

“WORD OF LIFE”

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IN HIS DEATH

24 - **Flowing Out the Water** from His Body Signifying the **Release** of His Divine Life for the **Producing** of the Church

✚ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

John 19:34 - But one of the soldiers **pierced** His side with a spear, and immediately there **came out blood** and **water**.

✚ THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

- In **His work on the cross** the Lord Jesus **flowed out water** from His body, signifying the **release** of His divine life **for** the producing of the church.
- **Two substances** came out of the Lord's pierced side: **blood** and **water** (John 19:34)
 - **Blood** is **for redemption**,
[On the **negative side**, Christ's death takes away our sins]
 - **dealing** with sins (John 1:29; Heb. 9:22)
 - for the **purchase** of the church (Acts 20:28)
 - **Water** is **for imparting life**,
[On the **positive side**, it releases the divine life]
 - **dealing** with death (John 12:24; 3:14-15)
 - for the **producing** of the church (Eph. 5:26-31)
- **His death has two aspects**—the **redemptive** aspect and the **life-releasing** aspect.
 - The **redemptive** aspect **is for** the **life-releasing** aspect,
 - our sins are forgiven
 - prepares the way for the release of the divine life
 - so **that this life may be dispensed into us** for the producing of the church
 - The **life-releasing** aspect **is for** God's intention is to dispense Himself into us as life.
 - The eternal life is **imparted** into us
 - **signified** by the **water that flowed out** of the Lord's side
 - this is **typified** by the water flowing out of **the smitten rock** (Exo. 17:6; 1 Cor. 10:4)
 - **referring** to the Lord Jesus dying as the grain of wheat **for releasing the divine life** so that it may be imparted into the many grains (John 12:24)

✚ SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):

- ✚ We were **sinners** fallen away from God, **but through** the blood of Jesus we have been brought back
- ✚ Moreover, we were **dead**. Therefore, the Lord **released His divine life** to **enliven us**, to make us **alive**
- ✚ In this way **the problem of death is solved, and the church as the new creation is produced**.
 - On the one hand, the church was **bought** by the Lord's blood;
 - On the other hand, the church was **produced** by His divine life, which He released and imparted to us.
- ✚ **On His side** it was the life-releasing death; **on our side** it is the life-imparting death.
 - it is the **life-propagating** death, **for** by it life is spread in many directions
 - it is the **life-multiplying** death, **causing** the multiplication of life
 - it is the **life-producing** death, **for** the one grain has been reproduced in the many grains.