

“WORD OF LIFE”

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57. CHRIST – HIS **PERSON** (37)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

55. **Physician**

Suggested Hymns: # 585 (# 540) / # 225 / # 26

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

Matt. 9:9 - ... **Jesus** ... saw a man sitting at the tax office, called **Matthew**, and He said to him, **Follow Me**. ...

Matt. 9:10 - ... behold, many **tax collectors** and **sinners** came and **reclined** together with Jesus and His disciples.

Matt. 9:11 - ... the Pharisees saw *it*, they said ..., Why does your Teacher **eat** with the tax collectors and **sinners**?

Matt. 9:12 - ... He [*Jesus*] said, Those who are strong have no need of a **physician**, but those who are ill.

Matt. 9:13 - ... for I did not come to call the righteous, but **sinners**.

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

❖ **Christ** is our **Physician** (Matthew 9:12).

- As our **Physician**, the **Lord** **heals** us mainly in our **spirit** and our **soul**, **not** in our **body**.
 - The tax collectors and sinners in Matthew 9 were **not** physically sick; they were **spiritually sick**.
 - While the Lord Jesus was **feasting** with them, He was **healing** them spiritually.
 - The Lord may or may not heal us in our body, but He is always ready to heal us in our spirit and soul.
- In calling people to follow Him, Christ **ministered** Himself as a **physician**.
 - He came to minister as a **physician**,
 - to heal, recover, enliven, and save us so that we might be **reconstituted** to be the members of His **Body**.
 - **we are being healed while feasting on Him**
 - As sinners we are the **sick ones**, and Christ is our **physician** and healer not a judge.
 - the **judgment** of a judge is according to righteousness
 - the **healing** of a physician is according to **mercy and grace**

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

✚ We need to see that for the most part, Christ’s healing today is for the **spirit** and the **soul**. He is our **Physician**, the Healer of our spirit, our soul, and at times, also of our body. In a time of suffering, we need to learn that we are under the discipline of the **inner life**, **grace in life**, rather than under the power of the outward gift. If we see this vision, we shall trust in Him and experience Him as our **Physician**.

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Hymn 585 Experience of Christ – Following Him

1 He leadeth me! O blessed thought,
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught;
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis **Christ's hand** that leadeth me.

Chorus:

He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

3 Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur or repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since it is Thou that leadest me.

4 And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since Thou in triumph leadest me.

Psa. 143:8 –

Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,
For in You I trust.
Make known to me the way on which I should walk,
For to You I lift up my soul.

3Jo 2 –

Beloved, concerning all things I wish that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

Man is of three parts: spirit, soul, and body. The soul is the organ that mediates between the body and the spirit; it possesses self-consciousness, that man may have his personality.

The soul is contained in the body and is the vessel to contain the spirit.

God as the Spirit dwells in our regenerated spirit and spreads from our spirit to saturate our soul that it may be transformed to express Him. This is the prosperity of our soul.

When our soul is occupied and directed by the Spirit of God through our spirit so that it directs and uses our body for God's purposes, our soul prospers.

The apostle John wished that we, outstanding in such a prosperity of our soul, might prosper in all things and in bodily health, just as our soul prospered in the divine life.

[Hymn # 540 – As the emancipator]

Hymn 225 Praise of the Lord – Remembrance of Him

1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
Here faith can touch
and handle things unseen;
Here would I grasp with firmer hand
Thy grace,
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

2 Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
Here drink with Thee
the royal wine of heav'n;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load;
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

4 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;
Here let me feast, and, feasting,
still prolong
The brief bright hour of fellowship
with Thee.

5 Too soon we rise; the symbols disappear;
The feast, though not the love,
is past and gone;
The bread and wine remove,
but Thou art here,
Nearer than ever still our Shield and Sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet passing, points to the glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretastes of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great bridal-feast of bliss
and love.

1Co 10:17 –

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

PARTAKING OF THE LORD'S TABLE

1 Cor. 10:21 speaks of partaking of the Lord's table. We are the partakers of the Lord's table. ... The table indicates a feast. We are eaters of the Lord's feast. ...

The Lord's table is the fulfillment of the ancient peace offering...

In the peace offering there were five portions, - for God, for the ministering priest, for the offerer, for all the priests, and for all the people who were present. ...

They all ate the same thing for fellowship, and they had peace with God and peace with one another.

Now at the Lord's table when we eat the bread, there is a portion for God, and there is a portion for all of us. We all are enjoying Christ in the presence of God with peace. There is the real peace between us and God, and there is the real peace among ourselves, one with another. This is the participation, the enjoyment, of Christ. This enjoyment of Christ is for the growth.

Hymn 26 Worship of the Father – His Mercy

1 God, we praise Thee for Thy mercy,
'Tis so great and so profound!
In our weakness and our failures;
With its greatness it abounds.
We adore Thee! we adore Thee!
With such mercy we've been crowned!
With such mercy we've been crowned!

2 How we marvel at this mercy
So far-reaching and so vast!
It has reached us, e'en the sinners,
And will ever hold us fast.
From this mercy, from this mercy,
What can cause us to be cast?

3 For Thy mercy we are grateful,
'Tis so rich, so plenteous!
Thru Thy mercy in redemption,
Thou hast richly favored us.
If without this, if without this,
How could we be favored thus?

5 Father, we enjoy Thy mercy,
Ever fresh and ever new;
Every morning shed upon us,
It refreshes as the dew.
How we taste it! how we taste it!
Giving Thee the praises due.

6 We can never cease to praise Thee,
As Thy mercy e'er endures;
All Thy grace and all Thy favor,
Ever for us it secures.
Trusting in it, trusting in it,
Thy sure mercy us assures.

Eph 2:4-5 –

... God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

Lam. 3:22-23 –

It is Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, For His compassions do not fail; They are new every morning; ...

1Pet. 1:3 –

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has regenerated us unto a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Redemption and justification solve our problem with God and reconcile us to God; regeneration enlivens us with God's life, bringing us into a relationship of life, an organic union, with God. Hence, regeneration issues and results in a living hope. Such regeneration is accomplished through the resurrection of Christ from the dead.