

## “WORD OF LIFE”

November 23, 2025

### 51. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (31)

#### T. TO THE BELIEVERS

##### 14. The Door to Leave the Fold

**Suggested Hymns: # 542 / # 1106 / # 11**

*Additional suggested hymns: (#541) / (#88) / (#9)*

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

- Gal. 3:23 - But before faith came we were guarded under law, being shut up unto the faith which was to be revealed.
- Gal. 3:24 - So then the law has become our child-conductor unto Christ that we might be justified out of faith.
- Gal. 3:25 - But since faith has come, we are no longer under a child-conductor.
- Gal. 3:26 - For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- John 10:7 - Jesus therefore said to them again, Truly, truly, I say to you that I am the door of the sheep.
- John 10:9 - I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find pasture.

✚ “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 the door to leave the fold (John 10:9).

- The fold in John 10 signifies the law and also Judaism, the religion of the law.
  - ✓ Before Christ came, –
    - God put His chosen people under the custody of the law.
    - God prepared the law as the sheepfold to keep and confine His chosen people temporarily
      - The law was the fold where God’s people as the sheep were kept and protected temporarily
        - until the pasture, the permanent place for the sheep, was ready.
      - However, the Jewish religion utilized the law to form Judaism, which then became the sheepfold.
- John 10 reveals that Christ is the door through which we leave the fold and come to the pasture.
  - ✓ Christ has come, and the pasture is ready –
    - Christ is the pasture, the permanent place for us to stay.
    - Let us come out of the law into Christ.
      - There is no need for us to be confined any longer in the custody of the Judaic law.
      - We are released from the fold of the law to enjoy the riches of the pasture.
    - Christ is the door through which we may come out of any kind of fold and come into Him as the pasture.

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

- ✚ The Lord is the door to the sheepfold. Originally, the fold was the law, and the Lord was the door into the law. He is also the door for people to come out of the law.
- ✓ Firstly, the Old Testament saints went into the fold, which was the law, through Christ as the door.
  - ✓ Now the New Testament believers are to come out of the law through Christ as the same door.
- ✚ Christ is the door, not only for God’s elect to enter into the custody of the law in the Old Testament time before Christ came, but also, for us to come out of the fold of the law after Christ came. So, the Lord indicates that He is the door not only for God’s chosen people to go in, but also for God’s chosen people to go out.

*{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 51 letter T-14)  
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hymn 542</b> <b>Experience of Christ–</b> <b>His Riches</b></p> <p>1 O the <b>riches</b> of my <b>Savior</b>, So <b>unsearchable</b>, immense; [Eph. 3:8] All the <b>fulness</b> of the <b>Godhead</b> I may now <b>experience</b>. [Eph. 3:19]</p> <p>Chorus: O the <b>riches</b>, O the <b>riches</b>, <b>Christ</b> my <b>Savior</b> has for me! How <b>unsearchable</b> their measure, Yet my full <b>reality</b>! [John 1:14; 14:6]</p> <p>2 O the <b>riches</b> of my <b>Savior</b>, All-embracing: <b>life</b> and <b>light</b>, [John 1:4] Wisdom, power, healing, <b>comfort</b>, Treasures <b>rich</b> of <b>God's</b> delight; [the Comforter - John 14:26; 15:26; 16:7]</p> <p>3 <b>God's</b> <b>redemption</b>, full <b>salvation</b>, And His <b>resurrection</b> pow'r, [Phil.3:10] <b>Sanctifying</b>, <b>glorifying</b>, [1Thes. 5:23] All <b>transcending</b> every hour!</p> <p>4 O the <b>riches</b> of my <b>Savior</b>—[John 16:15] Nothing less than <b>God</b> as all! [John 17:10] All His <b>person</b> and <b>possessions</b>, <b>Now</b> my <b>spirit</b> doth enthrall.</p> <p>5 O the <b>riches</b> of my <b>Savior</b>! [Eph.3:18] Who can know their <b>breadth</b> and <b>length</b>, Or their <b>depth</b> and <b>height</b> unmeasured, Yet they are my <b>joy</b> and <b>strength</b>.</p> <p>6 May I know these boundless <b>riches</b>, <b>Christ</b> <b>experience</b> in full; [1Tim.4:11,13,16] And with others may I <b>share them</b> In their content <b>bountiful</b>. [Phil. 1:19]</p> <p><b>Gal 4:3 –</b> So also we, when we were children, were <b>kept</b> in slavery <b>under</b> the elements of the world;</p> <p><b>Gal 4:4 –</b> But when the fullness of the time came, <b>God</b> <b>sent forth</b> His <b>Son</b>, born of a woman, born under <b>law</b>,</p> <p><b>Gal 4:5 –</b> That He might <b>redeem</b> those under <b>law</b> that we might receive the <b>sonship</b>.</p> <p><i>Hymn 541 – hymn for maintaining the spirit</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hymn 1106</b> <b>Praise the Lord–</b> <b>Remembrance of Him</b></p> <p>1 We <b>gather</b> together to eat the <b>Lord's</b> <b>supper</b>: By <b>eating</b> and <b>drinking</b>, [1Cor.11:20] our <b>oneness</b> we show. His presence possessing, our oneness confessing, 'Tis thus we <b>eat</b> and <b>drink</b>, [1Cor.11:23-25] and His <b>blessing</b> we know.</p> <p>2 We're eating the <b>bread</b> of His <b>body</b> once <b>broken</b> [1Cor.11:23-24] As now we're enjoying His <b>Body</b> made one: [1Cor.10:17] One <b>loaf</b> on the <b>table</b>—one <b>Body</b>, we're able To testify to all that the <b>Lord's</b> <b>made us one</b>.</p> <p>3 We also are <b>drinking</b> the <b>cup</b> of His <b>blessing</b>, [1Cor.11:25] The church's true <b>fellowship</b> of the <b>Lord's</b> <b>blood</b>; [1Cor.10:16] Redeemed by <b>believing</b>, <b>all saints</b> we're <b>receiving</b>, [Rom.15:7] All those who through <b>redemption</b> have <b>come</b> unto <b>God</b>. [Eph. 1:13-14]</p> <p>4 Oh, what can we say now except "Hallelujah!" For such a <b>reality</b> given to us. [John 1:14] Thy <b>blood</b> we're employing, Thy <b>Body</b> enjoying; Thus Thou wilt have the <b>church</b> [Matt.16:18] for Thyself <b>glorious</b>. [Eph. 5:27]</p> <p><b>Eph 5:2 –</b> And walk in love, even as <b>Christ</b> also loved us and <b>gave</b> Himself up <b>for us</b>, ...</p> <p><b>Gal 2:20 –</b> ... the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the <b>Son of God</b>, who loved me and <b>gave</b> Himself up <b>for</b> <b>me</b>.</p> <p><b>Tit 2:14 –</b> Who <b>gave</b> Himself <b>for us</b> that He might <b>redeem</b> us from all lawlessness and <b>purify</b> to Himself a particular people as <b>His unique possession</b>, zealous of good works.</p> <p><i>Hymn 88 – hymn for filling up time</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hymn 11</b> <b>Worship of the Father–</b> <b>His Love</b></p> <p>1 Thou, <b>Father</b>, who art <b>Spirit</b> true, The <b>holiest</b> of all; [1Pet. 1:15-16] We <b>worship</b> in the <b>spirit</b> now, [John 4:24] In <b>truth</b> upon Thee call. [1Cor.12:3]</p> <p>2 A <b>spirit</b> Thou hast made for us That we may <b>worship</b> Thee, [Rom. 1:9] That echoing in <b>spirit</b> thus <b>One spirit</b> we will be. [1Cor.6:17]</p> <p>3 The <b>Father</b> in the <b>Son</b> has come, The <b>Son</b> the <b>Spirit</b> is, That to our spirit <b>God</b> may come. O what a <b>grace</b> is this! [2Tim.4:22; Phil.4:23]</p> <p>4 The <b>Son</b> is Thine <b>eternal</b> <b>Word</b>, The <b>Word</b> is <b>Spirit</b> too; [John 1:1,14; 6:63] The <b>Spirit</b> as our life <b>has come</b> [John 16:13] Our <b>spirit</b> to renew.</p> <p>5 Thy <b>Spirit</b> in our <b>spirit</b> is, [John 3:6] And thus in unity [John 17:21] Thy <b>Spirit</b> <b>witnesseth</b> with ours That we are born of Thee. [Rom.8:16]</p> <p>6 In everything Thy <b>Spirit</b> leads That we may follow Him; [Rom. 8:14] We thus may spiritual become, With life and peace within. [Rom. 8:6]</p> <p>7 In <b>spirit</b> we would <b>worship</b> Thee, In spirit Thee address, [John 4:24] Until our <b>spirit is released</b> Thine <b>image</b> to express. [Rom. 8:29]</p> <p>8 Our <b>Father</b>, we would <b>praise</b> Thee now That Thou the <b>Spirit</b> art; [John 4:21-24] In <b>spirit</b> and in <b>truth</b> to Thee True <b>worship</b> we impart. [2 John 2]</p> <p><b>Gal 3:2 –</b> This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the <b>Spirit</b> out of the <b>works</b> of <b>law</b> or out of the <b>hearing</b> of <b>faith</b>?</p> <p><b>Gal 3:13 –</b> <b>Christ</b> has <b>redeemed</b> us out of the curse of the <b>law</b>, ...</p> <p><b>Gal 3:14 –</b> In order that the <b>blessing</b> of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in <b>Christ</b> <b>Jesus</b>, that we might receive the promise of the <b>Spirit</b> through <b>faith</b>.</p> <p><i>Hymn: 9 – hymn for conclusion</i></p>
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