

“WORD OF LIFE”

January 11, 2026

52. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (32)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

22. The Light

Suggested Hymns: # 205 (alternate tune) / # 87 / # 13

“... the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.,” (John 6:63)

John 1:4 - In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 8:12 - ... Jesus spoke to them, ..., I am the light of the world; he who follows Me ... shall have the light of life.

John 12:36 - While you have the light, believe into the light, so that you may become sons of light. ...

John 12:46 - I have come as a light into the world, that everyone who believes into Me would not remain in darkness.

Eph. 5:14 - ..., Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

“... it pleased God, who ... called me through His grace, To reveal His Son in me ...,” (Gal 1:15-16)

❖ Christ is light (John 1:4)

➤ Christ is the Word of God, the expression of God

- Word is heard
- Life is received
- Light shines

➤ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men

- The life is the light.
 - When we called on the name of the Lord Jesus,
 - we received Him into us; the divine light came into our being.
 - Immediately we had the sense of something shining within, we are under His enlightening
 - Because this light shines, the life is the light of men.
- The shining of the light within us is a strong confirmation that we have been born of God to be His children.

“... ‘I believed, therefore I spoke,’ we also believe, therefore we also speak,” (Psa. 116:10; 2Co 4:13)

 We have been born of God by receiving the Word, we have the divine life, eternal life, and this life becomes the light shining within us. Christ is the Word of God, the expression of God by which we may know God. When we receive Him as the expression of God, He becomes our life, and this life becomes the light that shines within us.

 Christ is light to us, exposing us, we who are sleeping and dead in darkness – Oh, “Awake, sleeper, and arise from among the dead, and Christ shall shine on you.”

{Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 51 letter T-22}

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Suggested hymns:

<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 205 Praise the Lord— Satisfaction with Him</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 87 Praise the Lord— His Life</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 13 Worship of the Father— As Love and Light</p>
<p>1 Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts, Thou Fount of life, <i>[Psa. 36:9]</i> Thou Light of men, From the best bliss that earth imparts, We turn unfilled to Thee again.</p> <p>2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; <i>[Rom. 8:28; Eph. 4:1]</i> Thou savest those that on Thee call; To them that seek Thee, <i>[Matt. 6:33]</i> Thou art good, <i>[Jer. 29:12-13]</i> To them that find Thee, all in all!</p> <p>3 We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread, <i>[John 6:51]</i> And long to feast upon Thee still; We drink of Thee, <i>[Isa. 12:3-4; John 4:14]</i> the Fountain-head, And thirst our souls from Thee to fill!</p> <p>4 Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, Where'er our changeful lot is cast; Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, Blest, when our faith <i>[Luke 18:8]</i> can hold Thee fast.</p> <p>5 O Lord, be Thou our strength and stay! <i>[Psa. 46:1]</i> Make all our moments calm and bright, Chase all dark thoughts <i>[2Cor. 4:4]</i> of sin away, Shed o'er us here Thy holy light.</p> <p>Psa. 36:9 – For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.</p> <p>Rev 22:5 – And night will be no more; and they have no need of the light of a lamp and of the light of the sun, for the Lord God will shine upon them; and they will reign forever and ever.</p>	<p>1 O Lord! When we the path retrace Which Thou on earth hast trod, To men Thy wondrous love and grace, <i>[Eph. 2:4-5]</i> Thy faithfulness to God;</p> <p>2 Thy love, by man so sorely tried, Proved stronger than the grave; The very spear <i>[John 19:34]</i> that pierced Thy side Drew forth the blood to save;</p> <p>3 Though Thou didst pass through woes and grief, Thy works were ever good; Although midst sorrows all Thy life, <i>[Isa 53:7; Acts 8:32]</i> Thou spak'st no murmuring word.</p> <p>4 Faithful amidst unfaithfulness, 'Mid darkness only light, Thou didst <i>[John 1:5]</i> Thy Father's name confess, And in His will delight;</p> <p>5 Unmoved by Satan's subtle wiles, Or suffering, shame, and loss, Thy path, uncheered by earthly smiles, Led only to the cross. <i>[Luke 9:51]</i></p> <p>6 We wonder at Thy lowly mind, <i>[Phil. 2:5-8]</i> And fain would like Thee be, And all our rest and pleasure find In learning, Lord, of Thee.</p> <p>Joh 12:23-25 – ... The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ... I say to you, Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his soul-life loses it; and he who hates his soul-life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life.</p> <p><i>(Hymn 88 – for filling up the time)</i></p>	<p>1 Thou art love and Thou art light, Lord, In the Son as life Thou art; Love expressing, light illum'ning, Thou dost life to us impart.</p> <p>Chorus 1: Thou art love! Thou art light! <i>[John 4:8]</i> In the Son as life Thou art; <i>[John 5:12]</i> Love expressing, light illum'ning Thou dost life to us impart.</p> <p>2 Love bespeaks Thy very being, What Thou dost is shown by light; Love is inward, light is outward, Love accompanies the light.</p> <p>3 Love by grace is manifested, <i>[John 3:21]</i> And the light by truth is shown; By Thy love we may enjoy Thee; By Thy light Thou, Lord, art known.</p> <p>4 Thru Thy love, which led to Calvary, We receive the life of God; <i>[John 3:16]</i> Light our understanding opens, That we may apply the blood.</p> <p>5 Thru Thy love, as life Thou enter'st Fellowship with Thee to give; <i>[John 1:7]</i> Thru Thy light we take Thy cleansing And in fellowship may live.</p> <p>6 By the light and blood which cleanses, The anointing we shall know; <i>[John 2:27]</i> Then the life of love Thine essence, More and more in us will flow.</p> <p>7 By Thy love we are Thy children, Abba Father calling Thee; <i>[John 1:5]</i> Light disperses all our darkness, Till, like Him, Thy Son, we see.</p> <p>Chorus 2: O what grace! O what truth! Love is seen and light is shown! We would praise Thee never ceasing, Thou by love and light art known!</p> <p>1John 1:5 – And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.</p>