

“WORD OF LIFE”

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55. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (35)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

37. The One Empowering Them

Suggested Hymns: [# 8421](#) ([# 564](#)) / [# 1106](#) / [# 8043](#)

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

Phil. 4:8 - ... brothers, what things are true, what things are dignified, what things are righteous, what things are pure, what things are lovely, what things are well spoken of, if there is any virtue and if any praise, take account of these things.

Phil. 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.

Phil. 4:12 - I know also how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in everything and in all things I have learned the secret both to be filled and to hunger, both to abound and to lack.

Phil. 4:13 - I am able to do all things in Him who empowers me.

John 15:5 - ... for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Eph. 6:10 - Finally, be empowered in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

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

❖ Christ is the One who empowers us (Phil. 4:13).

➤ Christ live in us, is being formed in us, is making His home in us, and being magnified in us.

- to strengthen us and to empower us.
- By such inward empowering we could do all things in Christ.

➤ As long as we have Christ and are in Him, we can do all things in Him.

- By the empowering of Christ, we can live a contented life (vv. 11-12)
- in Christ who empowers us we live out every kind of virtue.
 - be true, honorable, righteous, pure, lovely, and well-spoken of.
 - These virtues are actually the image of God.

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

✚ The real virtue, is the expression of Christ. Christ empowers us to live Him and magnify Him in all these virtues. He is empowering us to live Him as our human virtues and thereby to magnify Him in His unlimited greatness. We have an organic union with the Lord. In John 15:5 He said, “Apart from Me you can do nothing.”

✚ As believers in Christ, we desired to be found in Christ by others. Now we declare that we are able to do all things in Him, who empowered us. In everything; in all things—in all matters, in the course of our human life we need to learn the secret of experiencing Christ—of how to take Christ as life, how to live Christ, how to magnify Christ, how to gain Christ, and how to have the church life.

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Hymn 8421
Experience of Christ—
Trusting Him

- 1** I could not do without Thee,
 I cannot stand alone, *[John 15:5]*
 I have no strength or goodness,
 No wisdom of my own.
 But Thou, beloved **Saviour**,
 Art **all-in-all** to me, *[Col. 3:11]*
 And weakness will be **power** *[2Cor. 12:10]*
 If **leaning** hard on Thee!
- 2** I could not do without Thee,
 For oh! the way is long,
 And I am often **weary**,
 And **sigh** replaces **song**. *(Hymn # 717)*
 How could I do without Thee?
 I do not know the way! *[John 14:5-6]*
 Thou knowest, and Thou **leadest**,
 And wilt not let me stray.
- 3** I could not do without Thee,
 O **Jesus, Saviour** dear!
 E'en when my eyes are holden
 I know that Thou art near. *[Rom. 10:8-9]*
 How dreary and how lonely
 This changeful life would be,
 Without the **sweet communion**,
 The **secret** rest with Thee.
- 4** I could not do without Thee!
 No other friend could read *[John 15:14-15]*
 The **spirit's** strange deep longing,
 Interpreting its need.
 No human heart could enter
 Each dim recess of mine,
 And soothe and hush and calm it,
 O **blessèd Lord, but Thine!**

2Cor. 12:9 –
 And He has said to me, My **grace** is
sufficient for you, for My **power** is
perfected in weakness. Most gladly
 therefore I will rather boast in my
 weaknesses that the **power** of **Christ**
 might **tabernacle** over me.

1Tim. 1:12 –
 I give **thanks** to Him who **empowers** me,
Christ Jesus our **Lord**, that He has
 counted me **faithful**, appointing me to the
 ministry,

2Tim. 2:1 –
 You therefore, my child, be **empowered**
 in the **grace** which is in **Christ Jesus**;
[Hymn 564 – maintaining the spirit]

Hymn 1106
Praise of the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1** We **gather together**
 to eat the **Lord's supper**:
 By **eating** and **drinking**,
 our **oneness** we show.
 His presence possessing,
 our oneness confessing,
 'Tis thus we **eat** and **drink**,
 and His blessing we know.
- 2** We're **eating** the **bread**
 of His **body** once **broken**
 As now we're enjoying
 His **Body** made one:
 One **loaf** on the **table**—
 one **Body**, we're able
 To testify to all
 that the **Lord's** made **us one**.
- 3** We also are **drinking**
 the **cup** of His **blessing**,
 The church's true fellowship
 of the **Lord's blood**;
Redeemed by **believing**,
 all saints we're receiving,
 All those who through **redemption**
 have come unto **God**.
- 4** Oh, what can we say now
 except "**Hallelujah!**"
 For such a **reality** given to us.
 Thy **blood** we're employing,
 Thy **Body** enjoying;
 Thus Thou wilt have the church
 for Thyself **glorious**.

1Co 11:20 –
 When therefore you **come together** in the
 same place, ... to eat the **Lord's supper**;

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

Hymn 8043
Worship of the Father
His Grace in Sonship

- 1** O **Father**, Thou art boundless **love**;
 We **praise** Thee and **adore** Thee.
 For **lessons** from Thy **grace** above,
 We can but **joy** before Thee. *[Eph.1:4-5]*
 For **sonship** Thou **predestined** us,
Before the world was founded;
 In time Thy **pow'r** was manifest
 And **grace** to us abounded.
- 2** Thine only **Son** from **death** Thou **raised**,
Firstborn in **resurrection**; *[Rom.8:29]*
 His work **completed**, well He's **praised**;
 His **vict'ry's** our possession. *[Heb.2:10]*
 We've now become Thy **many sons**;
 Our heart with **praise** is ringing;
 All that Thy **firstborn Son** has done
 Fills all our days with singing.
- 3** His **God** is also ours, we're shown;
 His **Father** is our **Father**. *[John 20:17]*
 Flesh of His flesh, bone of His bone;
 Naught us from Him can sever.
 By **Him** we're now **led back to Thee**
 To sing in congregation; *[Heb. 2:12]*
 Like **Him** and **one with Him** are we,
 Thy **Firstborn's** **duplication**.
- 4** What **grace** and **love divine** this is!
 Thy **Son** and **sons** joined ever;
 Our blest **eternal portion** 'tis, *[John 17:21]*
 Our **Father's** joy and pleasure!
 Thy **Son** will come from heaven soon;
 Today we here **await Him**; *[Phil.3:20]*
 May this desire our hearts consume:
 With lute and lyre to **praise Him**.

Heb 2:11 –
 For both He who **sanctifies** and those
 who are being **sanctified** are **all of One**,
 for which cause He is **not ashamed** to call
 them **brothers**,

Heb 2:12 –
 Saying, "I will **declare Your name** to
 My **brothers**; in the midst of the **church** I
 will **sing hymns** of **praise** to You."