

“WORD OF LIFE”

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57. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (37)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

57. Overseer

Suggested Hymns: # 201 & (# 209) / Suffering from Gethsemane to Calvary / # 43

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

- 1Pet. 2:25 - For you were like sheep being led astray,
but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
- 1Pet. 1:9 - Receiving the end of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
- 1Pet. 5:7 - Casting all your anxiety on Him because it matters to Him concerning you.

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

❖ Christ is the Overseer of our souls (1 Pet. 2:25).

- He is our soul’s Shepherd and Overseer in the resurrection life within us.
 - Our soul is our inner being, our real person, Christ cares for the welfare of our inner being
 - and exercises His oversight over the condition of our real person.
 - He is able to guide us and supply us with life that we may follow in His steps according to the model of His suffering.
- As an Overseer, Christ is the One who cares for us.
 - Christ takes oversight concerning us and watches what we are doing.
 - the Lord as the Overseer is the One who cares for us.
 - He cares for us faithfully; we can cast, commit all our cares on Him.

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

- ✚ Christ as the Overseer of our souls means that He takes care of us. We are of three parts: spirit, soul, and body.
- ✓ Our spirit was saved through regeneration.
 - ✓ Our body will be saved, redeemed, through the coming transfiguration.
 - ✓ Our soul will be saved through sufferings into the full enjoyment of the Lord at His revelation, His coming back.
- ✚ For this we must deny our soul, our soulish life, with all its pleasures in this age, that we may gain it in the enjoyment of the Lord in the coming age. At the Lord’s revelation, through His judgment seat, some believers will enter into the joy of the Lord and some will suffer in weeping and gnashing of teeth. To enter into the Lord’s joy is the salvation of our souls. This salvation is more precious than the salvation of the body, which the children of Israel expect to receive.

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Hymn 201 Praise the Lord— His All-inclusiveness

- 1 O Lord, Thou art our Paraclete,
Our Comforter indeed,
Our Patron with our God above,
The Advocate we need.
- 2 Thou art our Counsel of defense,
The Pleader of our case,
Our Interceder for all things,
Our Helper in all ways.
- 3 Lord, Thou dost manage all affairs
For us in God's delight,
Both in the heavens and in us
With power in Thy right.
- 4 Thou intercedest all the time,
Lord Spirit, with Thy grace,
In heav'n to plead, in us to groan,
Entreating in our place.
- 5 Thou helpest as the living One,
And attest by God's plan
In resurrection pow'r of life,
Empow'ring our inner man.
- 6 Thou, as the Spirit giving life,
In weakness dost sustain;
And in our spirit with Thy strength,
Our being dost maintain.
- 7 Thou servest ever with Thyself,
In mercy and in love,
That Thou may be our all in all,
And we Thy fullness prove.

Psa. 55:22 –
Cast your burden upon Jehovah,
And He will sustain you; ...

Phil. 4:6 –
In nothing be anxious, but in everything,
by prayer and petition with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God;

Our life is more than food, and our body is
more than clothing. Both our life and our
body were brought into existence by God,
not by our anxiety.
Since God created us with a life and a body,
surely, He will care for their needs.
We, the kingdom people do not need to be
anxious about this.

[Hymn # 209 – Praising the Lord – His Life]

Suffering from Gethsemane to Calvary Praise of the Lord – Remembrance of Him

- 1 Lord, You suffered and were ravaged
By the cruelty of men.
From Gethsemane to Calvary,
Men oppressed and judged You then;
Our transgressions caused You wounding,
Pain and suffering all consuming,
'Til a breach in Your communing
Caused You grief unknown from birth.
From the garden to Golgotha,
All You passed through proved Your worth.
- 2 You had one friend who betrayed You,
With a kiss, to hate-filled men,
And another who denied You
Out of fear towards all of them.
When they took You as their prisoner,
Questioned You, their anger bitter,
And then mocked You, thought a sinner,
You did not Yourself defend.
You were mute and long-enduring
With a view to reach Your end.
- 8 Lord, I praise You and I thank You
That You bled and died for me,
As I ponder how You loved me
And You gave Yourself for me.
I am filled with love and reverence,
Gratitude and deep assurance
You forgive me in Your mercy,
By Your blood, for all my sin!
And You joined me to the Father!
Hallelujah, Lord! Amen!

Gal. 2:20 –
... it is Christ who lives in me; ..., who loved
me and gave Himself up for me.

What is the precious blood? It is the Lord's blood.

The Lord's blood indicates the redemption
accomplished by the Lord...
The blood, representing His redemption,
refers to what He has accomplished, while
the Spirit, representing all that He is, refers to
what He is.
Our being sprinkled by the blood indicates
that we have been redeemed. All the negative
things and the problems of sin can never
bother us again. Because of the blood, God
forgives all our sins and erases all our
offenses.
After the sprinkling of the blood, the Spirit
as the ointment—what God is—follows to
anoint us inwardly. This anointing anoints all
that God is into us, giving us all of God's
being. The Lord's blood cleanses us, and the
ointment anoints us. In this way the
redemption God accomplished and all the
riches of His being are fully applied to us
through our believing.

Hymn 43 Worship of the Father – His Redemption

- 1 "Abba, Father," we approach Thee
In our Savior's precious name.
We, Thy children, here assembling,
Now the promised blessing claim.
From our guilt His blood has washed us,
'Tis through Him our souls draw nigh,
And Thy Spirit too has taught us
"Abba, Father," thus to cry.
- 2 Once as prodigals we wandered,
In our folly, far from Thee;
But Thy grace, o'er sin abounding,
Rescued us from misery.
Clothed in garments of salvation
At Thy table is our place;
We rejoice, and Thou rejoicest,
In the riches of Thy grace.
- 3 Thou the prodigal hast pardoned,
"Kissed us" with a Father's love;
"Killed the fatted calf;" and made us
Fit Thy purpose to approve.
"It is meet," we hear Thee saying,
"We should merry be and glad;
I have found My once-lost children,
Now they live who once were dead."
- 4 "Abba, Father," we adore Thee,
While the hosts in heaven above
E'en in us now learn the wonders
Of Thy wisdom, grace, and love.
Soon before Thy throne assembled,
All Thy children shall proclaim
Abba's love shown in redemption,
And how full is Abba's name!

Luke 15:20 –
And he rose up and came to his own father.
But while he was still a long way off, his
father saw him and was moved with
compassion, and he ran and fell on his neck
and kissed him affectionately.

This did not happen by chance; the father
went out of the house to look for the
prodigal's return.

God the Father ran to receive the returning
sinner. A warm and loving reception. The
prodigal son's return to the Father was due to
the Spirit's seeking; the Father's receiving of
the returned son was based on the Son's
finding in His redemption.