

“WORD OF LIFE”

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55. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (36)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

42. The **Captain** of Salvation

Suggested Hymns: # 62 (# 112) / # 215 / # 50

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

Heb. 2:9 - But we see **Jesus**, who was made a little inferior to the angels because of the **suffering** of death, **crowned with glory** and honor, ...

Heb. 2:10 - For it was **fitting** for Him, ..., in **leading many sons into glory**, to make the Author (**Captain**) of their salvation perfect through **sufferings**.

Heb. 5:8 - Even though He was a Son, **learned obedience** from the things which He **suffered**.

Heb. 5:9 - And having been **perfected**, He became to all those who obey Him the **source of eternal salvation**,

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

❖ **Christ** is the qualified **Captain** taking the **lead** to bring the **many sons** into **glory** (Heb.2:10).

➤ God’s great salvation is to bring His many sons into **glory**, into His **expression**.

- **In order** to accomplish this, God needs an example, a **model**.
 - Christ had to be perfected through His experience of human **sufferings**.
 - He needed the completing of His experience of human **suffering** to qualify Him to become the **Captain**
- **Because** Christ has been **perfected** through His experience of human **sufferings**
 - He is qualified to fulfill the office of the **Captain** of our salvation.
 - He has **cut the way into glory**,
 - He has taken the lead to enter into **glory**
 - He is now the **Captain** bringing us into the glory which He has already entered.
- **Today** He is our **Captain** taking the lead for us to enter into glory,
 - the One who has entered into the full expression of God,
 - the One who, even today, is this full expression.
 - the **Christ who has come into us** “*Christ in us, the hope of glory.*”

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

✚ Christ is the model; He **cut the way** into glory. He is the **Captain** who came into us. When the **Captain** of salvation **came into us**, the glory came with Him. He came into us to be **the glory within us**. Now, as believers, we have this seed of glory, the **Captain** of salvation Himself, within us.

✚ Now **as** the **Captain** of salvation, Christ is **leading** an army of believers into glory. Every day He is **leading us into glory**, into the expression of God. While He is leading us into glory, He is **the glory within us**. Eventually, when our entire being has been saturated with the element of glory, **the glory will come out of us**, and we shall be brought by our **Captain** fully into the expression of God.

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Hymn 62
Praise the Lord—
His Humanity

1 Dear **Lord Jesus**, we **adore** Thee,
 “**Seed of woman**” Thou became; [*Gen.3:15*]
 Of the virgin wast **begotten**, [*Isa. 7:14*]
 Called e’ven with a human name.
 Taking thus the **human nature**, [*Heb. 2:14*]
 Thou as man the **serpent** trod;
 By the **Cross** his head Thou **bruised**
 And fulfilled the plan of **God**. [*John 12:31-32*]

Chorus:

Lord, we see Thy **glory**,
 Shown in **human beauty**,
 Full of **splendor**, manifested
 In humanity. [*Psa. 8:5; Heb.2:9*]

2 As a man, by **incarnation**,
Flesh and **blood** didst Thou **partake**
 To **destroy** the devil, **Satan**, [*Heb. 2:14*]
 In our stead and for our sake.
 With the **name** of **Jesus** given
 And **Emmanuel** callèd too, [*Matt. 1:21-25*]
 Thou becam’st our precious **Savior**,
 Bringing us **salvation** true. [*Luke 2:11*]

3 Thou, “**Last Adam**” wast entitled,
 And wast called the “**second man**”,
Head of all the **new creation**,
 Better than the **first man**. [*1Cor.15:45,47*]
 On this earth in life and conduct
 Thou indeed wast **Son of man**; [*John 1:51*]
 Now in heaven with this nature
 Thou dost still appear as **man**. [*Phil.3:20*]

4 In the time which **God** appointed
 Thou wilt come, dear **Lord**, again,
 With the **glory** of the **Father**,
 Still appearing as a **man**. [*Matt.24:30; 26:64*]
 Even on the **throne** of judgment
Son of man Thou still wilt be;
 And with this, our human nature,
 Thou forevermore wilt be.

Phi 2:5-8 –

Let **this mind be in you**, which was also in
Christ Jesus,
 Who, existing in the **form of God**, **did not**
consider being equal with **God** a treasure to
 be grasped,
 But **emptied** Himself, taking the **form of a**
slave, becoming in the **likeness of men**;
 And being found in **fashion as a man**, He
humbled Himself, becoming **obedient** even
 unto death, and that the **death of a cross**.

[*Hymn 112 – maintaining the spirit*]

Hymn 215
Praise of the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

1 **Jesus, Lord**, we know Thee present
 At Thy **table** freshly spread,
Seated at Thy priceless **banquet**
 With Thy banner overhead.
 Precious moments at Thy **table**,
 From all fear and doubt set free;
 Here to rest, so sweetly able,
Occupied alone with Thee.

2 Here **rejoicing** in Thy nearness,
 Gladly by Thy **Spirit led**;
 Calmly in the blest **remembrance**
 Of Thyself, Thy **blood** once **shed**.
Lord, we take each simple token
 In fond **memory** of Thee,
 Muse upon Thy **body** broken
 And Thy **blood shed** on the **tree**.

3 Oh, what **joy** it is to see Thee,
 In these chosen **emblems** here;
 In the **bread** and **wine** of blessing—
Bread to **strengthen**, **wine** to **cheer**!
Lord, behold us met together,
One in Thee, our risen **Head**,
 Thus we take the **cup** of **blessing**,
 Thus we share the **broken bread**.

4 **Lord**, we know how true Thy **promise**
 To **be with us** where we meet,
 When in Thy loved **name** we **gather**
 To enjoy **communion** sweet;
 Dearer still that looked-for promise
 To each **waiting**, yearning heart,
 That with Thee **we soon shall be**, **Lord**,
 Yes, “**forever**” where Thou art.

1Pe 3:18 –

For **Christ** also has **suffered** once for sins,
 the **Righteous** on behalf of the **unrighteous**,
 that He might **bring you to God**, ...

He **came down** from heaven so that we could
 ascend to heaven.

He **bore** the offenses of sinners so that we
 could **obtain** God’s acceptance.

He was **forsaken** by God for a time so that we
 could be **welcomed** by God forever.

He became **poor** so that we might become
rich.

He **died** on the cross so that we might **live** in
 heaven eternally.

Hymn 50
Worship of the Father –
His Praise from Many Sons

1 **Father**, Thy **Son** beloved
leads our praise [*Heb.2:12*]
 After the **banquet feast** is had and done;
 How dear, how **sweet** to Thee
 the **praise He leads**,
 And in His **praises joining we are one**.

2 **Father**, we need no goodness
 more than Thee,
 Nor do we seek a **love** [*Psa. 73:25*]
 that’s less than Thine;
 How we **adore** Thee
 now that here we know
 Thy searchless, uncreated **life divine**.

3 **Father**, within Thy **love**
 our love to Thee [*1John 4:10, 19*]
 Grows, far transcending
 all our earthly ties; [*1John 2:15*]
 Thine own dear **love**
 in power **leads our hearts**
 Where Thine own presence
 deeply satisfies.

4 **Father**, by **joining**
 with Thy **Son** beloved,
 We all with gladness
praise Thee now again; [*Psa. 34:1*]
 Joyfully **feasting** on Thy holy **love**,
 Tasting, as sons, [*SoS 2:14*]
 the **sweetness** of Thy **name**.

Heb 2:12 –

Saying, “I will **declare** Your **name** to **My**
brothers; in the midst of the **church**
 I will **sing hymns of praise** to **You**.”

Heb 2:18 –

For being **tempted** in that which He
 Himself has **suffered**, He is **able to help**
 those who are **being tempted**.

Heb 13:15 –

Through Him then let us **offer** up a
sacrifice of praise continually to **God**,
 that is, the fruit of lips **confessing** His
name.

Col 3:17 –

And **whatever** you do in word or in deed,
 do all things in the **name** of the **Lord**
Jesus, giving thanks to **God the Father**
through Him.