

“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).

Suggested hymns:

<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 199 Praise the Lord— His All-inclusiveness</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 228 Praise the Lord— Remembrance of Him</p> <p>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]</p> <p>2 Here every welcome guest Waits, Lord, from Thee to learn The secrets of Thy Father's breast, And all Thy grace discern.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>5 O if this glimpse of love Is so divinely sweet, What will it be, O Lord, above, Thy gladd'ning smile to meet!</p> <p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 11 Worship of the Father— As the Spirit</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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]</p> <p>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]</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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]</p> <p>7 In spirit we would worship Thee, In spirit Thee address, Until our spirit is released Thine image to express [2Cor. 3:18]</p> <p>8 Our Father, we would praise Thee now That Thou the Spirit art; In spirit and in truth to Thee True worship we impart.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>John 4:24 – God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.</p>
<p><i>(Hymn 1058 – for maintaining the spirit)</i></p>		