

“WORD OF LIFE”

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58. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (38)

U. IN THE CHURCH

6. The Lord Distributing the Ministries

Suggested Hymns: # 541 & Divine Dispensing of the Divine / # 223 / # 5

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

- 1Cor. 12:4 - But there are distinctions of gifts, but the same Spirit;
1Cor. 12:5 - And there are distinction of ministries, yet the same Lord;
1Cor. 12:6 - And there are distinctions of operations, but the same God,
who operates all things in all.
1Cor. 12:7 - But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for what is profitable.
1Cor. 12:11 - But the one and the same Spirit operates all these things,
distributing to each one ... as He purposes.
1Pet. 4:10 - Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves
as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

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

- ❖ The Lord Jesus is the Head of the church (Eph. 1:22 – 23).
- ❖ Christ is not only the Head but also the Body (1 Cor. 12:12).
- ❖ Christ is every member of the new man (Col. 3:11)
- ❖ Christ is the Builder of the church (Matt. 16:18).
- ❖ In His building, the church, Christ is the Lord distributing the ministries (1 Cor. 12:5).
 - The Triune God is involved in these three matters—the gifts, the ministries, and the operations.
 - The gifts are by the Spirit
 - the ministries, the services, are initiated by the Lord and are for the Lord
 - the operations are of God.
 - The gifts are for these services, and they are for the operations.
 - The Triune God is moving in us for the accomplishing of His purpose to build up the church.
 - The gifts by the Spirit are to carry out the ministries for the Lord,
 - and in the ministries for the Lord are manifested the operations of the gifts,
produced by God’s working.
 - The Lord distributes the ministries
 - The source of our function and ministry is the Lord Himself.
 - Our ministry and function are under His distribution, a matter of the divine dispensing.

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

- ✚ Christ dispenses Himself into us, in order to distribute the ministries and functions. We need to live under Christ’s dispensing so that in the meetings we shall certainly be motivated by His inward dispensing to minister, to function, to do something that will render nourishment, edification, or building up to all the members.

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Hymn 541 Experience of Christ— Versus all Things

- 1 Not the law of letters, But the Christ of life
God desires to give us,
Saving us from strife;
It is not some doctrine,
But 'tis Christ Himself
Who alone release From our sinful self.
- 2 Any kind of teaching, Any kind of form,
Cannot quicken spirits
Or our souls transform;
It is Christ as Spirit Gives us life divine,
Thus thru us to live the
Life of God's design.
- 3 Not philosophy nor Any element
Can to Christ conform us
As His complement;
But 'tis Christ Himself who
All our nature takes
And in resurrection Us His members makes.
- 4 Not religion, even Christianity,
Can fulfill God's purpose Or economy;
But 'tis Christ within us As our all in all
Satisfies God's wishes,
And His plan withal.
- 5 All the gifts we're given
By the Lord in grace,
All the different functions
Cannot Christ replace.
Only Christ Himself must Be our all in all!
Only Christ Himself in
All things; great or small!

2Co 13:14 –

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and
the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

THE DISPENSING OF THE DIVINE TRINITY

The dispensing of the Father, who is the very
source of the dispensing. God the Father
dispenses His life and nature into us through
regeneration and renewing. This is the
foundation of the dispensing of the Divine
Trinity.

The dispensing of the Son. The dispensing of
Christ the Son is in His redemption. It is in
redemption, that is, in the Beloved, that we
experience the dispensing of the Divine Trinity
in our inward parts.

The dispensing of the Divine Trinity is the
dispensing of the Spirit through sealing. This
sealing seals us with the essence of the Triune
God in a gentle and fine way.

Hence, the Father dispenses His life and nature,
the Son dispenses His element,
and the Spirit dispenses His essence, with
which He seals us.

[Hymn: Blessed Dispensing of the Divine—As life]

Hymn 223 Praise of the Lord – Remembrance of Him

- 1 On the table of Thy love,
With the bread, the cup is spread.
By partaking of these signs,
We with Thee are richly fed.
How we thank Thee for this cup,
For the cup of blessing, Lord,
Cup of Thy Salvation full,
Cup of all Thou dost afford.
- 2 'Tis the blood Thou shedd'st for us,
That our sins may be forgiven;
'Tis the covenant made for us,
That Thy blessings may be given.
Thou didst drink the cup of wrath,
Thou hast tasted death for us,
Thus the cup of blessing bought,
As the portion gained for us.
- 3 In this portion we have God,
Whom we lost thru Adam's fall;
By the shedding of Thy blood,
God becomes our all in all.
In this portion all we have—
Life and peace, redemption sure;
All that God has planned and willed,
In this portion we secure.
- 4 An eternal portion, 'tis,
Overflowing cup divine;
Heavenly taste do we enjoy
In this cup of God's design.
Here in love we drink this cup
In remembrance, Lord, of Thee;
Thus in spirit we partake
All Thy work on Calvary.

Exo 12:3 –

...On the tenth of this month each man shall take a
lamb according to his fathers' house, a lamb for a
household.

Exo 12:21 –

...Draw out and take lambs according to your
families, and slaughter the passover.

Exo 12:11 –

... It is Jehovah's passover.

Exo 12:13 –

And the blood shall be a sign for you upon the
houses where you are;
and when I see the blood, I will pass over you,

1Co 5:6 –

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a
little leaven leavens the whole lump?

1Co 5:7 –

Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new
lump, even as you are unleavened; for our
Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.

CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

In this Passover, Christ is not only the Passover
lamb but also the entire Passover.
To be our Passover, He was sacrificed on the cross
that we might be redeemed and reconciled to God.
Thus, we may enjoy Him as a feast before God.

In this feast no leaven (evil things) is allowed to be
present. (just a little leaven, a little sin, leavens and
corrupts the whole lump, the whole church)
Sin and the redeeming Christ cannot go together.

Hymn 5 Blessing of the Trinity – His Fatherhood

- 1 God, our Father, we adore Thee!
We, Thy children, bless Thy Name!
Chosen in the Christ before Thee,
We are "holy without blame."
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Abba's praises we proclaim!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Abba's praises we proclaim!
- 2 Son Eternal, we adore Thee!
Lamb upon the throne on high!
Lamb of God, we bow before Thee,
Thou hast brought Thy people nigh!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Son of God, Who came to die!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Son of God, Who came to die!
- 3 Father, Son and Holy Spirit—
Three in One! we give Thee praise!
For the riches we inherit,
Heart and voice to Thee we raise!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Thee we bless, through endless days!
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
Thee we bless, through endless days!

Eph 1:3 –

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ,

Eph 1:4 –

Even as He chose us in Him before the
foundation of the world to be holy and without
blemish before Him in love,

HOLY WITHOUT BLAME

Holy means not only sanctified, separated unto
God, but also different, distinct, from everything
that is common.

Only God is different, distinct, from all things.
Hence, He is holy; holiness is His nature.
He chose us that we should be holy.
He makes us holy by imparting (dispensing)
Himself, the Holy One, into our being, that our
whole being may be permeated and saturated
with His holy nature.

For us, God's chosen ones, to be holy is to
partake of God's divine nature and to have our
whole being permeated with God Himself. This
makes our being holy in God's nature and
character, just like God Himself.

We should be saturated with only God Himself,
having no foreign particles, such as the fallen
natural human element, the flesh, the self, or
worldly things. This is to be without blemish.

Before Him, we are holy and without blemish in
the eyes of God according to His divine
standard. This qualifies us to remain in and
enjoy His presence.