

## “WORD OF LIFE”

May 31, 2026

### 55. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (36)

#### T. TO THE BELIEVERS

#### 44. The Apostle

Suggested Hymns: [# 193](#) & [# 190](#) / [# 217](#) / [# 17](#)

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

- Heb. 3:1 - Therefore, holy brothers, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle ..., Jesus,  
Heb. 3:2 - Who was faithful to Him who constituted Him, as also Moses was in all His house.  
Heb. 3:3 - For He has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by as much as He who built the house has more honor than the house.  
Acts 3:26 - ..., God, having raised up His Servant, has sent Him to bless you in turning each of you away from your wicked deeds.  
Eph. 4:1 - I beseech you therefore, ..., to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called,

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

❖ To us, Christ is also the Apostle (Heb. 3:1).

- An “apostle” is a sent one, one who is sent by a higher authority.
- As the Apostle, He is typified by Moses, who came from God to serve the house of God (Heb. 3:2-6).
  - Today, the house of God is actually the church (1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Pet. 4:17).
  - The children of Israel, are a type of us, the New Testament believers (1 Cor. 9:24—10:11).
- As our Apostle, Christ is the One who was sent to us from God and with God (John 6:46; 8:16, 29).
  - God sent Christ to us as the Apostle to share God with us
  - God sent Christ to us so that we may partake of His divine life, nature, and fullness.
  - God sent Christ to us to care for God’s house, the church, even to be the Builder of the house.
    - it is in the church as the house of God that we enjoy Christ as the faithful Apostle.

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

✚ God sent back the ascended Christ first to the Jews by pouring out His Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The very Spirit whom God poured out is the very Christ whom God raised and exalted to the heavens. When the apostles preached and ministered this Christ, the Spirit was ministered to us.

✚ Christ as the Apostle, is ruling over us and bearing all our responsibilities. As the Apostle, Christ comes to us from God, bringing to us God’s power, authority, and riches and to deliver us and take care of all our needs so that He may build us together to be God’s house.

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**Hymn 193**  
Praise the Lord –  
His All-Inclusiveness

1 Dear **Lord**, Thou art so much to us,  
Thou art **our all in all**; [*1Cor 15:28; Col3:11*]  
What Thou art fully **meets our needs**,  
Though they be **great or small**. [*Phil.4:19*]  
Our **hearts appreciate** what Thou art,  
Our spirits **worship** Thee;  
Our **grateful praise** to Thee we give  
As we Thy riches see.

2 Thou art the **Prophet raised** by **God**,  
With pow'r for **God** to speak; [*Heb. 3:2-6*]  
Like **Moses**, Thou **God's plan**  
hast shown,  
That we **God's** will may seek.  
Thou art like **Jonah** sent by **God**,  
To enter death and live,  
That by this **sign** of death and life,  
We may in Thee believe. [*Matt.12:39-41*]

3 Thou art the **Prophet raised** from men,  
To speak with pow'r and light;  
Thou, like **Elisha**, filled with **love**,  
Thy miracles in might.  
Thou, like **Isaiah**, full of **grace**,  
**God's Christ** dost e'er reveal,  
That **we may share** this **Christ** of all  
As life both **rich** and **real**.

8 As King and Priest and **Prophet** too,  
How **precious, Lord**, art Thou;  
Thy worth to **God**, Thy worth to us,  
We all with love avow.  
O how we **treasure** what Thou art,  
Our **hearts** are drawn by Thee;  
To Thee we'll **give our thanks**  
and **praise**  
Throughout eternity.

**Phil. 3:14 –**

I **pursue** toward the goal for the prize  
to which **God** in **Christ Jesus**  
has **called me** upward.

**Phil. 4:11 –**

Not that I speak according to **lack**, for I  
have **learned**, in whatever circumstances  
I am, to **be content**.

**Phil. 4:12 –**

I know also how **to be abased**,  
and I know how **to abound**;  
in **everything** and in **all things** I have  
**learned** the secret both to be **filled** and to  
**hunger**, both to **abound** and to **lack**.

[*Hymn 190– maintaining the spirit*]

**Hymn 217**  
Praise of the Lord –  
Remembrance of Him

1 On that **night of nights** most solemn,  
**Jesus called** His own  
'Round the table of **remembrance**,  
All alone.

2 Then this **feast of feasts** He **ordered**,  
**Feast** of grace Divine;  
**Sacred symbols** He **appointed**,  
**Bread** and **wine**.

3 Thus His **death of deaths** is shadowed  
In this simple way,  
Looking backward, pointing upward,  
**To that day**.

4 Till the **morn of morns**  
bright dawning,  
Earth's dark shadows passed;  
And the **splendor of God's glory**  
Breaks at last.

5 Thus the **day of days** shall open,  
Deathless, cloudless, fair;  
**In that day**, the **Savior's glories**  
**We shall share!**

**Luke 22:20 –**

... This **cup** is the **new covenant**  
established in **My blood**,  
which is being **poured out** for you.

The **breaking of the bread** for the  
**remembrance** of the **Lord** must be **done**  
**again and again**.

The **cup** is the cup of the **new covenant**  
which, every **Lord's Day**, **reminds** us that our  
standing is based on a **covenanted**  
relationship.

The **blood** speaks of **God's grace**, while the  
**cup** speaks of **God's righteousness**.

Every **Lord's Day** we call to memory the **new**  
**covenant**, and every time we **remember** the  
**cup**, we receive all that this cup contains.

The **Lord** wants us to **remember** that He is  
**bound** by the **covenant**.  
He wants us to always **remember** that we can  
enjoy forever **all of the things** in the **new**  
**covenant**.

- **God cleanses** us,
- **God** grants the **knowledge of God** to us
- **God** gives us **life** and **power**.

Therefore, every time we **remember** the  
**Lord**, **we remember Him in the covenant**.

**Hymn 17**  
Worship of the Father –  
His Greatness

1 My **Father God**,  
when on Thy vast creation, [*Isa.40:26*]  
The wonders of the heav'n and earth,  
I gaze, [*Psa. 104:24-25*]  
Things **great and small**,  
beyond enumeration, [*Col.1:16*]  
Which manifest  
Thy **pow'r** in untold ways;

**Chorus:**

Then all my being **sings**  
in **praise** to Thee,  
How marvellous! How **great** Thou art!  
And this I'll sing through all eternity,  
How marvellous! How great Thou art!

2 As I enjoy the **grace** of Thy **salvation**  
And contemplate [*Eph. 2:8-9*]  
how Thou Thy **Son hast sent**,  
Who **died** that we might be  
Thy **new creation**, [*2Cor.5:15-17*]  
Thy life expressing to the full extent;

3 When in the **church**,  
in **blest participation**,  
I see how millions  
Thine **own life** possess, [*John 10:10b*]  
How they are built to form  
Thy **habitation**, [*1Cor.3:16*]  
Containing Thee,  
Thy **fulness** to express;

4 As I expect the coming **age of fulness**  
And hope to share the **new Jerusalem**,  
With all the heavens [*Rev. 21:1-2*]  
and the earth in **newness**  
And all Thou art **expressed**  
**in all of them**;

**John 1:12-13 –**

But as many as **received** Him,  
to them He gave the **authority** to become  
**children of God**,  
to those who **believe** into His **name**,

Who were **begotten**  
**not** of blood,  
**nor** of the will of the flesh,  
**nor** of the will of man,  
**but** of **God**.

**Rom. 8:15-16 –**

For ... you have **received** a spirit of  
**sonship** in which we cry, **Abba, Father!**  
The **Spirit** Himself witnesses with our  
spirit that **we are children of God**.