

“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.

{Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 51 letter T-25}
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The Elder's Training Book 8, Ch. 4, and The Administration of the Church and the Ministry of the Word, Ch. 11]}

Suggested hymns:

Hymn 189 Praise the Lord— His All-Inclusiveness	Hymn 86 Praise the Lord— His Life	Hymn 8032 Worship of the Father— His Predestination
<p>1 Thou art the Son beloved, <i>[Col. 1:13-15; 3:10]</i> The image of our God; <i>[2Cor. 4:4]</i> Thou art the saints' dear portion, <i>[Col. 1:12]</i> Imparted thru Thy blood. Among all God's creation Thou art the firstborn One; By Thee all was created, All for Thyself to own.</p> <p>2 Thou art before all creatures, 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; <i>[Col 1:18]</i> And for the Church, Thy Body, <i>[Eph. 1:22-23]</i> Thou art the glorious Head.</p> <p>3 Because it pleased the Father, All fullness dwells in Thee, <i>[Col. 1:19; 2:9]</i> That Thou might have the first place <i>[Col. 1:18]</i> In all we ever see. All things Thou reconciledst To God by Thy shed blood, Thus present us holy And blameless unto God.</p> <p>4 In Thee God's fullness dwelleth, Thou art God's mystery; The treasures of all wisdom And knowledge are in Thee. Thou art the hope of glory, In us Thou dost abide; In Thee we are perfected And God is satisfied.</p> <p>5 All things are but a shadow Which unto us reveal Thyself, in whom we're rooted, The only One that's real. Enjoying all Thy riches, Thy fullness we will be; We'll hold Thee, as Thy Body, And grow with God in Thee.</p> <p>6 With Thee in God we're hidden, Thou art in us our life; Thy peace in us presiding, We rest from all our strife. In the new man, Thy Body, <i>[Eph. 2:15; 1:23]</i> Thou art the all in all; Our all-inclusive Savior, Thyself we'll ever call.</p> <p>Rom 8:30 – And those whom He predestined, these He also called; and those whom He called, these He also justified; and those whom He justified, these He also glorified.</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>1 Though Thou art God, most glorious, high, <i>[John 1:1, 14]</i> Thou in the flesh to us came nigh, A lowly man become thereby; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>2 Glory divine was put away <i>[Phil. 2:6-8]</i> Under the tent of flesh to stay, No outward beauty to display; <i>[Isa. 53:2]</i> Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>3 Thou art a root from out dry ground, Thou wast the Man of sorrows found, Hated, despised by man around; <i>[Isa. 53:3]</i> Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>4 Gentle and lowly is Thy heart, <i>[Matt. 11:29]</i> Willing to suffer all Thou art, <i>[Isa. 53:7]</i> To God and man complaining not; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>5 Thou as a man art tender, sweet, Balanced in every way, complete, <i>[Luke 2:52]</i> Meal-offering to the Father meet; Lord, I remember Thee! <i>[Jn. Lev. 2:1]</i></p> <p>6 Doing the Father's will Thy prize, Never accepting Satan's lies, <i>[John 8:44]</i> None like Thyself, so faithful, wise; Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>7 For Thine obedience to God's will, Willing to suffer deathly ill, <i>[Phil. 2:8]</i> E'en on the Cross my place to fill, Lord, I remember Thee!</p> <p>8 Therefore hath God exalted Thee, Given Thee glory, majesty, <i>[Phil. 2: 9-11]</i> Heaven and earth will bow the knee; O Lord, I worship Thee!</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>1 We praise Thee, glorious Father, As objects of Thy grace, <i>[Eph. 1:5-6]</i> Who for Thine own heart's pleasure Are now before Thy face: Thy sons marked out for glory Known from eternity <i>[Rom 8:29-30]</i> With Christ Thy Well-beloved, Object supreme to Thee.</p> <p>2 For holiness Thou chose us, Ere earth was set in space, <i>[Eph. 1:3-6]</i> Predestined us Thy glorious Inheritance in grace; Thou marked us out beforehand, Chose us for sonship's sake; <i>[Eph. 1:5]</i> Our full predestined portion, When full-grown, we'll partake.</p> <p>3 As Thou predestinated, Thou called us to be graced; Thy life divine imparted, Our every sin erased. <i>[Eph. 1:13-14]</i> Our pledge and seal's Spirit, Supplying boundlessly; Thine ever, we inherit Thy wealth eternally.</p> <p>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 <i>[Col. 1:27; 3:4]</i> With Christ in glory; then We'll shine in His blest image <i>[Phil 2:15]</i> Eternally, Amen!</p> <p>Eph 3:14 – For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father,</p> <p>Eph 3:15 – Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named,</p> <p>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,</p> <p>(Repeat stanzas 1 and 4 - for conclusion)</p>