

“WORD OF LIFE”

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55. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (36)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

43. The Forerunner

Suggested Hymns: He Stepped out of Glory & (# 8416) / # 222 / # 48

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

Heb. 6:17 - Therefore God, intending to show more abundantly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His counsel, interposed with an oath,

Heb. 6:18 - In order that by two unchangeable things [the promise and the oath], in which it was impossible for God to lie,...

Heb. 6:19 - Which we have as an anchor of the soul, both secure and firm and which enters within the veil,

Heb. 6:20 - Where the Forerunner, Jesus, has entered for us, ...

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

❖ Christ is the believers’ Forerunner to enter into the veil (Heb. 6:20).

➤ Jesus, as the Pioneer, the Forerunner, took the lead to enter into glory,

- we, His followers, are taking the same way to be brought into the same glory,
 - which was ordained by God for us (1 Cor. 2:7; 1 Thes. 2:12).
- He cut the way, and we are now taking the way.
- He is not only the Savior who saved us from our fallen state
- but also, as the Pioneer, entered into glory that we may be brought into the same estate.

➤ Christ has taken the lead, as a Forerunner, to enter into the veil that the we may follow Him.

- Let us go forward to reach God’s goal.
- No more staggering in the outer court,
- but to enter into the veil, that is, to enter the Holy of Holies.

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

✚ The Lord Jesus entered the heavens, the Holy of Holies within the veil, and with Him is the heavenly haven for our refuge, which we can now enter in our spirit. The heavens, into which the Lord Jesus entered, are today the Holy of Holies within the veil. Our hope, as a secure and firm anchor, has entered there, and we may now enter there in our spirit. Let us enter with boldness into the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus.

✚ As the Forerunner, the Lord Jesus took the lead to pass through the stormy sea and enter the heavenly haven. As such a Forerunner, He is the Author of our salvation. As the Forerunner, He cut the way to glory, and as the Author, He entered into glory.

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He Stepped Out of Glory
Praise the Lord—
His Increase

- 1 He stepped out of **glory**
And put on the **lowly**.
And life's very **Author**
A creature became. *[John 1:1, 14]*
Despised and **forsaken**,
Afflicted with sorrow, *[Isa. 53:3-4]*
From infinite **splendor**
To the likeness of **shame**.
- 2 He chose to be **humbled**,
He chose **limitation**, *[Phil. 2:6-8]*
He chose to be finite,
He chose to be man.
God's unfathomed purpose
Found substance in **Jesus**;
A two-natured being—
The unique **God-man**.
- 3 His own shell was broken,
Releasing His **glory**.
This **life-impartment**
Produced **many grains**. *[John 12:24]*
The **Firstborn** rejoices
With His many brothers;
An **incorporation**—
Divine and human.
- 4 We cannot but **love** Him,
Our lovely **Forerunner**. *[Heb. 6:20]*
His **shame** was our **vict'ry**,
His anguish our joy.
The children of judgement
He brought into **glory**.
The millions of **God-men**
Forever **rejoice**.

Heb 2:10 –

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in leading many sons into glory, to make the **Author** of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Heb 2:11 –

For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of One, for which cause He is **not ashamed** to call them **brothers**,

1Pe 5:10 –

But the **God** of all grace, He who has called you into His **eternal glory** in **Christ Jesus**, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and ground you.

[Hymn 8416 – maintaining the spirit]

Hymn 222
Praise of the Lord –
Remembrance of Him

- 1 Dear **Lord**, we thank Thee
for this **bread**,
It is a sign **divine**;
In it we see the mysteries
Of **God's** unique design.
- 2 This **bread** Thy **body** signifies,
Which Thou hast **giv'n for us**,
That we may share Thy **life** divine,
Partaking of Thee thus.
- 3 For us Thy body Thou didst break
That Thou may thus impart
Thyself as life to us that we
May be Thy counterpart.
- 4 This **bread** thus also signifies
Thy **body mystical**,
Of which we living members are,
With Thee identical.
- 5 Though we are many **grains of wheat**,
Yet all one **loaf**, one **bread**;
Remembering Thee in such a way,
With Thee we all are fed.
- 6 As of this **bread** we all **commune**,
Thou, **Lord**, dost satisfy;
With all the saints we **fellowship**,
And Thee we testify.

Joh 12:24 –

Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless the **grain of wheat** falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it **bears much fruit**.

1Co 10:17 –

Seeing that there is **one bread**, we who are **many** are one **Body**; for we all **partake** of the one **bread**.

The **one bread** signifies the one **Body of Christ**.

We all are **one Body** because we all partake of the **one bread**.

Our **joint** partaking of the **one bread** **makes us all one**.

Our partaking of **Christ** makes us all His **one Body**.

The very **Christ** of whom we all partake constitutes us His **one Body**.

Hymn 48
Worship of the Father –
His Grace in Sonship

- 1 We **bless** Thee, **God** and **Father**,
We **joy** before Thy face;
Beyond dark death for ever,
We share Thy **Son's** blest place.
He lives a **Man** before Thee,
In cloudless light above,
In Thine unbounded **favor**,
Thine everlasting love.
- 2 His **Father** and our **Father**,
His **God** and ours Thou art;
And He is Thy **Beloved**,
The gladness of Thy **heart**.
We're His, in joy He brings us
To share His part and place,
To know Thy love and **favor**,
The **shining** of Thy face.
- 3 Thy **love** that now **enfolds** us
Can ne'er wax cold or dim;
In Him that **love** doth center,
And we are **loved** in Him.
In Him Thy love and **glory**
Find their eternal rest;
The **many sons**—His brethren—
In Him, how near, how blest!

1John 3:1 –

Behold what manner of **love** the **Father** has given to us, that we should be **called children of God**; and we are...

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.