

“WORD OF LIFE”

May 10, 2026

55. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (36)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

41. The Author and Finisher of Faith

Suggested Hymns: [# 585](#) ([# 586](#)) / [# 227](#) / [# 33](#)

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

Heb. 12:2 - Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, ...

Phil. 1:6 - Being confident of this very thing,
that He who has begun in you a good work will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus;

Eph. 2:8 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God;

2Pet. 1:1 - ..., to those who have been allotted faith equally precious as ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

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

❖ Christ is the Author and Perfecter of faith (Heb. 12:2).

➤ The faith we have is not of ourselves; it is the gift of God

• Christ is the Originator, the Inaugurator, the source and cause of faith.

- When we look away unto Jesus, He, as the life-giving Spirit, dispenses Himself into us as the believing element.
- Then spontaneously the believing ability arises in our being, and we have the faith to believe in Him.
- The more we are saturated with Him, the easier it is for us to believe.

• Christ as the believing element has been transfused into us -

- we believe in the Lord automatically, without any effort or strife.
- we all need to experience faith in such a subjective way by looking away unto Christ

➤ Faith is actually Christ Himself believing for us in a very subjective way.

- Christ transfuses us with Himself, until He, the very person, becomes the believing element within us.
- Thus, it is not we who believe; it is He who believes within us.
 - He makes us a believing being.
 - Apparently, it is our believing; actually, it is Christ's believing.

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

✚ Christ is the Author of faith; Once Christ has originated this faith within us, He will never let it go. Rather, He will complete, finish, and perfect it. He is also the Perfecter of faith. Christ is the Finisher, the Completer, of faith.

✚ By looking unto Him continually, we shall have Him finish and complete the faith that He has originated by dispensing Himself as the believing element into us. When we look away from all things unto the Lord Jesus, we give Him the opportunity to work Himself into every inward part of our being until we are saturated with Him.

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Hymn 585
Experience of Christ—
Following Him

1 He leadeth me! O blessed thought,
O words with heav'nly
comfort fraught;
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis **Christ's hand** that leadeth me.

Chorus: *[John 10:28-29]*

He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by **His hand** He leadeth me.

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes
of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's
bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis **His hand** that leadeth me.

3 **Lord**, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since it is Thou that leadest me.

4 And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since Thou in triumph leadest me.
[1Cor. 15:54, 57]

Psa. 139:10 –

There also **Your hand** will lead me,
And **Your right hand** will take hold of
me.

Isa 41:13 –

For I am **Jehovah** your **God**,
Who takes hold of **your right hand**,
Who says to you, Do not be afraid;
I will help you.

John 10:28 –

And I give to them eternal life, and they
shall by no means perish forever, and no
one shall snatch them out of **My hand**.

John 10:29 –

My **Father**, who has given them to Me,
is greater than all, and no one can snatch
them out of **My Father's hand**.

[Hymn 586 – maintaining the spirit]

Hymn 227
Praise of the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

1 Through the bread and cup,
Lord Jesus,
We Thy death exhibit here;
What Thy love has done reviewing,
All Thy suffering we revere.
Bread and cup in separation,
Show that **Thou thru death** hast gone;
Grateful now, our spirit worships,
And to Thee we give our song.

Chorus:

Thine the cup of suffering,
Mine the cup of blessing;
For Thy love in Thy redemption,
Praise we ever sing!

2 Thou, in love,
hast shed Thy blood, **Lord**,
Bringing us to **God** in grace,
That from **God**, no longer severed,
We may ever see His face.
All **God's righteousness and glory**
Have been fully satisfied;
Thru Thy death's abundant merit
We may now with **God** abide.

3 By Thy death the veil was riven,
Opened was the holiest place,
All the barriers have been broken;
We approach the throne of grace,
There receiving grace and mercy,
Thus the timely need to meet,
Drinking as of living water,
Tasting **God** Himself replete.

4 Thou in grace hast so redeemed us,
We the priests may be fore'er
To fulfill that holy office,
All **God's** sweetness thus to share.
Such a blessing, such a mercy,
From Thy death for us ensue;
We would ever Thee remember
Till with Thee we drink anew.

...without shedding of blood there is no
forgiveness. (Heb. 9:22b)

Look at His blood-like sweat!
Look at His forehead, bleeding from the
piercing of thorns!

Look at the blood on His back from the
stripes!

Look at the blood on His hands and feet!

Look at the blood beneath His arms!

Look at the blood from His whole body!

look at the blood from His very heart!

For this is **My blood** of the covenant,
which is being poured out for many for
forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28).

LOOK AWAY UNTO JESUS!!!

Hymn 33
Worship of the Father –
His Election

1 **Father**, long before creation,
Thou hadst chosen us in love; *[Eph.1:4]*
And that love, so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to **Christ** above, *[James.4:8]*
And will keep us, and will keep us,
Firmly fixed in **Christ** alone,
Firmly fixed in **Christ** alone.

2 Though the world
may change its fashion,
Yet our **God** is e'er the same; *[Rom12:1]*
His compassion and His cov'nant
Through all ages will remain. *[Psa.105:8]*
God's own children,
God's own children,
Must forever praise His name,
Must forever praise His name.

3 **God's** compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day; *[Lam.3:22-23]*
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, **God** so loved us,
That His only **Son** He gave, *[John 4:10]*
That His only **Son** He gave. *[John 3:16]*

4 **Loving Father**, now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love; *[Psa.63:2-3]*
And our song will sound unceasing
Till we meet Thy **Son** above,
Giving glory, giving glory, *[Psa. 86:12]*
To our **God** and to the **Lamb**,
To our **God** and to the **Lamb**.

Psa. 37:23-24 –

A man's steps are established by
Jehovah, And He delights in his way.

If he falls, he is not utterly cast down;
For **Jehovah** upholds him by the hand.

Prv. 3:5-6 –

Trust in **Jehovah** with all your heart,
And do not rely on your own
understanding;

In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight.

Rev. 5:13 –

And every creature ... saying,
To **Him** who sits upon the throne and to
the **Lamb** be the blessing and the honor
and the glory and the might forever and
ever.