

“WORD OF LIFE”

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58. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (38)

U. IN THE CHURCH

4. Every Member of the New Man

Suggested Hymns: # 500 & (One Person and One Way) / #1106 / # 16

+ “... the words ... are spirit and are life.,” (John 6:63)

- Col. 3:4 - When Christ our life is manifested, then you also will be manifested with Him in glory.
- Col. 3:10 - And have put on the new man, which is being renewed unto full knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
- Eph. 4:24 - And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.
- Col. 3:11 - Where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all and in all.

+ “... the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord...,” (Phil. 3:8)

❖ In the church Christ is every member of the new man (Col. 3:11).

- In the new man Christ is all and in all.
 - He is all the members of the new man and in all the members.
 - He is everything in the new man.
 - He is every part of the new man and in every part.
 - He replaces with Himself the natural life of every member of the new man.
 - there is no natural person in the new man.
 - we must regard ourselves as nobodies.
 - there is room only for Christ, not for any kind of natural person
 - He is the new man; Christ is the centrality and universality.
- The new man is a corporate man, the church, the Body of Christ.
 - Christ is all and in all in the new man and we are parts of the new man
 - we must take Christ as our life and live Him, not ourselves.
 - we all live Christ, not ourselves, Christ will be all of us, every member of the new man.
 - In this new man, the Body, the church, Christ is all and in all.

+ “For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.” (1Cor. 14:31)

- + Christ is all the members and He is in all the members. There is no room for us, no room for any nationality. Each member, each part, of the new man is Christ. Christ is everyone in the new man, and He is all and in all. Christ is all the members, and He is in all the members.
- + Christ is in the members. We still exist, but we must take Christ as our life and live together with Him. We are one with Christ and Christ is us. Christ is both in us and that He is us. We are parts of the new man with Christ in us. We continue to exist, but we do not exist without Christ; we are indwelt by Christ. In the new man Christ is both all the members and is in all the members.

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Hymn 500 Experience of Life— As life

- 1 Oh, what a might! Oh, what a strength!
God wrought to raise Christ from the dead.
Far above all at His right hand,
O'er all to us He is the Head.
All this great pow'r is to the Church
That she o'er all her foes may tread.
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That she o'er all her foes may tread.
- 2 Oh, what a fact! Oh, what a bliss!
That I of Christ a member am.
With all the saints I blend as one
And share the life of the new man.
Joined to our great ascended Head,
We'll be the Church of His own plan.
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We'll be the Church of His own plan.
- 3 Oh, what a breadth! Oh, what a length!
The height, the depth unsearchable!
Christ the Lord is unlimited,
So vast, immense, immeas'urable.
All that He is and all He has
Is now our life unspeakable.
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Is now our life unspeakable.

Eph. 2:15 –

Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,

Eph. 2:16 –

And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

1Cor. 12:13 –

For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one Body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

[Ephesians 2:15 says that Christ through the cross “abolished in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man.” Then in Ephesians 4:22-24 we are told to put off the old man and to put on the new man.

This new man is the Body of Christ. To put on the new man means to live a life by the Body. Before our salvation we were living in the old man, in the old society, but now we are members of Christ, living in His Body. We should put off the old man with the old social life, and we should put on the new man, the church.

As the church people, we have left the old man through baptism into the new man; however, we may still think, act, talk, and look like people from the old society. We have left the old man through baptism; therefore, we should walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:3-4).

[Hymn: One Person & One Way – As our person]

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.

1Cor. 6:15 –

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? ...

Cor. 6:19 –

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

1Cor. 6:20 –

For you have been bought with a price.
So then glorify God in your body.

1Pet. 1:18 –

Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life ...,

1Pet. 1:19 –

But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ;

1Cor. 12:27 –

Now you are the Body of Christ, and members individually.

When we were saved, not only did God regenerate us and give us eternal life; He made us one spirit with the Lord. 1Cor. 12:27 tells us that we have not only become one spirit with Christ, but we have become members of His Body. In 1Cor. 6:15 we have the same word. It says that our bodies are the members of Christ. Hence, when we were saved, not only we received regeneration and eternal life from God, but we at the same time were joined to the Body of Christ to become a member of the Body of Christ. We are the Body of Christ.

Hymn 16 Worship of the Father – His Newness

- 1 Our Father, as the evergreen,
Thou art forever new;
Thou art the ever living Lord,
Thy freshness as the dew.

Chorus:

- O Father, Thou art unchanging,
Thou never hast grown old;
Thru countless ages, ever fresh,
Thy newness doth unfold.
- 2 O Thou art God, and Thou art “new”;
Without Thee all is worn,
But all with Thee is ever fresh,
Though many years have gone.
- 3 Each blessing Thou hast given us
Thy newness doth contain;
Thy covenant, Thy ways are new,
And ever thus remain.
- 4 Now we Thy new creation are—
New spirit and new heart;
We're daily from the old renewed,
New life Thou dost impart.
- 5 The earth and heavens will be new
And Thy new city share;
New fruits each month will be supplied,
For all is newness there.
- 6 O Father, Thou art ever new,
And all is new in Thee;
We sing the new eternal song,
New praise we give to Thee.

2Cor. 5:17 –

So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

The New Man—created by Christ on the cross

The church as the new man was created by Christ. Christ created the one new man with God's nature wrought into humanity.

In the old creation God did not work His nature into man. In the creation of the one new man, however, God's nature has been wrought into man to make His nature one entity with humanity.

We can receive the divine life and the divine nature only by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and being regenerated by the Spirit; God's life and nature were imparted to us and made us a new creation.

The new man was created by Christ in Himself in His death, on the cross; He created the one new man. In His death He was working to create the different peoples into the new man. His death, therefore, was a tool used to work out the new creation.

Christ's death made us all, through His resurrection, a new man, we no longer know anyone according to the flesh, because anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. [H# 824]