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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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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!

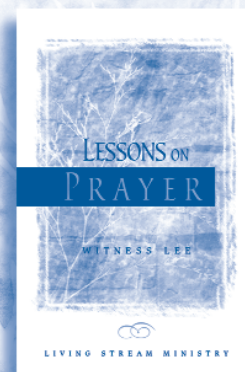
For further reading on this subject, please see *The Basic Revelation in the Holy Scriptures*; *The Christian Life*; and *The Divine Economy*, by Witness Lee, published by Living Stream Ministry.

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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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