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*"He therefore who bountifully supplies to you the Spirit . . . does He do it out of the works of the law or out of the hearing of faith?" Galatians 3:5*

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*Dear Life-study Listener,*

Your feedback is important to us, so each month we include a reply card. Is the "Path of Life" article leading you into any particular experience of Christ you would like to share with us? Do you enjoy the excerpts from *Hymns* we occasionally include, as in this month's issue? We encourage you to share with His Body for its building up how the Lord has moved you by the radio program or this newsletter. Besides using the reply card, you can call our toll-free number, 1-888-543-3788.

We recently had encouraging times of fellowship during our life-study seminars in Tampa, Kansas City, and Washington, D.C. It was so good to meet you, our listeners, face-to-face. We are now planning more seminars in the Seattle, Vancouver, Dallas, and Houston areas. If you are in those areas, look for upcoming dates and times. Also, please note the new station announcement of our Russian programs. If you know any Russian speakers, they can hear the life-study broadcasts live via the Internet at the time of the St. Petersburg broadcast.

Next month we will begin *Life-study of Deuteronomy*. We have included an insert for you to order your printed copy so you can follow along with us. Order ahead so we can get it to you before our start in mid-September. Our prayer is that the Lord would use these life-studies to enlighten and inspire each one of us for the fulfillment of His purpose.

*Living Stream Ministry*

## WHAT IS THE ALL-INCLUSIVE DEATH OF CHRIST?

The death of Christ on the cross was the most monumental event in human history. Believers understand that this death was more than merely the death of a martyr for his cause. Christ's death was the great payment for the sins of all mankind. Through His vicarious death, Christ redeemed man from the curse of the law, which prescribed death as the penalty for sin. He paid the

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# RESPONSE *from* LISTENERS

We invite you to share your comments with us and other listeners so we all may be encouraged in the Lord. Responses should be addressed to *The Hearing of Faith*, "Response from Listeners," 2431 W. La Palma Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801 or [radio@lsm.org](mailto:radio@lsm.org). Responses are subject to editing for the sake of space and clarity.

*Listening to the broadcast is part of my life now. The conversation that Chris [Wilde] and the guest speaker presented really attracted my attention and made me want to read the Bible and the life-study more. I thank the Lord that I can hear you daily in my area. Thank you for your labor to present the program in such a fresh way.*

Pleasanton, CA

*I am grateful to the Lord for this ministry of the Spirit! I have been encouraged, uplifted, and renewed in every area in my life and fellowship with the Lord. Amen!*

San Antonio, TX

*I listen online, and I had my friends listen, too. I just can't tell you how much of an encouragement it has been to me in my walk with the Lord. The first time I heard the broadcast, I couldn't believe it. You reach a point where milk is not enough, and I really thank the Lord for stoking a fire in me with hunger. I literally consider it meat of the Word. In this ministry, you are creating thirst in others, and thirst is not a superficial thing. The Lord has really moved me in a deeper way, and I praise God for that. I wanted to phone you and say thank you. My growth and hunger for the Lord has continued. I am so pleased.*

Guelph, Ontario, Canada

The following hymn is full of praise to the Lord for His wonderful redemption. How much Christ has accomplished for us in His death! This hymn written by Witness Lee is included in *Hymns* as well as the music recording *Hymns of Life and Truth, Oh, What a Life!*, both produced by Living Stream Ministry.

1 How won - der - ful re - demp - tion is, My grac - ious Lord, in

Thee! Not seen, nor heard, nor e'er con - ceived What Thou hast done for

me! Thou art di - vine, mys - te - ri - ous, Be - yond my grand - est

phrase! Re - demp - tion is so mar - vel - lous, Be - yond all pow'r to praise!

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| <p>2 For us Thou on the Cross wast pierced,<br/>And blood and water streamed;<br/>That life divine be giv'n to us,<br/>That we may be redeemed.<br/>Thy precious blood has made us clean,<br/>That we accepted be;<br/>Regenerated by Thy life,<br/>We now are one with Thee.</p>     | <p>4 Since we're Thy Body, Thou may come<br/>And settle down in us;<br/>In us Thou may obtain Thy home<br/>And we become Thy trust.<br/>Thy heart to satisfy and please,<br/>We are Thy counterpart,<br/>Now in one Body with Thyself,<br/>Enjoying all Thou art.</p>                              |
| <p>3 Thou art the grain divine that died<br/>The many grains to bear,<br/>Which, blent and formed, Thy Body are,<br/>And all Thy nature share.<br/>We are the increase of Thyself,<br/>And Thou our content art;<br/>Through us Thou livest and dost move<br/>And manifested art.</p> | <p>5 While in remembrance now we meet<br/>And here the symbols see,<br/>For Thy redemption great and full<br/>We're filled with praise to Thee.<br/>Since we are made Thy Body, Lord,<br/>Thy dwelling place and bride,<br/>We would give thanks and worship Thee<br/>And in Thy praise abide.</p> |

(Hymns, #116)

## DEATH OF CHRIST

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price in full! This is indeed a tremendous truth. Christ died as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

Although most believers are familiar with Christ's sacrificial death as the Lamb of God for the sins of mankind, the Bible tells us that His death accomplished many other wonderful things. Thus, we may call His death an all-inclusive death. Let us examine what Christ accomplished in His death on the cross.

John's Gospel reveals that Christ died not only as the Lamb of God (1:29) but also as

the brass serpent (3:14). Second Corinthians 5:21 tells us that the Lord Jesus did not know sin in His experience.

Just as a brass serpent does not have the poison of a serpent but only its form, so Christ, as a man, did not have the sinful nature but was in the *likeness* of the flesh of sin (Rom. 8:3). Thus, as the brass serpent, He died to deal not only with our sinful actions but also with our inward nature of sin.

Christ in His death not only dealt with our sins and our sinful nature but He even destroyed "him who has the might of death, that is, the devil" (Heb. 2:14). Two thousand years ago, Christ destroyed the devil himself. The devil is a defeated foe, and we need never be afraid of him!

The Bible also tells us that when Christ died on the cross, we were crucified with Him (Gal. 2: 20). Our "old man" was crucified with Christ (Rom. 6:6). Not only so, the world (the satanic system that enslaves people) was judged and its ruler, Satan, was cast out (John 12:31).

Paul says that the world was crucified to him (Gal. 6:14). In His death Christ judged the ruler of the world and his world system.

Christ also died as the peacemaker terminating all the ordinances, which are related to culture and different ways of living, that divide people (Eph. 2:14-15). In Christ there is now peace between the different kinds of people. He is our peace.

Furthermore, in His death, Christ was also a grain of wheat (John 12:24). His death not only dealt

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with many negative things but it also released His divine life for His multiplication. His life was released to get into millions of people! As the life in a seed is released by the shell of the seed "dying" after being buried in the earth, Christ's death released the divine life in Him. This marvelous life-releasing death produced us, the believers, to be His church. We are His multiplication, just as the many grains are the multiplication of the one grain that falls into the ground to die. While other aspects of His death deal with negative matters, His dying as the grain of wheat is altogether positive.

Praise the Lord for the all-inclusive death of the Lord Jesus Christ!

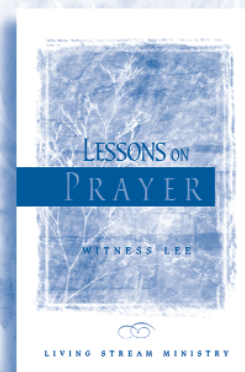
For further reading on this subject, please see *The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures*; *The Christian Life*; and *The Divine Economy*, by Witness Lee, published by Living Stream Ministry.

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## LESSONS ON PRAYER BY WITNESS LEE



In *Lessons on Prayer* Witness Lee first discusses the real meaning of prayer: Prayer is the mutual contact between man and God; prayer is man breathing God, obtaining God, and being obtained by God; and prayer is man cooperating and co-working with God, allowing God to express Himself and His desire through man, and thus accomplish His purpose. In the subsequent chapters, these principles are developed, expounded, and practically applied. May we all benefit from learning these lessons on prayer.

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# The PATH OF Life

*Below are excerpts focused on matters and practices of the spiritual life as revealed in God's Word. May the Lord show us "the path of life" (Psa. 16:11) that we may have a daily living of enjoying, experiencing, and gaining Christ.*

## LOVING CHRIST THE PERSON

### TAKING THE LORD'S PERSONALITY

Suppose I tell a certain brother that I love him. This involves a lot. He is a person with a strong personality, having his own will, desires, and intentions. He also has his likes and dislikes. I say I love him, but does this mean that I ask him to follow my desire? This is not love; this is a demand. If I really love him, I must follow his desire. This is why the Lord told Simon Peter to follow Him after Peter said that he loved Him. The Lord was saying that to take Him as our life

### *Give yourself to love the Lord.*

and as our Person, we must take His desire as our desire. We must take His will as our will. We must take His intention as our intention. To love Him as a Person, we must take His personality....

We may have many teachings with all the gifts and power, and yet we would not take the personality of Christ. The Lord Jesus does not need someone who has teachings, gifts, and power. He needs someone like Peter to love Him, someone to tell Him, "O Lord Jesus, I love You! I follow You. I take You as my Person. I take Your personality as my personality. I take Your will as my will. I take Your desire as my desire. I don't care for teachings, gifts, and power. I just care for Yourself. I love You, and I follow You, taking You as my Person."

During the past years of my Christian life, I have heard many teachings, and

I have been taught to do many things. But nothing works unless we love the Lord Jesus. Some people teach that we must reckon ourselves dead with Christ. But if we do not love Him, regardless of how much we reckon ourselves dead, we are never dead. On the other hand, if we say from our heart, "Lord Jesus, I love You; I take Your personality as my personality," there is no need for us to reckon ourselves dead; we are dead already....

Brother John Nelson Darby lived to be over eighty-four years of age. One day when he was quite old, he was traveling and stayed overnight in a hotel. Before going to sleep, he said to the Lord, "Lord Jesus, I still love You." None of his writings inspired me as much as this single short sentence. That short word touched my heart. By that time he was quite old, yet he could still speak such a word to the Lord. It was many years ago when I read this. I immediately told the Lord, "Lord, keep me loving You all the time. I just ask you to do this one thing."

### FOLLOW AFTER LOVE

Give yourself to love the Lord. No other way is so prevailing, and no other way is so safe, so rich, and so full of enjoyment. Just love Him. Do not care for anything else. Teachings, doctrines, gifts, and power do not mean much. We must continually tell the Lord, "Lord, keep me in Your love! Attract me with Yourself! Keep me all the time in Your loving presence!" If we will pray in this way, we will see what love we will have toward the Lord and what kind of life we will live. We will simply live by the Lord

Himself. As long as we love Him from the deepest part of our being, everything will be all right. If we need wisdom, He will be the wisdom to us. If we need power, He will be the power. If we need the proper and adequate knowledge, He will even be that to us. Whatever we need, He is. Do not try to get anything else; just look to Him that He would reveal His love to you. Song of Songs 1:4 says, "Draw me, we will run after thee." We must ask the Lord to draw us, and then others will run after Him with us. To take Him as our life, we must love Him in such a way.

*Life and Building as Portrayed in the Song of Songs, pp. 22-25, by Witness Lee*

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