

“WORD OF LIFE”

June 21, 2026

57. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (37)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

48. Head

Suggested Hymns: # 500 & (# 1175) / # 215 / # 20

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

1Cor. 11:3 - But I want you to know that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Eph. 1:22 - And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him to be Head over all things to the church,

Eph. 1:23 - Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

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

- ❖ The headship of Christ over every man is pertaining to individuals (1 Cor. 11:3)
 - Christ is both the Head corporately of the Body, the church,
 - and individually of the believers.
 - He is the Head directly of every one of us.
- ❖ The headship of Christ over all things is to His Body, the church (Eph. 1:22 – 23).
 - There are four aspects of the power that operated in Christ, transmitted to the church, the Body of the Head:
 - Resurrection power,
 - the power that God caused to operate in Christ raised Christ from the dead (v. 20a),
 - Ascending power,
 - the power that God caused to operate in Christ seated Christ at God’s right hand in the heavenlies, far above all (v. 20b),
 - Subjecting power,
 - the power that God caused to operate in Christ subjected all things under His feet (v. 22a), and
 - Heading-up power,
 - God’s power that He caused to operate in Christ gave Christ to be Head over all things to the church.
 - Death and Hades could not hold Christ (Acts 2:24) because of God’s resurrection power

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

✚ Christ, the slain, resurrected, and ascended Lamb, is now in the heavens carrying out God’s administration under God’s headship. There is a Body composed of believers who have been redeemed and baptized into the Triune God, the Body, the church. We, the believers, should reflect Christ as the Head submitting Himself to the headship of God.

✚ Christ is the One who became a man, who was slain for our sins, and who was resurrected to become the life-giving Spirit so that we may have life. We, therefore, by honoring Christ as our Head, should express Christ’s submission to the headship of God for the carrying out of His administration.

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Hymn 500 Experience of Christ— As Life

- 1 Oh, what a **might**! Oh, what a **strength**!
God wrought to **raise Christ**
 from the dead. [Rom.8:34; Eph.1:19-20]
 Far above all **at His right hand**,
 O'er all to us He is the **Head**. [Col.1:18]
 All this **great pow'r** is to the Church
 That she o'er all her **foes** may tread.
 All this great pow'r is to the **Church**
 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. [1Cor.12:27]
 With all the saints I blend as one [1Cor.12:24]
 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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- 3 Oh, what a **breadth**! Oh, what a **length**!
 The **height**, the **depth** unsearchable!
Christ the **Lord** is **unlimited**, [Eph. 3:18]
 So vast, immense, **immeas'urable**.
 All that He is and all He has
 Is now our **life** unspeakable.
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Eph. 1:18-19 –

The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may **know** **what** is the **hope of His calling**, and **what** are the **riches of the glory** of His inheritance in the saints, and **what** is the **surpassing greatness** of His **power toward us** who believe, according to the operation of the **might** of His **strength**,

Eph. 1:20 –

Which He caused to operate in **Christ** in **raising** Him from the dead and **seating** Him **at His right hand** in the heavenlies,

Eph. 1:21-22 –

Far **above** all rule and authority and power and lordship and every name that is named not only **in this age** but also in that which is **to come**;

And He **subjected** all things under His feet and gave Him to be **Head** over all things **to the church**,

[Hymn 1175 – the Power of His resurrection, 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**.

John 6:27 –

Work **not** for the food which perishes,
but for the **food** which abides unto **eternal life**, which the **Son of Man** will give you; ...

John 6:54-56 –

He who **eats** My **flesh**
 and **drinks** My **blood** has **eternal life**. ...

For My **flesh** is **true food**,
 and My **blood** is **true drink**.

He who **eats** My **flesh**
 and **drinks** My **blood**
abides in Me and **I in him**.

The **Lord** is **life**. Take the **Lord** into us
 by **eating** and **drinking** Him. When He
 comes into us, **eternal life** comes into us.

Hymn 20 Worship of the Father – His Righteousness

- 1 **God** our **Father**, we **adore** Thee,
 For the sake of **righteousness**; [Rom.5:1]
 Thou in **Christ** hast **justified** us,
 Who our conscience can depress?
 Thou art **righteous**, and art **faithful**,
 On Thy **righteousness** we stand;
 No unrighteousness is in Thee,
 None can turn Thy **righteous** hand.
- 2 Thou hast **laid our sins** on **Jesus**,
 By Thy **justice** He was **killed**; [1Pet.2:24]
 All Thy holy **law's requirements**
 For Thy justice He **fulfilled**.
Recompense from Him receiving,
 Thou art fully satisfied; [Rom. 8:1-4]
 How couldst Thou,
 O **God** most **righteous**,
 Claim it once more from our side?
- 3 **Father God**, Thou hast accepted
Jesus as our **Substitute**; [2Cor. 5:21]
 Judged the **Just One** for the **unjust**,
 Couldst Thou change Thy attitude?
 As a **proof** of perfect justice,
At Thine own right hand He **sits**;
 He, as Thy full satisfaction, [Eph 1:19-20]
Righteously Thy need befits.
- 4 **Father**, through the **blood** of **Jesus**
 We possess Thy **righteousness**;
 By Thy righteousness protected,
 None can shake our **steadfastness**.
 Righteousness of Thine [Rom.3:21-26]
 Thou mad'st us,
 None can ever us **condemn**; [Rom.8:1]
 We'll forever **testify** this
 In the **new Jerusalem**.

Rom. 3:23 –

For all have **sinned** and fall short of the **glory of God**,

Rom. 5:8-10 –

But God commends His own love to us
 in that while we were yet **sinners**,
Christ died for us.

...having now been **justified** in His
blood, we will be **saved**...

...we, being **enemies**, were **reconciled** to
God through the **death** of His **Son**,
 much more we will be **saved** in His **life**,
 having been **reconciled**,

Psa. 145:17 –

Jehovah is **righteous** in all His ways,
 And **faithfully kind** in all His doings.