

# “WORD OF LIFE”

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## 54. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (34)

### T. TO THE BELIEVERS

28. The **Feast**

29. The **New Moon**

30. **Sabbath**

Suggested Hymns: # 510 / # 228 / # 16

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

Col. 2:16 - Let no one ... judge you in **eating** and in **drinking**  
or in respect of a **feast** or of a **new moon** or of the **Sabbath**,

Col. 2:17 - Which are a **shadow** of the things to come, but the **body** is of **Christ**.

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

❖ **Christ** is the real **feast**

- All the **ceremonial law** are a **shadow** of the **spiritual things** in **Christ**
  - The **rituals** in the law are a **shadow** of the real things in the **gospel**
  - **Christ** is the **reality** of the **gospel**
  - **Christ** is the **reality** of **all that we need**
    - **Daily**, we eat and drink **Christ**, He is to us the reality of every positive thing.

❖ **Christ** is the **new moon**.

- The **new moon** signifies a **new beginning**.
  - **Christ** affords us a new beginning with **light** in darkness today
  - **Before** we came to the Lord, we, were in **darkness**
  - **Now** we have **Christ** as the “new moon”, a **new start**
    - **Monthly**, we experience a new beginning in Him

❖ **Christ** is the **Sabbath**

- the **Sabbath** signifies **Christ** as our **completion** and **rest**.
  - To keep the **Sabbath** is to have **rest**
  - **Come to Him** so that He can give us rest
    - **Weekly**, we have completion and **rest** in Him

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

✚ **Christ** is the real **feast**. He is our joy, enjoyment, and satisfaction. In the **Old Testament** God’s chosen people came together for the annual feasts, of enjoyment, of rejoicing together before the Lord. **Although** the **feasts were enjoyable**, they were **simply shadows of Christ**. For us **today**, He is the **real** joy, enjoyment, and satisfaction.

✚ The festivals, the **new moons**, and the **Sabbaths** were all **shadows**. The **body** of these shadows is **Christ**. **Christ** is now for our enjoyment and experience. **Daily** we eat and drink **Christ**, **weekly** we have completion and rest in Him, **monthly** we experience a new beginning in Him, and throughout the **year** He is our joy and enjoyment. **Christ** is to us the **reality**.

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### Hymn 510 Experience of Christ— As Everything

- 1 I've found the One of peerless worth,  
My heart doth sing for joy; [Psa. 95:1]  
And sing I must, for Christ I have:  
Oh, what a Christ have I!
- 2 My Christ, He is the Lamb of God,  
Who full salvation brings; [John 1:29]  
He is the Sun of Righteousness,  
With healing in His wings. [Mal. 4:2]
- 3 My Christ, He is the Tree of Life  
With fruit abundant, sweet; [Rev. 22:2]  
My hunger He doth satisfy;  
Of Him I daily eat. [Jer. 15:16]
- 4 My Christ, He is the smitten Rock  
Whence living waters burst; [Exo. 17:6]  
He is the fountain in my heart  
Which quenches all my thirst.
- 8 Christ is my Captain and my Guard,  
My Teacher and my Guide,  
My Bridegroom, Master and my Head;  
In me doth He reside. [John 3:29; Rev. 19:7]
- 10 Christ is the Author of my faith,  
And its Perfecter too, [Heb. 2:10; 12:2]  
My Mediator, Guarantee, [1Tim. 2:5]  
And faithful Witness true. [Rev. 1:5]
- 11 Christ is my everlasting home, [Psa. 90:1]  
My all-sufficient land; [Deut. 8:7-10]  
My fortress, tower, hiding-place,  
And my eternal stand.
- 12 Christ is my sabbath and new moon,  
My morning and my day, [Col. 2:16-17]  
My age and my eternity  
That ne'er will pass away.
- 14 My Christ, the all-inclusive One,  
My Christ what shall I call?  
He is the first, He is the last, [Rev. 1:17]  
My Christ is All in all. [Col 3:11]
- 15 Since such a treasure I possess, [2Cor. 4:7]  
My heart doth sing for joy; [Eph. 5:19]  
And I must sing, and sing again; [Col 3:16]  
Oh, what a Christ have I!

#### Phi 3:7 –

But what things were gains to me, these I have counted as loss on account of Christ.

#### Phi 3:8 –

But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

[Hymn 496 – maintaining the spirit]

### Hymn 228 Praise the Lord— Remembrance of Him

- 1 Sweet feast of love divine!  
'Tis grace that makes us free  
To feed upon this bread and wine,  
In mem'ry, Lord, of Thee. [1Co 11:23-26]
- 2 Here every welcome guest [Rom. 15:7]  
Waits, Lord, from Thee to learn  
The secrets of Thy Father's breast,  
And all Thy grace discern.
- 3 Here conscience ends its strife,  
And faith delights to prove  
The sweetness of the Bread of Life,  
The fulness of Thy love. [John 6:34, 48]
- 4 That blood that flowed for sin  
In symbol here we see, [John 19:34]  
And feel the blessed pledge within  
That we are loved of Thee. [Eph. 1:13-14]
- 5 O if this glimpse of love  
Is so divinely sweet, [1Cor. 13:12-13]  
What will it be, O Lord, above,  
Thy gladd'ning smile to meet!
- 6 To see Thee face to face, [1John 3:2]  
Thy perfect likeness wear,  
And all Thy ways of wondrous grace  
Through endless years declare.

#### 1Co 11:23-26 –

For I received from the Lord that which also I delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed 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 also the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My blood; this do, as often as you drink it, unto the remembrance of Me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you declare the Lord's death until He comes.

#### 1Co 11:27-29 –

So then whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord.

But let a man prove himself, and in this way let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not discern the body.

### Hymn 16 Worship of the Father— His Newness

- 1 Our Father, as the evergreen,  
Thou art forever new;  
Thou art the ever living Lord, [Rev.1:18]  
Thy freshness as the dew.

#### Chorus:

- O Father, Thou art unchanging,  
Thou never hast grown old; [Psa. 90:2]  
Thru countless ages, ever fresh,  
Thy newness doth unfold.
- 2 O Thou art God, and Thou art "new";  
Without Thee all is worn, [Lam. 3:22-23]  
But all with Thee is ever fresh,  
Though many years have gone.
- 3 Each blessing Thou hast given us  
Thy newness doth contain; [Jer. 31:31,33]  
Thy covenant, Thy ways are new,  
And ever thus remain. [Heb. 8:10-13]
- 4 Now we Thy new creation are—  
New spirit and new heart; [Ezek. 36:26]  
We're daily from the old renewed,  
New life Thou dost impart. [2Cor. 4:16]
- 5 The earth and heavens will be new  
And Thy new city share; [Rev. 21:5]  
New fruits each month  
will be supplied, [Rev. 22:2]  
For all is newness there.
- 6 O Father, Thou art ever new,  
And all is new in Thee; [2Cor. 5:17]  
We sing the new eternal song, [Rev.14:3]  
New praise we give to Thee. [Psa. 89:1]

#### Rev 21:5 –

And He who sits on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And He said, Write, for these words are faithful and true.

#### Rev 21:6 –

And He said to me, They have come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give to him who thirsts from the spring of the water of life freely.

#### Rev 21:7 –

He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be God to him, and he will be a son to Me.