

“WORD OF LIFE”

November 16, 2025

51. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (31)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

13. The Freeing and Transforming Spirit

Hymns: Christ is the life-giving Spirit, He lives inside of me / # 228 / # 30

Additional suggested hymns: (# 1151) / (# 88) / O Father, how faithful You are

 “Your words were found and I ate them, And Your word became to me The gladness and joy of my heart,” (Jer. 15:16)

2 Cor. 3:6 - ... the Spirit gives life.

2 Cor. 3:17 - And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

2 Cor. 3:18 - But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

 “Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, ...” (Eph. 4:13)

❖ Christ is the freeing and transforming Spirit.

➤ Christ as the Spirit in 2 Corinthians 3.

- is the Spirit who gives life, (v.6)
- is the freeing, liberating Spirit, (v. 17)
- is the transforming Spirit, (v. 18)

➤ Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Cor. 3:17)

- The Spirit of the Lord is actually the Lord Himself, with whom there is freedom.
- The Lord is the Spirit who gives us freedom.
 - when we turn to Him, we are freed from the bondage of the letter of the law.
 - Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is no bondage, no deadness,
 - Christ as the freeing Spirit is within us, we are free from the law, bondage, regulations, and dead letters.

➤ We are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory...” (2 Cor. 3:18)

- Christ as the life-giving Spirit is now doing a transforming work within us.
- He imparts Himself into us as life.
- When we open to Him, behold Him, and reflect Him, we are under the process of transformation.
 - All that He is, is transfused into our being.
 - Through being transfused with what He is we shall have a complete transformation.
 - We shall be transformed into His image from one stage of glory to another,
 - until eventually we are the same as He.

 “But he who prophesies speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.,” (1Cor. 14:3)

 The glory of Christ as the resurrected and ascended One, is both God and man. As the life-giving Spirit, Christ dwells in us to make Himself and all He has accomplished, obtained, and attained real to us so that we may be one with Him and may be transformed into His image from glory to glory.

 We with an unveiled face behold and reflect the glory of the Lord, He infuses us with the elements of what He is and what He has done. As a result, we are transformed metabolically to have His life shape by His life power with His life essence, transfigured, into His image. As the rich supply the Lord Spirit is continually added into our being.

{Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 51 letter T-13}

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Suggested hymns:

<p>Christ ..., He lives inside of me Experience of Christ– In Spirit</p>	<p>Hymn 228 Praise the Lord– Remembrance of Him</p>	<p>Hymn 30 Worship of the Father– His Love</p>
<p>1 Christ is the life-giving Spirit, He lives inside of me; [Gal.2:20; Rom.8:10] What a glorious fact; two spirits one are we! [1 Cor. 6:17] As a vessel I'm created, for God's economy And through His dispensing [Rom. 9:23] He flows into me. He is so all inclusive, He is my all in all; He is rich to me when on His name I call; I can worship Him in spirit, and in reality; He's my full supply, so dear and near to me. [Rom. 10:12-13]</p> <p>2 As I'm to my spirit turning, and from my soul I flee, [Rom. 8:5-6] I enjoy His sweet anointing within me. He is moving and He's spreading, deep in my very being, [1John 2:20, 27] As His presence fills me with delight and cheer. [Matt.3:17; Mark 1:11] Through failures and temptations, anxieties and griefs, He is listening to my calling and my pleas. He brings rest to all my burdens, [Lam. 3:55] and peace to all my strife, [Isa.1:23-4] And as grace He comes to fill me with His life. [John 4:14; 2Cor. 3:6]</p> <p>3 It's no longer I who's living, [Phil 1:20-21] but Christ who lives in me; [Gal. 2:20] I am mingled as one spirit with my Lord. As He strengthens me with power, into my inner man [Eph. 3:16] I can live according to His rule within. He fills me with His fullness; [Eph. 3:19] I day to day apply All the riches of the Spirit's life-supply. He is witnessing within me: I am a son of God. [Rom. 8:14, 16] I express Him in my walk in daily life.</p> <p>4 I enjoy His full salvation, [1Pet. 2:1-2] and grow organically; [Heb 5:12-14] He will bring me unto sonship in His life. Now from glory unto glory, [Rom.8:23] He is transforming me; [1Cor. 3:18] Through the Spirit's sealing [Eph. 1:13; 4:30] I conformed will be. [Rom. 8:29] When fully saturated, our being tripartite Will become the New Jerusalem, His bride. O Lord! Amen! Hallelujah! [Rev.21:2, 9] What great reality! We'll express the Triune God eternally!</p> <p>Rev 22:17 – And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.</p> <p>Hymn 1151 – hymn for maintaining the spirit</p>	<p>1 Sweet feast of love divine! 'Tis grace that makes us free [John 8:36] To feed upon this bread and wine, In mem'ry, Lord, of Thee. [1Cor. 11:24-25]</p> <p>2 Here every welcome guest Waits, Lord, from Thee to learn The secrets of Thy Father's breast, [love] And all Thy grace discern. [John 1:17-18]</p> <p>3 Here conscience ends its strife, And faith delights to prove The sweetness of the Bread of Life, The fulness of Thy love. [John 6:35, 48]</p> <p>4 That blood that flowed for sin In symbol here we see, [John 19:34] And feel the blessed pledge within That we are loved of Thee. [Eph. 1:14; 2:4]</p> <p>5 O if this glimpse of love Is so divinely sweet, What will it be, O Lord, above, Thy gladd'ning smile to meet!</p> <p>6 To see Thee face to face, [2Cor.4:6; Matt 5:8] Thy perfect likeness wear, [1 John 3:2] And all Thy ways of wondrous grace Through endless years declare.</p> <p>1Co 11:23 – For I received from the Lord that which also I delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread,</p> <p>1Co 11:24 – And having given thanks, He broke it and said, This is My body, which is given for you; this do unto the remembrance of Me.</p> <p>1Co 11:25 – Similarly also the cup after they had dined, saying, This cup is the new covenant established in My blood; this do, as often as you drink it, unto the remembrance of Me.</p> <p>1Co 11:26 – For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you declare the Lord's death until He comes.</p> <p>Hymn 88 – hymn for filling up time</p>	<p>1 What love Thou hast bestowed on us, We thank Thee from our heart; [1John 3:1] Our Father, we would worship Thee And praise for all Thou art. [1John 4:19]</p> <p>2 Thy heart Thou hast revealed to us, Made known th' eternal will; [Eph. 1:9] Within the Son Thou hast come forth, Thy purpose to fulfill. [Eph. 3:11]</p> <p>3 Thou gavest Thy beloved Son [Rom.8:32] In love to come and die, [John 3:16] That we may be Thy many sons, As heirs with Him, made nigh. [Rom 8:17]</p> <p>4 Through Him we have Thy very life And Thou our Father art; [John 5:26; 6:47] Thy very nature, all Thyself, Thou dost to us impart. [2Pet.1:4; Heb.12:10]</p> <p>5 Thy Spirit into ours has come That we may "Abba" cry; [Rom.8:15] Of Spirit born, with Spirit sealed, To be transformed thereby. [John 3:6; Eph. 1:13; 2Cor.3:18]</p> <p>6 The many sons to glory brought Is Thine eternal goal, [Eph. 1:9; 3:11] And to Thy Son's own image wrought, Thou wilt conform the whole. [Rom. 8:28-29]</p> <p>7 Throughout Thy transformation work Thou dost direct each one, From glory unto glory bring [2Cor.3:18] Until the work is done.</p> <p>8 What love Thou, Father, hast bestowed; We'll ever grateful be; [Rom. 5:5] We'll worship Thee forevermore And praise unceasingly. [Luke 4:8; John 4:24]</p> <p>1Th 5:23 – And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>1Th 5:24 – Faithful is He who calls you, who also will do it.</p> <p>2Th 3:3 – But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.</p> <p>Hymn: O Father, how faithful You are – hymn for conclusion (stanzas 1, 5, 6 only)</p>