

“WORD OF LIFE”

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55. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (36)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

40. A Model

Suggested Hymns: [# 203](#) / [# 1106](#) / [# 30](#)

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

Matt. 11:29 - Take My yoke upon you and **learn** from Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, ...

Eph. 4:21 - If indeed you have **heard** Him and have been **taught** in Him as the **reality** is in **Jesus**,

1Pet. 2:21 - For to this **you were called**, because **Christ** also suffered on your behalf, leaving you a **model** so that you may **follow in His steps**;

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

❖ **Christ** suffered on our behalf, leaving us a **model** that we should **follow** in His steps.

➤ The **reality** is in **Jesus**, the actual condition of the life of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels.

- In the godly life of **Jesus** there is truth, reality.
- **Jesus** lived a life in which He did everything **in** God, **with** God, and **for** God.
 - God was in His **living**, and He was **one** with God.
- We, who are regenerated with Christ as our life,
 - are **taught** in Him,
 - **learn** from Him as the reality is in **Jesus**.

➤ The **Lord Jesus** has set His life before us to become His **reproduction**

- **by** tracing and following His steps **not** by our own effort, **not** following outwardly
- **but by** experiencing a **process** that involves the **riches** of the divine life.
- **Inwardly**, He is our **person**, living in us, being **formed** in us, and making His **home** in us.
- **Through** this **process** we **become** a **reproduction** of Christ as our **model**.

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

✚ As a **model** to us, Christ is the original “copy” used for making a reproduction of Himself. In order to understand Christ as our **model**, we need experience. From experience we know that as we **enjoy** Christ day by day, we are undergoing the **process of spiritual reproduction** to make us living **copies** of Christ. **2Cor. 3:3** says, we are **letter** of Christ.

✚ We should **not** imitate Christ outwardly **but** instead, let us enjoy the **depth of His riches** and experience what **God** has **revealed** in us, the **depths of God**. Then, we express the One **living** in us, being **formed** in us, and making His **home** in us. We become the **reproduction** of Christ as our **model**.

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Hymn 203
Praise of the Lord—
His Increase

- 1 In the bosom of the **Father**, *[John 1:18]*
 Ere the ages had begun,
 Thou wast in the **Father's glory**,
God's unique begotten Son. *[John 3:16]*
 When to us the **Father** gave Thee,
 Thou in **person wast the same**, *[John 5:18; 10:30]*
 All the **fulness** of the **Father**
 In the **Spirit** to proclaim.
- 2 By Thy **death** and **resurrection**, *[Col. 1:18]*
 Thou wast made **God's firstborn Son**;
 By Thy **life** to us **imparting**, *[1 Cor. 15:45b]*
 Was Thy **duplication** done.
 We, in Thee **regenerated**,
Many sons to God became; *[Heb. 2:10]*
 Truly as Thy **many brethren**,
We are as Thyself the same.
- 3 Once Thou wast the **only grain, Lord**,
 Falling to the earth to die, *[John 12:24]*
 That thru **death** and **resurrection**
 Thou in **life** may **multiply**.
 We were brought forth in Thy **nature**
 And the **many grains** became; *[1 Cor. 10:17]*
 As one loaf we all are **blended**, *[1 Cor. 12:24]*
 All Thy fulness to proclaim.
- 4 We're Thy total **reproduction**,
 Thy dear **Body** and Thy **Bride**, *[Eph. 1:22-23]*
 Thine **expression** and Thy **fulness**,
 For Thee ever to abide. *[Eph. 5:25-27]*
 We are Thy **continuation**,
 Thy **life-increase** and Thy **spread**,
 Thy full **growth** and Thy rich surplus,
One with Thee, our **glorious Head**.

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**;

Rom. 8:30 –

And those whom He **predestinated**, these He also called; and those whom He **called**, these He also justified; and those whom He **justified**, these He also **glorified**.

Col. 3:3-4 –

For you died, and **your life** is hidden with **Christ** in **God**.

When **Christ our life** is manifested, then you also **will be manifested** with Him in **glory**.

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 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**.

Rom. 12:4 –

For just as in one **body** we have many **members**, and all the members do not have the same function,

Rom. 12:5 –

So we who are **many** are one **Body** in **Christ**, and individually **members** one of another.

1Cor. 12:12 –

For even as the **body** is **one** and has many **members**, yet all the **members** of the **body**, being many, **are one body**, so also is **the Christ**.

Hymn 30
Blessing of the Trinity –
His Love

- 1 What **love** Thou hast bestowed on us,
 We **thank** Thee from our **heart**; *[1John 3:1]*
 Our **Father**, we would **worship** Thee
 And **praise** for all Thou art.
- 2 Thy **heart** Thou hast **revealed** to us,
 Made known th' **eternal will**; *[Eph. 1:9-10]*
 Within the **Son** Thou hast come forth,
 Thy **purpose** to fulfill.
- 3 Thou **gavest** Thy beloved **Son**
 In love to **come** and **die**, *[John 3:16]*
 That we may be Thy **many sons**,
 As **heirs** with Him, made nigh. *[Rom. 8:17]*
- 4 Through Him we have Thy **very life**
 And Thou our **Father** art;
 Thy very **nature**, all Thyself, *[2Pet. 1:4]*
 Thou dost to us **impart**.
- 5 Thy **Spirit** into ours has come *[Gal. 4:6]*
 That we may "**Abba**" cry; *[Rom. 8:14-15]*
 Of **Spirit** born, with **Spirit** sealed,
 To be **transformed** thereby.
- 6 The **many sons** to **glory** brought
 Is Thine **eternal goal**, *[Heb. 2:10]*
 And to Thy **Son's own image wrought**,
 Thou wilt **conform** the whole.
- 7 Throughout Thy **transformation** work
 Thou dost direct each one,
 From **glory** unto glory bring *[2Cor. 3:18]*
 Until the work is done.
- 8 What **love** Thou, **Father**,
 hast bestowed;
 We'll ever **grateful** be; *[Col. 3:17]*
 We'll **worship** Thee forevermore
 And **praise** unceasingly. *[Psa. 86:12]*

John 3:16 –

For **God** so **loved** the world that He **gave** His only **begotten Son**, that everyone who **believes** into Him would not perish, but would have **eternal life**.

Rom. 5:8 –

But **God** commends His own **love** to us in that while we were **yet sinners**, **Christ** died for us.

Rom. 8:38-39 –

For I am persuaded that **neither** death **nor** life **nor** angels **nor** principalities **nor** things present **nor** things to come **nor** powers

Nor height **nor** depth **nor** any other creature will be able to separate us from the **love** of **God**, which is in **Christ Jesus** our **Lord**.