

## 52. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (32)

### T. TO THE BELIEVERS

#### 23. The Way

**Suggested Hymns:** I am crucified with Christ / What He is: He's my Savior / # 33

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

John 14:1 - Do not let your heart be troubled; **believe** into **God**, believe also into **Me**.  
John 14:2 - In My Father's house are many abodes; ... I **go** to prepare a place for you.  
John 14:3 - And if I **go** and prepare a place for you, I am **coming** again and will receive you to Myself, so that **where I am** you also **may be**.  
John 14:4 - And **where I am** going you know the **way**.  
John 14:5 - ..., Lord, we do not know **where** You are going; how can we know the **way**?  
John 14:6 - Jesus said ..., I am the **way** and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me..  
Eph. 2:18 - For through Him we both have **access** in one **Spirit** unto the **Father**.

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

❖ Christ is our **way** to the **Father**.

➤ “*You know where I go, and you know the way.*” (John 14:4)  
➤ “*I am the way...no one comes to the Father except through Me*” (John 14:6).

- Christ is the **way** to reach our destination, the **Father**.
  - The **way** is a **living person**, the **Son**,
  - The **place** must also be a **living person**, God the **Father** Himself.
    - both the **way** and the **where** are living persons.
    - The **way** is the **Son**, and the **where**, the place, is the **Father**.
  - When we walk in **Christ** as the **way**, we arrive at the destination, which is the **Father**.
- Christ's intention is to bring us into God, into the **Father**.
  - Through His death and resurrection, He **cleared away** all the obstacles, between us and God.
  - Christ Himself is our **way** to the Father,
    - we simply need to **enter** into Christ, and He will bring us to the Father
  - The Son is in the Father, and we also are in the Father because we are in the Son.

➤ “*Through Him we both have access in one Spirit unto the Father.*” (Eph. 2:18)

- Christ as the **way** we have **access** in the Spirit unto the Father.
- When we **call**, “**O Lord Jesus**,” we have the sense that we are in the presence of God and that God is within us.

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

 When we get into **Christ as the way**, we arrive at the **Father as our destination**, because the Son is one with the Father. Therefore, **to be in the Son is also to be in the Father**. Once we are in Christ Jesus, there is no longer any distance between us and God. Because we are in Christ we are immediately **brought into** the Father. When we **call on the name** of the **Lord Jesus**, we are **immediately** in the **Triune God**.

 **God's ways** (Deut. 10:12) are actually what God is. Whatever God is, is a way to us. Hence, **to take** what God is as our ways and to walk in these ways is **to live God**. The God who is **our way is Christ** (John 14:6). To take Christ as our **way** is to live Him, and to live Him is to express Him, to manifest Him, and even to magnify Him (Phil. 1:20-21a).

*Suggested hymns:*

<p><b>I am crucified with Christ Experience of Christ— Loving Him</b></p>	<p><b>What He is: He's my Savior Praise the Lord— His Life</b></p>	<p><b>Hymn 33 Worship of the Father— As Love and Light</b></p>
<p><b>Chorus:</b></p> <p>I am <b>crucified</b> with <b>Christ</b> [Gal.2:20] And it is <b>no longer I</b> who liveth, But it is <b>Christ</b> who <b>lives in me</b>; And the life which I now live In the flesh, I live in <b>faith</b>— The faith of the <b>Son of God</b> Who <b>loved</b> and gave Himself up for me.</p> <p>1 And now I'm <b>walking</b> (Paripateo)[Gal.5:16] by the <b>Spirit</b> (to express – image) <b>Step by step</b>, (common, daily walk) <b>day by day</b>, [Rom.8:14] [Gal. 5:22-23] <b>O Lord</b>, I love You. You're the precious One <b>to me</b>. As I do this and that Lord, remind me where You're at; You're in my spirit, [Gal.1:15-16; 6:18] <b>Dispensing grace</b> to me.</p> <p>2 And now I'm <b>walking</b> (Stoicheo)[Gal. 5:25] by the <b>Spirit</b>, (to represent – dominion) <b>Marching</b> on toward the <b>goal</b>.(regulated, military walk) <b>O Lord</b>, Your <b>purpose</b> [Gal. 6:15-16] Means everything to me. All self-love I lay aside For the <b>churches</b>, for Your <b>Bride</b>, For the fulfillment Of Your <b>economy</b>.</p> <p><b>Gal 3:26 –</b> For you are all <b>sons of God</b> through faith in <b>Christ Jesus</b>.</p> <p><b>Gal 5:16 –</b> [daily, common walk] ...(<i>paripateo</i>) <b>Walk by the Spirit</b> and you shall by no means fulfill the <b>lust</b> of the flesh.</p> <p><b>Gal 5:22-23 –</b> ... the <b>fruit of the Spirit</b> is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, Meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law.</p> <p><b>Gal 5:25 –</b> [military, orderly walk] If we live by the Spirit, let us also (<i>stoicheo</i>) <b>walk by the Spirit</b>.</p> <p><b>Gal 6:15-16 –</b> ... a new creation is what matters. And as many as (<i>stoicheo</i>) <b>walk by this rule</b>, <b>peace</b> be upon them and <b>mercy</b>, even upon the <b>Israel of God</b>.</p> <p><b>(Hymn 586 – for strengthening, uplifting the spirit)</b></p>	<p>1 What He is: He's my <b>Savior</b>. [Phil. 3:20] He is <b>Jesus Christ</b>, my <b>Savior</b>. He is <b>saving</b> me from more than <b>sin</b>. Oh, may my eyes see only Him! He's my <b>Savior</b>! <b>Wonderful!</b> [Matt.1:21]</p> <p>2 What He is: He's a <b>God-man</b>, [Rom.1:3-4] A <b>divine</b> and human <b>God-man</b>. Living <b>God</b> as man, He <b>paved the way</b> For <b>God</b> to <b>live in me</b> today. He's a <b>God-man</b>! <b>Wonderful!</b></p> <p>3 What He is: He's <b>exalted</b>. [Phil.2:9-11] He's to <b>God's</b> right hand <b>exalted</b>. <b>God</b> was <b>incarnated</b> for His <b>plan</b>; He <b>lived</b>, He <b>died</b>, He <b>rose</b> as man, He's <b>exalted</b>! <b>Wonderful!</b> [1Cor. 15:3-4] [2 Cor. 5:15]</p> <p>4 What He is: He's our <b>High Priest</b>. [Heb.2:17] He's our interceding <b>High Priest</b>, [Rom.8:34] Like us <b>tempted</b>, yet He's <b>without sin</b>; We boldly come to <b>God</b> through Him. He's our <b>High Priest</b>! <b>Wonderful!</b> [Heb.4:14]</p> <p>5 What He is: He's <b>within us</b>. [John 14:20] He is <b>living</b> now within us. As the <b>Spirit</b> He is <b>saving</b> me. From now unto eternity, He's within us! <b>Wonderful!</b></p> <p>6 What He is: He's <b>Salvation</b>. [John 3:16] As the <b>Savior</b>, He's <b>Salvation</b>. [Acts 4:12] When He comes, <b>salvation comes to us</b>. <b>The God-man Jesus</b>, <b>glorious</b>! He's <b>Salvation</b>! <b>Wonderful!</b></p> <p>He's <b>Salvation</b>! <b>Wonderful!</b> [Isa. 9:6] He's <b>Salvation</b>! <b>Wonderful!</b></p> <p><b>Rom 6:8 –</b> Now if we have <b>died</b> with <b>Christ</b>, we believe that we will also <b>live</b> with Him,</p> <p><b>Rom 6:9 –</b> <b>Knowing</b> that <b>Christ</b>, having been <b>raised</b> from the <b>dead</b>, dies <b>no more</b>; death lords it over Him <b>no more</b>.</p> <p><b>Rom 6:10 –</b> For the death which He <b>died</b>, He died to sin once for all; but the <b>life</b> which He <b>lives</b>, He lives to <b>God</b>.</p> <p><b>Rom 6:11 –</b> So also you, <b>reckon</b> yourselves to be <b>dead</b> to sin, but <b>living to God in Christ Jesus</b>.</p> <p><b>(Hymn 223 – for maintaining the spirit)</b></p>	<p><b>1 Father</b>, long before creation, Thou hadst <b>chosen us in love</b>; [Eph.1:4] And that <b>love</b>, so deep, so <b>moving</b>, <b>Draws</b> us close to <b>Christ</b> above, And will keep us, and will <b>keep us</b>, Firmly <b>fixed</b> in Christ alone, Firmly fixed in Christ alone.</p> <p>2 Though the world may change its fashion, [Heb.1:12; 13:8] Yet our <b>God</b> is e'er the same; His <b>compassion</b> and His <b>cov'nant</b> Through all ages will remain. <b>God's</b> own children, [Rev.1:18; 22:13] God's own children, Must forever <b>praise</b> His name, Must forever praise His name.</p> <p>3 <b>God's compassion</b> is my story, Is my <b>boasting</b> all the day; [Rom. 12:1] <b>Mercy</b> free and never failing Moves my will, <b>directs my way</b>. <b>God</b> so loved us, [Prov. 3:5-6; Psa. 32:8] God so <b>loved us</b>, [John 3:16; Rom.5:8] That His only <b>Son</b> He gave, That His only Son He <b>gave</b>.</p> <p>4 Loving <b>Father</b>, now before Thee We will ever <b>praise</b> Thy <b>love</b>; And our song will sound unceasing Till we meet Thy <b>Son</b> above, Giving <b>glory</b>, giving glory, [Psa. 96:8] To our <b>God</b> and to the Lamb, To our God and to the <b>Lamb</b>. [Rev. 14:7; 22:1]</p> <p><b>1John 4:16 –</b> And we know and have believed the <b>love</b> which <b>God</b> has <b>in us</b>. <b>God</b> is <b>love</b>, and he who <b>abides</b> in <b>love</b> abides in <b>God</b> and <b>God</b> abides in him.</p> <p><b>1John 4:17 –</b> In this has <b>love</b> been <b>perfected</b> with us, that we may have <b>boldness in the day of the judgment</b> because even as <b>He is</b>, so also are we in this world.</p> <p><b>Deut. 10:12 –</b> ... <b>fear</b> <b>Jehovah</b> your <b>God</b> so that you would <b>walk in all His ways</b> and <b>love</b> Him and <b>serve</b> <b>Jehovah</b> your <b>God</b> with all your <b>heart</b> and with all your <b>soul</b>;</p>