

“WORD OF LIFE”

November 30, 2025

51. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (31)

T. TO THE BELIEVERS

15. Pasture

Suggested Hymns: # 1144 / # 1108 / # 17

Additional suggested hymns: (# 6213) / (# 1105) / (# 9)

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

John 10:9 - ... if anyone enters through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and go out and shall find **pasture**.

John 10:10 - ... I have come that they may have **life** and may have *it* abundantly.

1John 5:12 - He who has the **Son** has the **life**; he who does not have the **Son of God** does not have the life.

Psa. 79:13 - **And we**, Your people and the **sheep** of Your **pasture**, Will give You **thanks** forever;
From generation to generation we will tell out Your **praise**.

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

❖ Christ has **come**, let's come to Him to enjoy Him as our **pasture** (John 10:9).

➤ *For He is our **God**, And we are the people of His **pasture*** (Psa. 95:7)

- The green **pasture**, signifies **Christ** as the feeding place for the sheep.
- When the pasture is not available, the sheep must be kept in the fold temporarily.
- When the pasture is ready, the sheep should come out of the fold and remain in the **pasture** permanently.
- As believers in Christ, we should now enjoy Him as our **pasture**.

➤ *“I came that they may have life and may have it abundantly”* (John 10:10b).

- Christ came to **impart** Himself as life to us, His sheep.
- As long as we stay in the **pasture**, we will have the supply of life abundantly.
- **By feeding** on the **pasture**, we will enjoy the pasture as our abundant life supply,
 - for the Lord Jesus is our abundant life.
 - We will enjoy Him and experience Him as our life.
- In order to be the **pasture** of life to us, the sheep, Christ had to **die for us**.
 - the Lord **laid down His life for His sheep** (John 10:11, 15).
 - He had to die for us in order to minister Himself as **life** to us and thereby be the **pasture** to us.

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

 The **pasture** is ready; there is no further need for the us to remain in the fold of religion. Before Christ came, the law was a ward, and being under the law was transitional. **Now that Christ has come**, all God's chosen people must come out of the law and come into Him to **enjoy Him** as their **pasture**.

 The **pasture** is a place of tender grass; a place full of the **supply of life**. When we as sheep are in the pasture, we do not lack food. Today our pasture is the resurrected Christ as the life-giving Spirit. In our daily Christian life, we should have the **definite realization** that **we are in the pasture** enjoying Christ as the **rich supply of life**.

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Hymn 1144 Experience of Christ— As Food and Drink

1 In the **Word** of old, we are clearly told,
In His **image** **God** created man. [Gen. 1:26 - 27]
To **express** His worth, to subdue the earth,
Have **dominion** and fulfil His plan.

Image, **image**,
In His **image** He created man.
Image, **image**,
For **dominion**, to fulfill His Plan.

2 Yet no rules He gave, no instructions, **save**:
"Every tree shall be to thee for meat." [Gen. 1:29]
But one tree, He said, surely makes you dead;
Fruit of knowledge isn't good to eat.

Knowledge, **knowledge**,
Fruit of knowledge wasn't meant for meat.
Knowledge, **knowledge**, [Gen. 2:17]
Fruit of knowledge isn't good to eat.

3 Midst the garden fair, see the **life tree** there—
God Himself the **tree of life** does show.
But the enemy, somehow subtly [Gen. 2:8 – 9, 16]
Tempted man the other tree to know.

Fallen, **fallen**,
Man has eaten of the deadly tree.
Fallen, **fallen**, [Gen. 3:1- 6]
Man requires a full **recovery**.

4 Then came Jesus Christ as the **tree of life**,
Satisfying all that **God** required. [John 1:4; 15:1, 5]
He **redeemed** the earth, giving man new birth,
And became the **food** that man desired.

Jesus, **Jesus**,
Jesus Christ is really **good to eat**. [1Pet. 2:2 - 3]
Jesus, **Jesus**,
He is **real drink** and **real meat**. [John 6:54 - 55]

5 **Jesus** ne'er designed e'er to feed our mind;
All good knowledge only puffeth up. [1Cor. 8:1]
But He came, He said, as a **feast** instead,
Not to analyze, but only **sup**.

Take **Him**, **take Him**,
Wholly satisfying, **glorious**.
Take **Him**, **take Him**,
Jesus is the **tree of life** to us. [Rev. 2:7; 22:14]

6 As we **eat** the **Lord**, **growth** He does afford,
Life and numbers soon will be increased.
We must clearly see **God's recovery**—
Christ is not religion, but a **feast**.

Eat Him, **eat Him**. [John 6:57]
Christ as **life** is all the **food** we need.
Eat Him, **eat Him**,
He who **eateth** **Him** shall **live** indeed.

7 **Eating** is the **way to live** **Christ** today,
Of the **eating** there should be no lack. [2Tim. 3:16 - 17]
As the churches **eat**, they become **complete**,
Eating **Christ** will bring the **Bridegroom** back.

Eating, **eating**,
Of our **eating** there must be no lack. [John 3:29 – 30]
Eating, **eating**, [Matt. 25: 4, 6]
Eating **Christ** will bring the **Bridegroom** back.

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

Hymn 1108 Praise the Lord— Remembrance of Him

1 **Eat** the **bread**, ye people of the **Lord**:
Praise His name, for He has **made us one**.
Now we come to **eat in one accord**
As the **church** [1Cor. 10:17; Eph. 2:16]
which He has made **His own**. [one Body]

Chorus:
Eat the **bread** and **drink** the **wine**, ye saints!
We are **one in Him** fore'er. [Rom. 12:5]
Stand in **oneness** on the local ground,
Eat and **drink** in **oneness** there! [1Cor. 12:12-13]

2 **Drink** the **wine**, ye people of the **Lord**:
We're the **church** [Matt. 26:27 - 28]
His precious **blood** has bought.
We're **redeemed** to be in **one accord**—
This the goal for which He long has sought.

3 **Stand** as one, ye people of the **Lord**:
Not as individual grains are we—
[1Cor. 12:18, 20]
We are one, we're **blent** in **one accord**
As a **loaf** in each locality. [1Cor. 12:24]

4 We are one as people of the **Lord**;
We declare that we are **really one**!
[1Cor. 10:17; 12:12-13]
Not just word, but **life in one accord**
Testify what **God** in us hath done.

5 **Eat** the **bread**, ye people of the **Lord**:
Praise His **name**, for He has **made us one**.
[1Cor. 12:12, 20]
Now we come to **eat in one accord**
As the **church** [Matt. 26:26]
which He has made **His own**.

John 6:56 —
He who **eats** My flesh and **drinks** My
blood abides in Me and I in him.

John 6:57 —
As the living Father has sent Me and I
live because of the Father, so he who
eats Me, he also shall live because of
Me.

John 6:58 —
This is the bread which came down out
of heaven, not as the fathers ate and died;
he who **eats** this bread shall live forever.

Hymn 1105 — hymn for filling up time

Hymn 17 Worship of the Father— His Greatness

1 **My Father God**, [Gen. 1:1; Zech. 12:1]
when on Thy vast **creation**,
The wonders of the heav'n and earth,
I gaze, [Rev. 4:11; 10:6]
Things great and small,
beyond enumeration, [Isa. 42:5]
Which **manifest** Thy **pow'r**
in untold ways; [Rom. 1:20]

Chorus:
Then all my being **sings** [Psa. 96:1-3]
in **praise** to Thee, [Psa. 33:3; 40:3]
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 contemplation
how Thou Thy **Son** hast sent,
Who **died** [John 3:16; 1John 4:9; 2Cor 5:17]
that we might be Thy **new creation**,
Thy life **expressing** to the full extent;

3 When in the **church**,
in blest **participation**,
I see how millions
Thine **own life possess**,
How they are **built** [Rev. 7:15; 21:3]
to form Thy **habitation**, [1Cor. 3:16]
Containing Thee, [Col. 2:9; Eph. 1:23; 3:19]
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. 3:12; 21:2]
and the earth in **newness**
And all Thou art [Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10]
expressed in all of them; [2Cor. 5:17]

Revelation 4:11 —
You are worthy, our Lord and God, to
receive the glory and the honor and the
power, for You have created all things,
and because of Your will they were, and
were created.

Ephesians 1:11 —
In whom also we were designated as an
inheritance, having been predestinated
according to the purpose of the One who
works all things according to the counsel
of His will,

Hymn: 9 — hymn for conclusion