

203. THOU HAST WORDS OF LIFE

36, 161, 198, 205.

1. Oh, how joy - ful is the ho - ur When we,
2. At Thy feet, O Lord, we lin - ger; Speak to
3. Teach us to es - cape de - struc - tion Through the
4. O - pen, Lord, our un - der - stand - ing, As to

Lord, draw nigh to Thee, And the words of
us in ac - cents clear! Let us hear Thy
pow - er of Thy grace, All of - fense, with
Thy dis - ci - ples there. May our hearts be

life and pow - er From Thy ho - ly lips re - ceive.
word so ten - der Ea - ger - ly with god - ly fear.
Thy in - struc - tion To for - sake and to ef - face.
e'er de - mand - ing Wis - dom's light with Thee to share.

May we not in vain as - sem - ble 'Round Thy
Teach us fol - low Thy ex - am - ple; Teach us
And ac - cord - ing to Thy pleas - ure Think and
Heav'n - ly Light that oft has ban - ished Man - y

word, O Lord, to - day; In - to our hearts
 to de - vote our time; This so short a
 speak, en - dure and choose, Striv - ing on - ward
 dark and drear - y spots; Light, O Lord, in

meekest and humble Write the Word of Life, we pray!
 time, though ample For e - ter - ni - ty sub - lime.
 toward that treasure, As we have no time to lose.
 us re - plen - ish; In Thy light we stum - ble not.

5. And Love's holy fire, we pray Thee,
 Pour into each spotless heart,
 That in joy or in affliction
 Ne'er from Thee we may depart.
 May we never feel encumbered
 With the cross that we must bear,
 Gladly leave in self-denial
 What Thy kingdom cannot share.

6. Let Thy word bring light and gladness,
 Strength and power to our heart;
 May it be the living motive
 Causing each to do his part.
 Help to store in careful keeping
 What this day we may receive;
 Manifest Thy healing power
 In all who Thy word believe.