

“WORD OF LIFE”

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53. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (33)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

25. The Hope of Glory

Suggested Hymns: # 189, # 132 / # 86 / # 8032

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

Col. 1:26 - The mystery which has been hidden ... but now has been manifested to His saints;

Col. 1:27 - ... to make known ... the riches of the glory of this mystery ... which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Col. 3:4 - When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.

Eph. 1:18 - The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling,

1Tim. 1:1 - ... of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

1Thes. 2:12 - ... walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

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

❖ Christ is the hope of glory (Col. 1:27).

➤ Christ dwells within us as our hope of glory.

- He dwells in our spirit to be our life and our person.
- When Christ our life is manifested, we also shall be manifested with Him in glory.
- He will appear to be glorified in our redeemed and transfigured body (Rom. 8:23; Phil. 3:21; 2 Thes. 1:10).
 - we shall be glorified in Him, and
 - He will be glorified in us.
- Christ will saturate our entire being, including our physical body.
 - our body to be transfigured and to become like His glorious body.
 - Christ will be glorified in us.
 - Christ in us is our hope of glory.

➤ Christ's being the hope of glory is related to the hope of His calling (Eph. 1:18).

- Before we were saved, we had no hope (Eph. 2:12).
- But now that we are saved, we are full of hope.
 - we are full of hope, which is Christ Himself (1 Tim. 1:1).
- Christ is our Savior, our hope to bring us into the full blessing and enjoyment of eternal life.

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

✚ Christ is the hope of glory. Glory is the expression of God. God has ordained that we should be brought into this glory (1 Cor. 2:7), and, as believers, we have been called into this glory (1 Thes. 2:12; 1 Pet. 5:10).

✚ When we were regenerated, Christ as the life of glory came into us as a divine seed that eventually will blossom into the full expression of God. The Christ who was God's expression, the effulgence of God's glory (Heb. 1:3), now dwells within us to be our hope of glory. Our hope of such a glory is the indwelling Christ Himself.

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Hymn 189 Praise the Lord— His All-Inclusiveness

- 1** Thou art the **Son beloved**, [Col. 1:13-15; 3:10]
The **image** of our **God**; [2Cor. 4:4]
Thou art the saints' dear **portion**, [Col. 1:12]
Imparted thru Thy **blood**.
Among all **God's** creation [Col. 1:15]
Thou art the **firstborn One**;
By Thee all was created,
All for Thyself to own.
- 2** Thou art **before** all creatures, [Col. 1:17;
Rev. 22:13]
In Thee all things **consist**;
Of all Thou art the center,
By Thee all things **subsist**.
Thou art the sole beginning,
The **Firstborn from the dead**; [Col. 1:18]
And for the **Church**, Thy **Body**, [Eph. 1:22-23]
Thou art the **glorious** Head.
- 3** Because it pleased the **Father**,
All **fulness** dwells in Thee, [Col. 1:19; 2:9]
That Thou might have the **first place** [Col. 1:18]
In all we ever see.
All things Thou **reconciledst** [2Cor. 5:19;]
To **God** by Thy **shed blood**, [Rom. 5:10]
- To thus present us **holy**
And blameless unto **God**.
- 4** In Thee **God's fulness** dwelleth, [Col. 1:19]
Thou art **God's mystery**; [Col. 2:2]
The treasures of all wisdom
And knowledge are in Thee.
Thou art the **hope of glory**, [Col. 1:27]
In us Thou dost abide;
In Thee we are **perfected** [Heb. 10:14]
And **God** is satisfied.
- 5** All things are but a **shadow** [Col. 2:17]
Which unto us reveal
Thyself, in whom we're **rooted**, [Col. 2:7]
The only One that's **real**.
Enjoying all Thy **riches**, [Col. 1:27; 2:2]
Thy **fulness** we will be;
We'll hold Thee, as Thy **Body**, [Col. 2:19]
And **grow** with **God** in Thee.
- 6** With Thee in **God** we're **hidden**, [Col. 3:3]
Thou art in us **our life**;
Thy **peace** in us presiding, [Col. 3:15]
We rest from all our **strife**.
In the **new man**, Thy **Body**, [Eph. 2:15; 1:23]
Thou art the **all in all**;
Our all-inclusive **Savior**,
Thyself we'll ever **call**.

Rom 8:30 –

And those whom He **predestinated**, these He also called; and those whom He **called**, these He also justified; and those whom He **justified**, these He also **glorified**.

1Co 2:7 –

But we speak **God's** wisdom in a **mystery**, the wisdom which has been **hidden**, which **God** **predestined** before the ages for our **glory**,

(Hymn 132 – uplifting the spirit)

Hymn 86 Praise the Lord— His Life

- 1** Though Thou art **God**,
most **glorious**, high, [John 1:1, 14]
Thou in the **flesh** to us came nigh,
A lowly man become thereby;
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 2** **Glory** divine was put away [Phil. 2:6-8]
Under the tent of **flesh** to stay,
No outward beauty to display; [Isa. 53:2]
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 3** Thou art a **root from out dry ground**,
Thou wast the **Man of sorrows** found,
Hated, despised by man around; [Isa. 53:3]
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 4** Gentle and **lowly** is Thy heart, [Matt. 11:29]
Willing to suffer all Thou art, [Isa. 53:7]
To **God** and man complaining not;
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 5** Thou as a man art tender, sweet,
Balanced in every way, **complete**, [Luke 2:52]
Meal-offering to the **Father** meet;
Lord, I **remember** Thee! [fn. Lev. 2:1]
- 6** Doing the **Father's** will Thy prize,
Never accepting **Satan's lies**, [John 8:44]
None like Thyself, so **faithful**, wise;
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 7** For Thine **obedience** to **God's** will,
Willing to suffer deathly ill, [Phil. 2:8]
E'en on the **Cross** my place to fill,
Lord, I **remember** Thee!
- 8** Therefore hath **God** exalted Thee,
Given Thee glory, majesty, [Phil. 2: 9-11]
Heaven and earth will bow the knee;
O Lord, I **worship** Thee!

1Pe 4:13 –

But inasmuch as **you share** in the **sufferings** of **Christ**, **rejoice**, so that also at the **revelation** of His **glory** you may **rejoice** exultingly.

Heb 2:9-10 –

But we see **Jesus**, ... because of the **suffering of death**, crowned with **glory** and honor, ... taste **death** on behalf of everything. For it was fitting for Him, ..., in **leading** many sons into **glory**, to make the **Author** of their salvation **perfect** through **sufferings**.

Hymn 8032 Worship of the Father— His Predestination

- 1** We **praise** Thee, **glorious Father**,
As objects of Thy **grace**, [Eph. 1:5-6]
Who for Thine own heart's **pleasure**
Are now before Thy face:
Thy sons **marked out for glory**
Known from **eternity** [Rom 8:29-30]
With **Christ** Thy Well-beloved,
Object **supreme** to Thee.
- 2** For **holiness** Thou **chose us**,
Ere earth was set in space, [Eph. 1:3-6]
Predestined us Thy **glorious**
Inheritance in grace;
Thou **marked us out beforehand**,
Chose us for **sonship's** sake; [Eph. 1:5]
Our full **predestined** portion,
When **full-grown**, we'll **partake**.
- 3** As Thou **predestinated**,
Thou called us to be **graced**;
Thy **life divine imparted**,
Our every sin erased. [Eph. 1:13-14]
Our **pledge** and **seal's** the **Spirit**,
Supplying boundlessly;
Thine ever, we **inherit**
Thy wealth eternally.
- 4** **Who else** but Thee, O **Father**,
Could in Thine only **Son**
So **bless** us with Thy **Spirit**,
And have us for Thine own?
Soon shall **we be forever** [Col. 1:27; 3:4]
With **Christ** in **glory**; then
We'll **shine** in His blest image [Phil 2:15]
Eternally, **Amen!**

Eph 3:14 –

For this cause I **bow my knees** unto the **Father**,

Eph 3:15 –

Of whom **every family** in the heavens and on earth is **named**,

Eph 3:16 –

That He would grant you, according to the **riches of His glory**, to be **strengthened** with power through His **Spirit** into the **inner man**,

(Repeat stanzas 1 and 4 - for conclusion)