

“WORD OF LIFE”

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52. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (32)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

24. The Reality

Suggested Hymns: # 1182, # 496 / # 220 / Father, We Worship Your Blest Name

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

John 1:14 - And the **Word** became **flesh** and **tabernacled** among us ..., full of **grace** and **reality**.

John 1:17 - For the law was given through Moses; **grace** and **reality** came through **Jesus Christ**.

John 14:6 - Jesus said ..., I am the **way** and the **reality** and the life; ...

John 14:17 - ... the **Spirit of reality**, ... **abides** with you and shall be **in you**.

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

❖ The **Lord Jesus** is the **reality** (John 14:6).

➤ **Christ** is the **embodiment** of the Triune God.

- The Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—is the **reality**.
 - **Apart** from the Triune God, the entire universe is **vanity**, no reality.
- The **reality** we receive is the **being** and the **doing** of the Triune God
 - this reality is the incarnated God (John 1:1, 14)
 - this reality is also the Son (John 8:32, 36) and
 - this **reality is the Spirit** (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 John 5:6)

➤ In the universe only **what God is** and **what God does** are **real**.

- This **reality** in the universe is **God’s being and God’s doing**.
- God’s being is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, and His doing is **redemption**.
- He is everything and has done everything necessary for us to contact Him.
 - **when we call on the name of the Lord Jesus, we receive this universal reality**.

➤ The **reality** of Christ is the **consummated Spirit**, the aggregate of the **Divine Trinity** (John 14:16-20):

- it is the **reality** of the processed **Triune God**
- it is the **reality** of the **death** of Christ as **the Spirit** compounded with His person and death
- it is the **reality** of the **resurrection** of Christ as **the Spirit** compounded with His person and resurrection

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

✚ The **reality** is the **Triune God**—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. This **reality** includes what the Triune God has **done**. This is the gospel (Eph. 1:13). The reality, is the very **being** of the **Triune God** and what He has **done**.

✚ The **reality** is actually the **way**, and the way is the destination.

- ✓ When we **get** on the way, we **arrive** at the destination.
- ✓ When we **receive** the Lord Jesus, we **have** the Father.
- ✓ When we **receive** the **Son** as the way, we **have** the **Father** as the destination.

Because the **Son** is the **embodiment** of the **Father**, when we **call** on the name of the **Lord** we have **both** the **Son** and the **Father**. **When** we **call** on the **Lord’s** name, we have the **reality**, we are on the **way**, and we have the **Father**.

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Hymn 1182 Experience of Christ— As our Person

- 1** In **spirit** and **reality**
We meet to **worship** Thee, [John 4:24]
And every **principality**
Must fall down or must flee.
Reality, reality, [2Cor. 5:17]
O what a **joy to see**,
That **Christ** may be **enjoyed** by us
As our **reality**. [John 15:11; Phil. 4:4]
- 2** A **Person**, Thou hast **come in us**,
Into our **spirit** now, [1Cor. 15:45]
And quickened us until we know
Our inner man art Thou. [2Cor. 4:16]
O **praise** Thee, **Lord**,
we sense Thee thus,
Forever **inwardly**;
Thy **Person** in each one of us
Is our **reality**.
- 3** And now the **corporate life**
we **live**— [Col. 3:10]
Christ in His **Body** known;
Where every **portion** [Col. 1:12]
adds more **Christ**,
Until the whole is shown.
O **Hallelujah**, one **new man**! [Eph. 4:24]
Our **portions** blend as one; [1Cor. 12:24]
In one accord, **express** the **Lord**,
And He will quickly come.

Eph 1:13 –

In whom you also, having heard the **word of the truth**, the gospel of your **salvation**, in Him also **believing**, you were **sealed** with the **Holy Spirit** of the **promise**,

Eph 1:14 –

Who is the **pledge** of our **inheritance** unto the **redemption** of the acquired possession, **to the praise of His glory**.

(Hymn 6119 – opening & introducing the subject)

- 1** **Christ**, the **real life-giver**,
Gives **life** to me,
And every time I **call on Him**,
His **Spirit** sets me free;
Christ, the **real life-giver**,
Lives now in me;
No longer is He just a name,
But my **reality**!

Hymn 496 Experience of Christ— As the Reality

- 1** **Christ** is the one reality of all, [John 1:14]
Of **Godhead** and of man [John 14:6]
and all things else;
No man without Him ever findeth **God**,
Without Him man
and **everything is false**.
- 2** All types and figures
of the ancient time, [Heb. 10:1]
All things we ever need,
both great and small, [Col. 2:17]
Only are shadows of the Christ of God,
Showing that He must be our all in all.
- 3** All things are **vanity of vanities**, [Ecc. 1:2]
Christ, the **reality** all things to fill;
Though everything [Eph. 4:9-10]
we may enjoy and own,
If we're **devoid** of **Christ**
we're **empty** still.
- 4** **Christ** is our real **God**, our real **Lord**,
Christ is our real **life**, our real **light**;
Christ is our real **food**, our real **drink**,
Our real **clothing**, and our real **might**.
- 5** **Christ** also is the one **reality**
Of all our doctrine and theology;
And all our scriptural knowledge
without Him [1Cor. 8:1]
Is just in letter and is **vanity**.
- 6** **Christ**, the **reality** of time and space,
Christ, the **reality** of every stage;
Christ is the one **reality** of all
Thru all eternity from age to age.

Eph 1:7 –

In whom we have **redemption** through His **blood**, the **forgiveness** of offenses, **according** to the **riches** of His **grace**,

Eph 1:9 –

Making known to us the mystery of **His will** **according** to **His good pleasure**, which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 1:11 –

In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been **predestinated** **according** to the **purpose** of the One who works all things **according** to the counsel of **His will**,

Eph 1:12 –

That we would be **to the praise of His glory** who have first hoped in Christ.

(Hymn 220 – for maintaining the spirit)

Father, We Worship Your Blest Name Worship of the Father— As the Source of Life

- 1** **Father**, we worship Your **blest name**!
[Psa. 113:2]
O great “**I AM**,” You’re all indeed!
Surpassing everything You’ve made—
All that You are is **all we need**!
- 2** **God** of the **living**, not the dead, [Mark 12:27]
Your **life** with power overcomes!
Death is **annulled**! **Life reigns** instead!
We’re made alive **in Christ** Your **Son**!
- 3** From heaven’s seat, **enthroned** on high,
The **Lord**, Your **Son**, [Acts 2:32; 5:31]
that **Man** most dear, [Heb. 1:3]
Leads us to seek You inwardly,
In spirit **sensing** You draw near.
- 4** As You **draw near**, we apprehend
And we **experience** all You are, [SS 1:4]
Beyond constraints of time and space,
Your **life**, **in Christ**, a realm entire.
- 5** Have You not willed
that **Christ** should be [Col. 3:3-4]
Everything to us inwardly?
In Christ, You are the source of life,
In faith, our true **reality**.
- 6** **Highways to Zion** in our **hearts**,
From strength to strength [Psa. 84:5]
we go each day;
Depending on Your **life** alone, [John 15:5]
In Your **supply** of **Christ** we stay.
- 7** In this **supply**, Your heart of **love** [Eph. 1:4]
Makes known Your **will** subjectively.
Wooed by Your **grace** and **perfect will**,
We come to know You inwardly.
- 8** **Father**, in **reverent praise** we sing!
[Lev. 19:30; Psa. 111:10; Prov. 9:10]
We **worship** You for all You are!
Your life, **in Christ**, is **everything**!
Glory to You forevermore!

Eph 1:4 –

Even as He **chose us** in Him before the foundation of the world to **be holy** and without blemish before Him in love,

Eph 1:5 –

Predestinating us unto **sonship** through **Jesus Christ** to Himself, **according** to the **good pleasure of His will**.

Eph 1:6 –

To the **praise of the glory of His grace**, with which He **graced us in the Beloved**;