

## “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.*”

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### Hymn 205 Praise the Lord— Satisfaction with Him

- 1 Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,  
Thou **Fount of life**, [Psa. 36:9]  
Thou **Light of men**,  
From the best bliss  
that earth imparts,  
We turn unfilled to Thee again.
- 2 Thy **truth** unchanged  
hath ever stood; [Rom. 8:28; Eph. 4:1]  
Thou savest those that on Thee **call**;  
To them that **seek** Thee, [Matt. 6:33]  
Thou art good, [Jer. 29:12-13]  
To them that find Thee, all in all!
- 3 We taste Thee,  
O Thou **living Bread**, [John 6:51]  
And long to **feast** upon Thee still;  
We **drink** of Thee, [Isa. 12:3-4; John 4:14]  
the **Fountain-head**,  
And **thirst** our souls  
from Thee to fill!
- 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** [Luke 18:8]  
can hold Thee fast.
- 5 O Lord, be Thou our strength  
and stay! [Psa. 46:1]  
Make all our moments  
calm and bright,  
Chase all **dark thoughts** [2Cor. 4:4]  
of **sin away**,  
Shed o'er us here Thy **holy light**.

#### Psa. 36:9 –

For with You is the **fountain of life**;  
In Your **light** we see **light**.

#### 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.

### Hymn 87 Praise the Lord— His Life

- 1 O Lord! When we the **path** retrace  
Which Thou on earth hast **trod**,  
To men Thy wondrous **love**  
and **grace**, [Eph. 2:4-5]  
Thy **faithfulness** to **God**;
- 2 Thy **love**, by man so sorely tried,  
Proved stronger than the **grave**;  
The very spear [John 19:34]  
that **pierced** Thy side  
Drew forth the **blood** to save;
- 3 Though Thou didst pass  
through **woes** and **grief**,  
Thy works were ever good;  
Although midst sorrows  
all Thy **life**, [Isa 53:7; Acts 8:32]  
Thou spak'st no murmuring word.
- 4 **Faithful** amidst **unfaithfulness**,  
'Mid **darkness** only light,  
Thou didst [John 1:5]  
Thy **Father's** name confess,  
And in His will delight;
- 5 Unmoved by **Satan's** subtle wiles,  
Or suffering, shame, and loss,  
Thy path, uncheered  
by earthly smiles,  
Led only to the **cross**. [Luke 9:51]
- 6 We wonder at Thy **lowly mind**, [Phil. 2:5-8]  
And fain would like Thee be,  
And all our rest and pleasure find  
In learning, **Lord**, of Thee.

#### 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**.

(Hymn 88 – for filling up the time)

### Hymn 13 Worship of the Father— As Love and Light

- 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.
- Chorus 1:**  
Thou art **love**! Thou art **light**! [1John 4:8]  
In the **Son** as **life** Thou art; [1John 5:12]  
**Love** expressing, **light illum'ning**  
Thou dost life to us impart.
- 2 **Love** bespeaks Thy very being,  
What Thou dost is shown by **light**;  
**Love** is inward, **light** is outward,  
**Love** accompanies the **light**.
  - 3 **Love** by **grace** is manifested, [John 3:21]  
And the **light** by **truth** is shown;  
By Thy **love** we may enjoy Thee;  
By Thy **light** Thou, **Lord**, art known.
  - 4 Thru Thy **love**, which led to **Calvary**,  
We receive the **life** of **God**; [John 3:16]  
**Light** our understanding opens,  
That we may apply the **blood**.
  - 5 Thru Thy **love**, as **life** Thou enter'st  
**Fellowship** with Thee to give; [1John 1:7]  
Thru Thy **light** we take Thy cleansing  
And in **fellowship** may live.
  - 6 By the **light** and **blood** which **cleanses**,  
The **anointing** we shall know; [1John 2:27]  
Then the **life** of **love** Thine essence,  
More and more in us will **flow**.
  - 7 By Thy **love** we are Thy children,  
**Abba Father** calling Thee; [John 1:5]  
**Light** disperses all our **darkness**,  
Till, like Him, Thy **Son**, we **see**.

#### 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!

#### 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.