

53. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (33)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

26. Peace

Suggested Hymns: # 1104 / # 223 / # 8017

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

- Eph. 2:13 - But now in Christ Jesus you who were once **far off** have become **near** in the **blood** of Christ.
- Eph. 2:14 - For He **Himself** is our **peace**, He ... has broken down the **middle wall** of **partition**, the enmity,
- Eph. 2:15 - **Abolishing** in **His flesh** the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might **create** the two in **Himself** into one **new man**, so making **peace**,
- Eph. 2:17 - ... He announced **peace** as the **gospel** to you who were **far off** [the Gentile], and **peace** to those who were **near** [the Jews],
- John 14:27 - **Peace** I leave with you; My **peace** I give to you; ... Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- John 16:33 - These things I have spoken to you that in **Me** you may have **peace**. In the world you have affliction, but take **courage**; I have overcome the world.

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

❖ Christ, Himself is our **peace** (Eph. 2:14).

- Through the **blood** of Christ, we have been brought **near** to God and to God’s people.
 - Christ has accomplished **full redemption** for both **Jewish** and **Gentile** believers
 - Christ Himself is our **peace**, our harmony, He has **made us one**.
 - Through Christ’s **redemption** this **separation** has been **removed** (Eph. 2:14).
 - Now the **redeeming** Christ, is the bond of oneness, the bond of **peace** (Eph. 4:3).
- Christ is the **believers’ peace**.
 - ✓ “*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; ... Let not your heart be troubled, ...*” (John 14:27).
 - The **peace** Christ gives, **overcomes** all troubles and fears
 - No matter what opposition and persecution we may face, the **Lord Jesus** within us is our **peace**.
 - ✓ “... in **Me** you may have **peace**... but be of good courage, I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)
 - We have **peace** in the **overcoming** Christ.
 - In the world we shall have **troubles**, but in the **Lord**, we have **peace**, in Him.
 - we do not need to worry nor to fear the world
 - Christ is our **peace**, and He has overcome the world.

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

- ✚ Life’s **peace** **overcomes** all troubles and fears. The Lord **left** His **peace** to us. This **peace** is just the Lord Himself. The Lord within us is our **life** and our **peace**. Now we may enjoy the **Lord** as our life, our abode, and our **peace**. Praise Him that He is everything to us.
- ✚ The Lord has **given** us His **peace** and **left** us His **peace**, today we should **live in His peace**. The Lord Himself is still here as our **peace**... When we consummate in the **New Jerusalem**, we will be in **peace**, that is, in the **Triune God**. The **New Jerusalem** will be solidly grounded and safeguarded in the Triune God as **peace** and safety, and we will enjoy the Triune God as **peace forever**.

Hymn 1104 Praise the Lord— As Our Peace Offering

1 Lord, Thou art our **peace offering**;
We **lay our hands** on Thee. *[Lev. 3:1, 8]*
We're **one** with Thee, **Lord Jesus**,
In fact and practically. *[Acts.6:6; 1Tim.4:14 fn]*
Here in the tent of meeting
We offer Thee to **God**
And with the **Father feasting**
Enjoy Thee as our **food**.

Chorus: *[Eph. 2:14; Col. 3:15]*
Christ is our **peace**! **Christ** is our **peace**!
We praise Thee, **blessed Lord**!
Our **peace** with **God**, our **peace** with **man**
Have fully been **restored**.

2 O what a **peace** it **gives us** *[John 14:27]*
To see the **sprinkled blood**.
The **blood** of our **peace offering**
Has brought us **peace** with **God**. *[Rom 5:9,1]*
With boldness we're proclaiming—
Now hear this, enemy—
"Peace by the **blood of Jesus**!"
This is our **victory**.

3 Based on the **burnt oblation** *[burnt offering]*
And the **meal offering** too,
We now may offer **Jesus**
As our **peace offering** true. *[Lev.3:1, 5; 6:12]*
The more we **eat** and **drink** Him
In His humanity,
The more we may enjoy Him
While **feasting** corporately. *[Rom. 12:1]*

4 Here **God** enjoys His **portion**— *[Num.28:2]*
'Tis inward, hidden, sweet—
And all the priestly family
May here the **wave** breast eat.
The offering priest—how **precious**—
May of the best **partake**: *[Lev. 7:32-34]*
He gets the right **heave** shoulder
And one unleavened cake.

6 With all the cleansed ones **feasting**,
How rich the **Christ** we **eat**! *[John 6:57]*
Oh, this is true **communion**,
The only way to meet. *[Eph. 5:20; Col.3:17]*
We bring our full **thanksgiving** *[1Thes.5:18]*
And e'en would make a vow—
We're for the **Lord's recovery**
As He is for us now.

Col 3:15 –
And let the **peace of Christ** arbitrate in your
hearts, to which also you were **called** in one
Body; and be **thankful**.

Phi 4:9 –
The things which you have also **learned** and
received and **heard** and **seen** in me, **practice**
these things; and the **God of peace** will **be**
with you.

Hymn 223 Praise the Lord— Remembrance of Him

1 O the **table** of Thy **love**, *[1Cor.11:23-25]*
With the **bread**, the **cup** is spread.
By **partaking** of these signs,
We with Thee are richly fed.
How we **thank** Thee for this **cup**,
For the **cup** of **blessing**, **Lord**,
Cup of Thy **Salvation** full, *[1Cor.10:16]*
Cup of all Thou dost afford.

2 'Tis the **blood** Thou **shedd'st** for us,
That our **sins** may be **forgiv'n**; *[Matt.26:28]*
'Tis the **cov'nant** made for us,
That Thy **blessings** may be giv'n.
Thou didst **drink** the **cup** of **wrath**,
Thou hast tasted **death** for us, *[Heb. 2:9]*
Thus the **cup** of **blessing** bought,
As the **portion** gained for us.

3 In this **portion** we have **God**, *[Lam.3:21-24]*
Whom we lost thru **Adam's fall**;
By the **shedding** of Thy **blood**, *[Eph.1:7]*
God becomes our all in all. *[1Cor.15:28]*
In this **portion** all we have—
Life and **peace**, **redemption** sure;
All that **God** has **planned** and **willed**,
In this **portion** we secure.

4 An **eternal portion**, 'tis,
Overflowing **cup** **divine**; *[Lam.3:24; Psa.16:5]*
Heav'nly taste do we enjoy
In this **cup** of **God's** design. *[Matt. 26:27]*
Here in **love** we **drink** this **cup**
In **remembrance**, **Lord**, of Thee;
Thus in **spirit** we **partake**
All Thy work on **Calvary**.

1Co 10:16 –
The **cup** of **blessing** which we **bless**,
is it not the fellowship of the **blood of**
Christ?
The **bread** which we **break**,
is it not the fellowship of the **body of**
Christ?

1Co 11:23-25 –
... the Lord Jesus ... took **bread**, And
having given **thanks**, He **broke** it and
said, This is **My body**, which is **given** for
you; **this do** unto the **remembrance** of
Me. Similarly..., This **cup** is the new
covenant established in **My blood**;
this do, as often as you **drink** it,
unto the **remembrance** of Me.

Psa. 119:57 –
Jehovah is my **portion**;
I have promised to **keep** Your **words**.

Hymn 8017 Worship of the Father— His Righteousness

1 By **righteousness** was I **condemned**,
When I was **lost** in pain and **sin**;
When **Christ** **redeemed** me
by His **blood**, *[1Pet. 1:18-19]*
Thy **righteousness** **gave peace** within. *[Isa. 32:17]*

2 O **God**, Thy **righteousness** **condemned**
My **Savior** to the **cross to die**; *[Rom.5:8]*
Yet now to us Thy **righteousness**
Grants peace, **forgives**, and **justifies**.

3 **Righteousness** ruled all **debts** be paid;
Yet, also, **righteousness** forbade
That when accounts were fully paid
Again collection could be made. *[1Cor.6:20]*

4 Now that my **Lord** His **blood** has **shed**,
You cannot sentence Him again,
Nor ask me further **recompense**,
Can but **forgive** and fully **cleanse**.
[Jer. 33:8; Acts 10:43; 1John 1:9]

5 When first I heard of **righteousness**,
Fearful, I sought to hide from thence,
But at its mention now I sense
Such sweetness and such **preciousness**.

6 Since I have known Thy **righteousness**,
Thy **grace** I can more clearly see;
Thy **righteousness** gives wondrous **rest**,
Thy **grace** supplies and comforts me.
[2Cor.12:9; 2Thes.2:16]

2Pe 3:13 –
But according to His **promise** we are
expecting new heavens and a new earth,
in which **righteousness** dwells.

Isa 32:17 –
And the **work** of **righteousness** will be
peace,
And the **result** of **righteousness**, **quietness**
and **assurance** **forever**.

2Pe 3:14 –
Therefore, beloved, since you expect
these things, be **diligent** to be found by
Him in **peace** without spot and without
blemish;

2Pe 3:18 –
But **grow** in the **grace** and **knowledge** of
our **Lord** and **Savior Jesus Christ**.
To Him be the **glory** both now and unto
the day of **eternity**. **Amen**.