – hymn for maintaining the spirit  
and/or filling up time

### Hymn 30 Worship of the Father— His Love

- 1 What **love** Thou hast bestowed on us,  
We **thank** Thee from our heart; [1John 3:1]  
Our **Father**, we would **worship** Thee  
And **praise** for all Thou art. [1John 4:19]
- 2 Thy **heart** Thou hast **revealed** to us,  
Made known th' **eternal** will; [Eph. 1:9]  
Within the **Son** Thou hast come forth,  
Thy purpose to **fulfill**. [Eph. 3:11]
- 3 Thou gavest Thy **beloved Son** [Rom. 8:32]  
In **love** to **come** and **die**, [John 3:16]  
That we may be Thy **many sons**,  
As **heirs** with Him, made nigh. [Rom 8:17]
- 4 Through Him we have Thy very **life**  
And Thou our **Father** art; [John 5:26; 6:47]  
Thy very **nature**, all Thyself,  
Thou dost to us **impart**. [2Pet. 1:4; Heb. 12:10]
- 5 Thy **Spirit** into ours has come  
That we may "**Abba**" cry; [Rom. 8:15]  
Of **Spirit** born, with **Spirit** sealed,  
To be **transformed** thereby.  
[John 3:6; Eph. 1:13; 2Cor. 3:18]
- 6 The **many sons** to **glory** brought  
Is Thine **eternal** goal,  
And to Thy **Son's** own **image wrought**,  
Thou wilt **conform** the whole. [Rom. 8:29]
- 7 Throughout Thy **transformation** work  
Thou dost direct each one,  
From glory unto **glory** bring [2Cor. 3:18]  
Until the work is done.
- 8 What **love** Thou, **Father**, hast bestowed;  
We'll ever grateful be; [Rom. 5:5]  
We'll **worship** Thee forevermore  
And **praise** unceasingly. [Luke 4:8; John 4:24]

#### Rom 8:28 –

And we know that **all things** work together  
for good to those who **love God**, to those  
who are **called** according to His purpose.

#### Rom 8:29 –

Because those whom He **foreknew**, He also  
**predestinated** to be **conformed** to the **image**  
of His **Son**, that He might be the **Firstborn**  
among **many brothers**;

#### Rom 8:30 –

And those whom He **predestinated**, these  
He also called; and those whom He **called**,  
these He also justified; and those whom He  
**justified**, these He also **glorified**.

Hymn 36 – hymn for conclusion