

“WORD OF LIFE”

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CHRIST IN HIS PERSON

A. In the Godhead

8 - The Giver of the Spirit

✚ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

- John 3:34 - For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for **He gives the Spirit not by measure**.
- 2Cor. 3:6 - Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, *ministers* not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but **the Spirit gives life**.
- 2Cor. 3:17 - And **the Lord is the Spirit**; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
- 2Cor. 3:18 - But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from **the Lord Spirit**.
- Rom. 8:10 - But if **Christ is in you**, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 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**.

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

➤ In the Godhead

- Christ is the complete God, the Son of God, and the life-giving Spirit.
 - He is **also** the **Giver of the Spirit**.
 - He is both the Giver and the gift.
 - the **Giver** is Christ who has become the Spirit,
 - and the **gift** is also Christ as the Spirit
- John 3:34 says, “..., *for He gives the Spirit not by measure*.”
- Christ **gives** the Spirit to God’s people **without measure**.
 - Christ **ministers** the **immeasurable Spirit** to the members of His Body.
 - He **dispenses** the Spirit into all His members so that they may function in a full way.
- The Spirit given by Christ is the **immeasurable Spirit**, and the immeasurable Spirit is **the all-inclusive Spirit**.
- **immeasurable in** sphere and **all-inclusive in** nature
 - this immeasurable Spirit is the life-giving Spirit
 - **in** resurrection Christ **became** this life-giving Spirit **for imparting life**
 - **after** His resurrection, **through** His resurrection, and **in** His resurrection, Christ **became** the life-giving Spirit, whom **He gives to us**
 - the immeasurable Spirit given by Christ is the **pneumatic Christ** (2 Cor. 3:6, 17-18; Rom. 8:9-11)
 - the word “pneumatic” **means spiritual**

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

- ✚ The resurrected Christ **became the Spirit**. 2 Corinthians 3:17 says, “*The Lord is the Spirit*.”
- ✚ This is the pneumatic Christ, the Christ who in resurrection has become the life-giving Spirit and who **gives Himself as the Spirit to us**.
- ✚ The **immeasurable Spirit** is actually the **application** of the unlimited Christ. When the **unlimited Christ** is **applied** to us, **appreciated** by us, and **enjoyed** by us, He is the **immeasurable Spirit**.

(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 23, point 8)
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