

## “WORD OF LIFE”

March 22, 2026

### 55. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (35)

#### T. TO THE BELIEVERS

#### 34. The One Being Formed within Them

Suggested Hymns: What Miracle! What Mystery! / #215 / # 8032

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

Gal. 1:15 - ... it pleased God, who set me ... and called me through His grace,

Gal. 1:16 - To reveal His Son in me ...,

Gal. 2:20 - ...; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me;

Gal. 4:19 - My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you.

2Cor. 3:18 - But we ..., are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

1John 3:2 - ..., now we are children of God, ... We know that if He is manifested, we will be like Him because we will see Him even as He is.

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

❖ Christ being formed in us that is we are being constituted of Christ (Gal. 4:19)

- ✓ Christ has been revealed in us, born into us (1:16),
- ✓ He is now living in us (2:20), and
- ✓ He will be formed in us (4:19).

➤ Christ was born into us

- so that He can live in us as a living person
- He is our life and our person

➤ Christ the indwelling One is living in us

- so that we may be constituted of Him organically
- His element is being constituted into our being

➤ Christ intends to constitute our being—our mind, emotion, and will—of Himself

- so that we may have His form, His image, in every part of our being
- we are being transformed into Christ’s image (2Cor. 3:18)

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

✚ Oh, what a joy! Oh, what a rest! Christ now is being formed in me. His very nature and life divine In my whole being inwrought shall be. All that I am came to an end, And all of Christ is all to me.

✚ The indwelling Christ is living in us, He is being formed in us, and He is becoming our constitution. This is transformation. We should take Christ as our person; His element will become part of the very constitution of our mind. Eventually, our entire being will be constituted of the element of Christ. As a result, our constitution will simply be Christ Himself.

*{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 51 letter T-34)*

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**What Miracle! What Mystery**  
**Experience of Christ—**  
**As Life**

- 1 What miracle! What mystery!  
That **God** and **man** should **blended** be!  
**God became man to make man God,**  
Untraceable economy! *[1John 3:2]*  
From His good **pleasure**, heart's desire,  
His highest goal attained will be.  
From His good pleasure, heart's desire,  
His highest goal attained will be.
- 2 Flesh He became, the first **God-man**,  
His pleasure **that I God may be:** *[2Cor.:3:18]*  
In **life** and **nature** I'm **God's** kind,  
Though **Godhead's** **His exclusively.**  
His attributes my virtues are;  
His glorious image **shines** through me.  
His attributes my virtues are;  
His glorious image shines through me.
- 3 No longer I alone that live, *[Gal. 2:20]*  
But **God** together **lives with me.**  
Built with the saints in the Triune **God**,  
His universal house we'll be,  
And His **organic Body** we *[Eph. 1:22-23]*  
For His **expression** corp'rately.  
And His organic Body we  
For His expression corp'rately.
- 4 **Jerusalem**, the ultimate,  
Of visions the totality;  
The Triune **God**, tripartite man—  
A **loving pair eternally**— *[Rev.21:9; 22:17]*  
As **man** yet **God** they **coinhere**,  
A **mutual dwelling** place to be;  
**God's** glory in humanity  
Shines forth in splendor radiantly!

**Rom. 8:29 –**

Because those whom He **foreknew**, He also predestinated to be **conformed** to the **image** of His **Son**, that He might be the Firstborn among **many brothers**;

**1Cor. 15:49 –**

And even as we have borne the **image** of the **earthly**, we will also bear the **image** of the **heavenly**.

**1John 3:2 –**

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not yet been **manifested** what we will be. We know that if He is manifested, **we will be like Him** because we will see Him even as He is.

*[Hymn 538 – maintaining the spirit]*

**Hymn 215**  
**Praise of the Lord –**  
**Remembrance of Him**

- 1 **Jesus, Lord**, we know Thee present  
At Thy **table** freshly spread,  
Seated at Thy priceless banquet  
With Thy banner overhead.  
Precious moments at Thy **table**,  
From all fear and doubt set free;  
Here to rest, so sweetly able,  
**Occupied** alone with Thee.
- 2 Here rejoicing in Thy nearness,  
Gladly by Thy Spirit led;  
Calmly in the blest **remembrance**  
Of Thyself, Thy **blood** once **shed**.  
**Lord**, we take each simple token  
In fond **memory** of Thee,  
Muse upon Thy **body broken**  
And Thy **blood shed** on the tree.
- 3 Oh, what joy it is to see Thee,  
In these chosen **emblems** here;  
In the **bread** and **wine** of blessing—  
**Bread** to strengthen, **wine** to cheer!  
**Lord**, behold us met together,  
One in Thee, our risen **Head**,  
Thus we take the **cup** of blessing,  
Thus we share the broken **bread**.
- 4 **Lord**, we know how true Thy **promise**  
To be with us where we meet,  
When in Thy loved name we gather  
To enjoy **communion** sweet;  
Dearer still that looked-for promise  
To each waiting, yearning heart,  
That with Thee we soon shall be, **Lord**,  
Yes, "**forever**" **where Thou art**.

**John 14:17 –**

Even the **Spirit of reality**, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He **abides with you** and **shall be in you**.

**Rom. 8:11 –**

And if the **Spirit** of the One who **raised Jesus** from the dead dwells in you, He who **raised Christ** from the **dead** will also **give life** to your mortal bodies through His **Spirit** who **indwells you**.

**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!**

**Rom 8:14-16 –**

For as many as are led by the **Spirit of God**, these are **sons of God**.

For you have not received a spirit of slavery bringing you into fear again, but you have received a **spirit of sonship** in which we cry, **Abba, Father!**

The **Spirit** Himself witnesses with our **spirit** that we are **children of God**.