

“WORD OF LIFE”

February 15, 2026

53. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (33)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

27. Joy

Suggested Hymns: # 180 / # 1112 / # 39

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

John 15:11 - These things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full.

John 17:13 - But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

Phil. 3:1 - Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. ... for you it is safe.

Phil. 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

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

❖ Christ is joy to us, in our abiding in the vine (John 15:1-11).

➤ If we abide in the Lord and keep abiding in Him, we shall be filled with joy.

- Being branches of the divine vine and bearing fruit to express the divine life are matters of joy,
 - and they also issue in a joyful life.

➤ Our joy always comes

- from our abiding in the Lord,
- from our abiding in His love,
- from our fruit-bearing in His rich life, and
- from the expression and glorification of the Father.
 - we are full of a joy that is actually Christ Himself.

➤ The Lord Jesus’ joy is made full in us, in being built up into one (John 17:13).

- The fullness of joy is in the real oneness.
- When we are one in the Father’s life, enjoying His life, we shall have the Lord’s joy made full in us.
- When we are truly one, we are filled with praise to the Father.
 - We rejoice in oneness with the overflow of joy.

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

✚ “Rejoice in the Lord.” Rejoicing in the Lord is a safeguard, a security (Phil. 3:1). We need to rejoice in the Lord, rejoice in the Lord always. This rejoicing affords us the strength for the oneness (Phil. 4:2-3). Rejoicing in the Lord is also the secret of having the excellent characteristics in our living.

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Hymn 180
Praise the Lord—
His Worthiness

1 **Jesus**, our **Lord**,
 with what **joy** we **adore** Thee,
 Chanting our **praise** [Heb. 12:2; Rev. 5:6-7]
 to Thyself on the **throne**!
 Blest in Thy **presence**,
 we **worship** before Thee,
 Own Thou art worthy, [Rev. 5:9, 12]
 and **worthy** alone.

Chorus:

Lord, Thou art worthy:
 Lord, Thou art **worthy**;
Lord, Thou art worthy,
 and **worthy** alone!
 Blest in Thy **presence**,
 we **worship** before Thee,
 Own Thou art worthy,
 and **worthy** alone!

2 Verily **God**, yet become truly human,
 Lower than angels to **die in our stead**;
 How has that long promised [Heb. 2:7]
 “*Seed of the woman*” [Gen. 3:15]
 Trod on the **serpent**
 and **bruised his head**!

3 How didst Thou **humble**
 Thyself to be taken. [Phil. 2:6-8]
 Led by Thy creatures
 and **nailed to the cross**.
Hated of men,
 and of **God** too **forsaken**, [Matt. 27:46]
 Shunning not darkness,
 the curse, and the loss.

4 How hast Thou **triumphed**, [Col. 2:15]
 and triumphed with **glory**,
 Battled death’s forces,
 rolled back every wave!
 Can we refrain then [1Cor. 15:54-57]
 from telling the story?
Lord, Thou art **Victor**
 o’er **death** and the **grave**.

Psa. 16:11 –
 You will make known to me the **path of**
life; In Your **presence** is fullness of **joy**;

Rom. 15:13 –
 Now the **God of hope** fill you with all
joy and **peace** in **believing**, that you may
 abound in **hope** in the **power** of the **Holy**
Spirit.

[Hymn # 1153 – maintaining the spirit]

Hymn 1112
Praise the Lord—
Remembrance of Him

1 Oh, how **glorious** is Thy **table**, **Lord**,
 Thou, the man, our Host, **presiding**,
 In Thy house, Thy home, **abiding**;
 Oh, how **glorious** is Thy **table**, **Lord**!

Chorus:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
 Hallelujah for this **feast**!
 Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
 Oh, how **glorious** is Thy **table**, **Lord**!

2 How **enjoyable** Thy **table**, **Lord**,
 As we **fellowship** around it, [1Cor. 10:20-21]
 Hallelujah, we have found it,
 How **enjoyable** Thy **table**, **Lord**!

3 Oh, how **precious** is Thy **table**, **Lord**—
Bread and **wine** Thy **death** announcing;
 Here our soul-life we’re renouncing,
 By **partaking** of Thy **table**, **Lord**.

4 How **significant** Thy **table**, **Lord**—
 We Thy **Body** in the loaf seen, [1Cor. 10:17]
 Object of Thy **love** bespeaking;
 How significant Thy **table**, **Lord**!

5 How **refreshing** is Thy **table**, **Lord**—
 So completely satisfying,
 Day by day our need supplying;
 How **refreshing** is Thy **table**, **Lord**.

6 How **encouraging** Thy **table**, **Lord**—
 “**Till He come**,” its promise giving
 Hope, to fill our daily living; [1Cor. 11:26]
 How **encouraging** Thy **table**, **Lord**!

1Cor. 5:6 –
 ... Do you not know that a **little** leaven
leavens the whole lump?

1Cor. 5:7 –
 Purge out the **old leaven** ...; for our
Passover, **Christ**, also has been
 sacrificed.

1Cor. 5:8 –
 So then let us **keep the feast**, ... with the
 unleavened **bread** of sincerity and truth.

John 16:22 –
 ...; but **I will see you again** and your
heart will **rejoice**, and no one takes your
joy away from you.

Hymn 39
Worship of the Father—
His Redemption

1 To **God** be the **glory**,
 great things He hath **done**,
 So **loved** He the world [John 3:16]
 that He **gave** us His **Son**,
 Who yielded His life [1John 3:16]
 our **redemption** to win, [John 19:30 fn]
 And opened the life-gate
 that all may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 Let the people **rejoice**;
 Oh, come to the **Father**,
 through **Jesus** the **Son**, [John 14:6]
 And give Him the **glory**;
great things He hath done.

2 Oh, perfect **redemption**, [1Pet. 1:18-19]
 the **purchase of blood**, [Acts 20:28]
 To every **believer** the promise of **God**;
 The vilest offender who truly believes,
 That moment from **Jesus**
 a **pardon** receives.

3 Great things He hath taught us,
 great things He hath **done**,
 And great our **rejoicing** [Psa. 126:4]
 through **Jesus** the **Son**; [Luke 1:49]
 But purer, and higher,
 and greater will be
 Our wonder,
 our transport when **Jesus** **we see**.

Rev. 4:11 –
 You are **worthy**, our **Lord** and **God**, to
 receive the **glory** and the **honor** and the
power, for You have created all things, ...

Rev. 5:12 –
 ..., **Worthy** is the **Lamb** who has been
 slain to receive the **power** and **riches** and
wisdom and **strength** and **honor** and **glory**
 and blessing.

Rev. 5:13 –
 And every creature which is **in** heaven
 and **on** the earth and **under** the earth and
on the sea and all things in them, ...
 saying, To Him who sits upon the throne
 and to the **Lamb** be the **blessing** and the
honor and the **glory** and the **might**
 forever and ever.