

The HEARING OF Faith

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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,

With this edition of *The Hearing of Faith* we will conclude *Life-study of Colossians* and begin another two-week review of *Life-study of Genesis*. Then later in March, we will move on to *Life-study of Numbers*. We hope you have had a chance to hear the Colossians programs and see the light from Colossians 3:11 how in the new man "Christ is all and in all."

What was the last music tape or CD you listened to? Charles Wesley, the famous hymn writer from the eighteenth century, said, "The theology people believe is the theology they sing." Living Stream Ministry has released several music recordings. The most recent one, entitled *The Name of Jesus Is Our Stand*, consists mostly of hymns written by Watchman Nee and Witness Lee. The words of these hymns, like the life-study radio programs, bring the listener into a deeper appreciation and experience of Christ. On page two of this newsletter, we have included one of the hymns by Witness Lee on the recording. This hymn is a marvelous revelation not only of Christ but of how we can experience Him.

All the hymns recorded on *The Name of Jesus Is Our Stand* were taken from *Hymns*, published by and available through Living Stream Ministry. For more information on the new music release, please see page three and the insert of this mailing.

Living Stream Ministry

Life-Study of the Bible

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WHAT IS THE NEW MAN?

The New Testament uses the phrase "new man" three times. In Ephesians 2:15 Paul says that Christ on the cross created "one new man" in Himself. In Ephesians 4:24, Paul tells us to "put on the new man, which was created according to God." Then in Colossians 3:10 Paul says that we "have put on the new man, which is being renewed." What is the new man? Was it created by Christ on the cross or is it being created now through our being renewed?

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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. Responses are subject to editing for the sake of space and clarity.

I am diligent to hear the lessons. They are absolutely marvelous. The thing is that there is clarity, and it is easy to understand. The discernment and the revelation that Witness Lee has are so refreshing. You know what he is saying is revelation. It makes you alive. I have been around too many teachings and I'm not putting any of them down, but there is an anointing on this man that brings such revelation and clarity of the Father God's heart and His perception. I say to myself, "My goodness, when I listen to these lessons, it rings a bell." They give you an understanding of the Father God's heart, of the perception that God has. It is His desire, and it is not mixed up with opinion, storytelling, or things like that. I have been around for so long, but I am still hungry and searching. Listening to Witness Lee causes me to have more of a discernment, more of an alertness or something. I don't know what it is, but now when I sit down to read, it is beginning to be far more clear to me, and it is easier for me to grasp what God is trying to say.

Dallas, TX

I am a recovering addict who has been in bondage for over twenty-three years to the addiction of cocaine. Your newsletter has given me so much hope and increased my faith to the point where I now can start to break these chains. Thank you.

Tewksbury, MA

Below is one of many hymns written by Witness Lee concerning our experience of Christ. How wonderful it is that Christ as the Spirit is so available to us and even one with us!

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1 O Lord Thou art in me as life And ev-'ry-thing to me! Sub-ject-ive and a - vail - a - ble, Thus I ex - pe - rience Thee.

CHORUS
O Lord, Thou art the Spir - it! How dear and near to me!
How I ad - mire Thy mar - vel - ous A - vail - a - bil - i - ty!

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| 2 To all my needs both great and small
Thou art the rich supply;
So ready and sufficient too
For me now to apply. | 4 Thy law of life in heart and mind
My conduct regulates;
The wealth of Thy reality
My being saturates. |
| 3 Thy sweet anointing with Thy might
In weakness doth sustain;
By Thy supply of energy
My strength Thou dost maintain. | 5 O Thou art ever one with me,
Unrivaled unity!
One spirit with me all the time
For all eternity! |

(Hymns, #539)

NEW MAN

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In his first mention of the new man, Paul speaks of how Christ created one new man out of the two peoples on the earth, the Jews and the Gentiles, slaying the enmity that was between them because of ordinances (Eph. 2:15). This shows us that the new man is something corporate, just as Adam was not only a single man but the beginning of man as a collective entity (Gen. 1:26).

We are all members of the “race” of fallen Adam. In this corporate man, also called the “old man” in the Scriptures (Eph. 4:22; Rom. 6:6), we see many characteristics such as pride, selfishness, anger, lust, and vainglory. Although we may think

What then is the new man? The new man is something corporate and it is of Christ. It is actually just the church, that humanity that is redeemed, regenerated and transformed by Christ Jesus. On one hand, Christ created this new man on the cross. On the other hand, this new man comes into existence as the Holy Spirit transforms us by His working in us.

The new man is of the new creation, which is God’s old creation with the element of God added to it. When we are regenerated, God’s life and nature enter us, and we become a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). This is the beginning of the new man. We

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there are many kinds of men, in God’s view, all fallen mankind is part of the old man, the corporate Adam, who was crucified on the cross with Christ.

What many Christians understand of the new man is mainly concerning the individual aspect, considering the new man as our “new person” in Christ. This understanding may not be incorrect (in the sense that Paul spoke of in Galatians 2:20), but it surely falls short of the full revelation of the new man presented in the Scriptures. Ephesians and Colossians speak of a new mankind created by Christ of the two classes of people on the earth, the Jews and the Gentiles. In this new man “there cannot be Greek and Jew...but Christ is all and in all” (Col. 3:11).

can also say, as Paul indicates in Ephesians 4 and Colossians 3, that the new man is being created as the believers are being transformed daily into the image of Christ and built together into a dwelling place of God in Spirit (Eph. 2:22).

This new man expresses all the divine attributes of Christ in the uplifted and transformed human virtues. The church as the corporate new man, and thus new mankind on this earth, accomplishes God’s eternal purpose of expressing Him in this universe.

For further reading on this subject, please see footnotes to Ephesians 2:15 and 4:24 in the New Testament Recovery Version; *The One New Man*; and *One Body, One Spirit, and One New Man*, both by Witness Lee, published by Living Stream Ministry.

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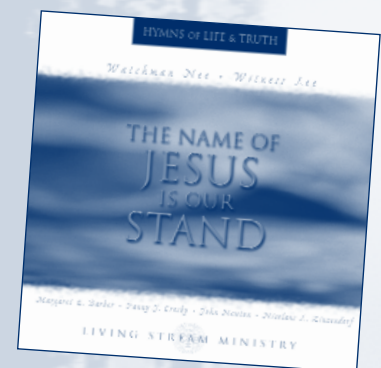
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Living Stream Ministry has published the writings of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee for more than 30 years in the United States, but not until now have the treasures in their ministry been broadly released through their hymns. *Hymns of Life and Truth* is a collection of hymns by Watchman Nee, Witness Lee, and others—fitting for every lover and seeker of the Lord Jesus Christ to uplift their appreciation of Him. Charles Wesley said, “The theology people believe is the theology they sing.” May the truth in these hymns encourage all believers to pursue after Christ and to gain Him.



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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.

ABIDING IN THE LORD TO ENJOY HIS LIFE

A PROPER CHRISTIAN LIVING BEING A LIFE IN WHICH WE LIVE BY THE LIVING PERSON WITHIN US

After we were saved, even though in the beginning we were not very clear that there is One living in us, gradually we became clearer that we truly have a Person inside of us. Now, if we would live a normal Christian life, we must live by this One who is living in us. When we live by Him, we enjoy Him and spontaneously abide in

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Him. If we speak and act by Him, then we remain in Him, and that is our abiding in Him....

TO ABIDE IN THE LORD BEING TO LIVE BY THE LORD WITHIN US

We cannot understand this truth merely according to the literal, doctrinal meaning of the words; instead, we must understand it from our experience. According to the letter, it is "to abide in the Lord," but according to experience, it is "to live by the Lord within us." We must live by the Lord in both big things and small things. This is not easy. According to my experience, it is easy for us to be in the Lord when we encounter big or difficult things, but when we encounter small things or fine details in our living, we often neglect to abide in the Lord or live by Him. For example, when the elders fellowship about the

affairs of the church, they are very watchful, in fear and trembling before the Lord and not daring to speak loosely. However, in their daily living with their spouses and children, they do not first inquire of the Lord. We often have this kind of old ailment because we pay attention to abiding in the Lord only in big things but not in small things. This is where we fail.

May the Lord have mercy on us to show us that today we are one with the Lord, and we should live together with the Lord. We have already been married to the Lord, so we should live the marriage life with the Lord. If a husband

and wife do not argue about big things but always quarrel about little things, their marriage life is not normal. In a genuine marriage life, there should not be any arguments about big matters or even about little things. The husband should be the head in both the big things and the small things, so the wife should live by him. In the same way, we cannot pay attention to abiding in the Lord only in big things but not in little things. Instead, we should ask our Husband about all things, taking Him as our Head, living by Him.

To abide in the Lord is to live by the Lord. Whenever we live by the Lord, we are abiding in Him. Many brothers have testified that they gain much benefit when they enjoy the Lord every morning because this gets them into the Lord, but as soon as they get to the office, they may not be in the Lord anymore. The sisters are also like this; it is so good for them to rise

early to pray and fellowship with the Lord and really get into Him, but once they leave the house to go shopping, they may no longer be in Him. Thus, abiding in the Lord should not be just a matter that happens when we have morning watch, pray, or fellowship with the saints; abiding in the Lord should be a living. When the brothers put on their ties and when the sisters comb their hair, they should pray, "O Lord, I do not want to do this by myself; I want to do this by You." In this way, they will experience abiding in the Lord.

Abiding in the Lord to Enjoy His Life, pp. 24-27,
by Witness Lee

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