

“WORD OF LIFE”

March 07, 2021

IN HIS DEATH

2 - Giving Himself for the Church

Hymn: 1180, 223, 16

Eph 5:25 - “Husbands, love your wives even as **Christ** also loved the church and gave Himself up for **her**.”

- Christ loved the church and
- gave Himself up for her.
 - for her was for redemption and
 - for the impartation of life.

Joh 19:34 – “But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.”

... blood and water came out of the Lord’s pierced side.

- The blood was for redemption, and
- the water was for the impartation of life so that the church might come into existence.

Blood is for redemption, to deal with sins (1:29; Heb. 9:22)

- for the purchasing of the church (Acts 20:28).

Water is for imparting life, to deal with death (12:24; 3:14-15)

- for the producing of the church (Eph. 5:29-30).

The Lord’s death,

- on the negative side, the redemptive aspect - takes away our sins, and
- on the positive side, the life-imparting aspect - imparts life into us.

The redemptive aspect is for the life-imparting aspect.

John’s record portrays not only the redemptive aspect but also the life-imparting aspect. ... the flowing water and the unbroken bone mentioned by John in vv. 34 and 36 are signs that relate to the life-imparting aspect of the Lord’s death.

This death that imparts life released the Lord’s divine life from within Him for the producing of the church, which is composed of all His believers, into whom His divine life has been imparted.

This life-imparting death of the Lord’s

- is typified by Adam’s sleep, out from which Eve was produced (Gen. 2:21-23), and
- is signified by the death of the one grain of wheat that fell into the ground
 - for the bringing forth of many grains (12:24)
 - to make the one bread—the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 10:17).

Hence, it is also the life-propagating, life-multiplying death, the generating and reproducing death.

The Lord’s pierced side was prefigured by Adam’s opened side, out from which Eve was produced (Gen. 2:21-23).

- The blood was typified by the blood of the passover lamb (Exo. 12:7, 22; Rev. 12:11), and
- the water was typified by the water that flowed out of the smitten rock (Exo. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4).
- The blood formed a fountain for the washing away of sin (Zech. 13:1), and
- the water became the fountain of life (Psa. 36:9; Rev. 21:6).