

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### 52. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (32)

#### T. TO THE BELIEVERS

#### 21. The Rock Flowing with the Spiritual Drink

Suggested Hymns: # 199 & 1198 / # 228 / # 11

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

Exo. 17:6 - ...; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it so that the people may drink...

1Cor. 10:4 - And all drank the same spiritual drink;  
for they drank of a spiritual rock which followed them, and the rock was Christ.

John 7:37 - ..., If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

John 7:38 - ..., out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

John 19:34 - ... the soldiers pierced His [Jesus] side with a spear, ... there came out blood and water.

1Cor. 12:13 - For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body..., and were all given to drink one Spirit.

✚ “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 rock flowing with the spiritual drink (1 Cor. 10:4).

- In the Old Testament, Moses smote the rock and water flowed out for them to drink (Exo. 17:6).
- Through incarnation Christ came to earth as the real rock.
  - On the cross (as the Rock) He was (smitten) crucified.
  - His side was pierced, and living water flowed forth for us to drink.
  - This living water is the Spirit.
    - we have been given to drink of one Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)
  - This spiritual drink quenches our thirst and fully satisfies our being.
- The spiritual drink is the living water that flowed out of the cleft rock (Exo. 17:6).
  - which typifies the Spirit as our all-inclusive drink (John 7:37-39; 1 Cor. 12:13).
  - We should all drink the same spiritual drink.

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

✚ It is by our eating and drinking of Christ that God works Himself into us. By eating and drinking we take the Lord in, and He becomes one with us organically, becomes part of our being. We all need to eat Him and drink Him.

✚ To drink of the water of life, we first need to be positioned to drink (1 Cor. 12:13), and we also need to be thirsty (John 7:37; Rev. 21:6). Then we need to come to the Lord (John 7:37; Rev. 22:17), to ask of the Lord (John 4:10), to believe in the Lord (John 7:38), and to call on the name of the Lord (Isa. 12:3-4; Acts 2:21).

✚ To be baptized in the Spirit is the initiation of the mingling and is once for all. To drink the Spirit is the continuation and accomplishment of the mingling and is perpetual, forever. This requires us to call on the Lord continually and draw water with joy from Him as the fountain of living water (Isa. 12:3-4; John 4:10, 14).

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### Hymn 199 Praise the Lord— His All-inclusiveness

1 Thou art the **Rock** everlasting,  
**Spiritual Rock** **cleft for me**; [Exo. 17:6]  
**Drinking** of Thee as the **Spirit**, [1Cor.12:13]  
 Thus I become one with Thee.  
 Thou art the **Rock** never shaken,  
 'Tis on this **Rock** we are built;  
 Joined unto Thee thru **redemption**,  
 Nothing can shake us thru guilt.

Lord, how we **treasure** Thy **value**,  
 All that Thou art is for us; [Matt.26:7]  
 While here in loving **remembrance**  
 We share Thy wealth **glorious**.

### Hymn 1198 Experience of God— His Dispensation

1 A mighty **flowing-out** is **God**.  
 He flows throughout the ages.  
 And so to **flow** Himself to man  
 He is in many stages; [John 7:38-39]  
 Yet still one **God** is He,  
 One **flow** eternally;  
 His stages pave the way [Ezek.47:1-12]  
 To **flow** through man today,  
 And now He **flows** within us! [John 4:14]

2 In the beginning we can see, [Gen.2:10]  
**God** as a **flowing river**,  
 The **river** to convey the **tree**, [Rev.22:2]  
 Himself as **life** deliver.  
 And at the end the same, [Rev.22:1]  
 The **river** doth remain,  
**God** in the **Lamb** doth **flow**,  
 The **tree** prevails to grow,  
 And **God flows** on forever.

3 **God flowed** Himself into a man,  
 The man we call **Christ Jesus**.  
 He **gave up** His own **life for man**  
 And **God's** own **life** releases.  
 Though **Satan** did his best  
 To put **God's flow** to rest—  
 He had Him **crucified** [John 19:34]  
 And cruelly **pierced His side**—  
 But out came **blood** and **water**!

4 The blood and **water flowed** from Him,  
 In streams of pure salvation. [John 19:34]  
 The **blood** brings **cleansing from all sin**;  
 Water, **regeneration**.  
 And now the **Spirit flows**,  
 Brings **God** where'er He goes.  
 All he could do, the foe,  
 Was just release the **flow**.  
 And **God** just keeps on **flowing**.

(Hymn 1058 – for maintaining the spirit)

### Hymn 228 Praise the Lord— Remembrance of Him

1 Sweet **feast of love divine**!  
 'Tis grace that makes us free  
 To feed upon this **bread** and **wine**,  
 In **mem'ry**, **Lord**, of Thee. [1Cor.11:24-25]

2 Here every welcome guest  
 Waits, **Lord**, from Thee to learn  
 The secrets of Thy **Father's** breast,  
 And all Thy **grace** discern.

3 Here conscience ends its strife,  
 And **faith** delights to **prove**  
 The sweetness of [1Pet. 1:7]  
 the **Bread of Life**,  
 The fulness of Thy **love**.

4 That **blood** that **flowed for sin**  
 In symbol here we see, [John 19:34]  
 And feel the blessed **pledge** within  
 That we are **loved** of Thee.

5 O if this glimpse of **love**  
 Is so **divinely** sweet,  
 What will it be, O **Lord**, above,  
 Thy gladd'ning smile to meet!

6 To see **Thee face to face**, [1John 3:2]  
 Thy perfect likeness wear,  
 And all Thy ways  
 of wondrous **grace**  
 Through endless years declare.

**Joh 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**.

**Joh 6:58 –**

This is the **bread** which came down out  
 of heaven, not as the fathers **ate** and **died**;  
 he who **eats** this bread **shall live forever**.

**John 11:25 –**

**Jesus** said to her, I am the **resurrection**  
 and the **life**; he who **believes** into Me,  
 even if he should **die**, **shall live**;

**John 11:26 –**

And everyone who lives and **believes**  
 into Me shall by **no means die** forever...

(Hymn 86 – for filling up the time)

### Hymn 11 Worship of the Father— As the Spirit

1 Thou, **Father**, who art **Spirit** true,  
 The **holiest** of all; [John 4:23-24]  
 We **worship** in the **spirit** now,  
 In truth upon Thee call.

2 A **spirit** Thou hast made for us  
 That we may **worship** Thee,  
 That echoing in **spirit** thus  
**One spirit** we will be. [1Cor. 6:17]

3 The **Father** in the **Son** has come,  
 The **Son** the **Spirit** is,  
 That **to our spirit God may come**.  
 O what a **grace** is this! [2Tim. 4:22]

4 The **Son** is Thine **eternal Word**,  
 The **Word** is **Spirit** too; [John 1:1; 6:63]  
 The **Spirit** as our life has come  
 Our spirit to **renew**.

5 Thy **Spirit** in our **spirit** is,  
 And thus in **unity** [Rom. 8:16]  
 Thy **Spirit witnesseth** with ours  
 That **we are born** of Thee.

6 In everything Thy **Spirit** leads  
 That we may **follow** Him; [Rom. 8:14]  
 We thus may **spiritual** become,  
 With **life** and **peace** within. [Rom. 8:6]

7 In **spirit** we would **worship** Thee,  
 In spirit Thee address,  
 Until our spirit is released  
 Thine **image to express**. [2Cor. 3:18]

8 Our **Father**, we would praise  
 Thee now  
 That Thou the **Spirit** art;  
 In spirit and in truth to Thee  
 True **worship** we impart.

**John 4:23 –**

But an hour is coming, and it is now,  
 when the **true worshippers** will worship  
 the **Father** in **spirit** and **truthfulness**, for  
 the **Father** also seeks such to **worship**  
 Him.

**John 4:24 –**

**God is Spirit**, and those who **worship**  
 Him must worship in **spirit** and  
**truthfulness**.