

# 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,*

The messages from the *Life-study of First John* that we began broadcasting last month on a daily basis have been very rich and enjoyable. If you haven't been able to hear them on a station in your area then we encourage you to check out the programs on the Internet or look in the printed life-studies and/or the Recovery Version. Here is an excerpt from a footnote on 1 John 1:7, "In this section of the Word there is a cycle in our spiritual life, a cycle formed of four crucial things—the eternal life, the fellowship of the eternal life, the divine light, and the blood of Jesus the Son of God. Eternal life issues in its fellowship, the fellowship of eternal life brings in the divine light, and the divine light increases the need for the blood of Jesus the Son of God that we may have more eternal life...Such a cycle brings us onward in the growth of the divine life until we reach the maturity of life."

Each Lord's Day (Sunday) we are broadcasting the "recovery books" of Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, and Zechariah, which was the same subject of the recently held Memorial Day Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. This special portion of the Bible is particularly applicable to our situation today.

Finally, we want to remind you that the entire Bible is available now with footnotes. Since we announced this a few months ago we have received a number of phone calls. For more information call 1-800-549-5164.

*Living Stream Ministry*

### Life-Study of the Bible

W E L C O M E S

DALLAS, TEXAS

KKGM 1630 AM  
9:00 A.M. SUNDAYS

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## WHAT IS THE ALL-INCLUSIVE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST?

In the midst of his sufferings, Paul wrote to the Philippian believers of his experience of the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ: "For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and the bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:19). He did not refer here to the Spirit as the Spirit of God, but the Spirit of Jesus Christ. What is this all-inclusive Spirit of Jesus Christ that bountifully supplied Paul and

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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.

*I got the program today and it touched me deeply. I just can't get over how deep it goes with all your comments and the Bible. There is revelation every single time and it is doing me a world of good. Thank you and all your efforts.*

Montreal, QC, Canada

*Grace & peace be unto all the saints at LSM. I'm so grateful to the Lord for giving me this opportunity whereby I'm able to feast on Him. I say it like that because of the scarcity of this kind of ministry that you all at LSM provide. I've been a student of Nee's ministry for almost 15 years, not even being aware of LSM's existence. You see, I've just started for the first time being on the Internet and I just happened to miraculously stumble on your site. HALLELUJAH!!! WHAT A STUMBLE! I give thanks & praise to our God for His marvelous grace towards the Body of Christ for raising up this great ministry that provides such powerful and precious life-liberating insights in His word. May our precious Lord continue to bless & keep you all as you continue to provide His Body with the ministries of these great servants of God.*

Bladensburg, MD

*I'm very interested in your ministry. I share the radio newsletter with friends I know on the streets and rehabilitation homes. I only have a bike, but I still get around. I'm a street preacher, one at a time, changing lives everyday, like a little ant storing treasure.*

Mira Loma, CA

## Highlights

FROM LIFE-STUDY OF FIRST JOHN

*"...the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone teach you; but as His anointing teaches you concerning all things..."*

1 John 2:27

### THE ANOINTING TEACHING US CONCERNING THE TRINITY

Only through the Triune God becoming the anointing Spirit can we be taught concerning the Triune God and His activities. This kind of teaching is not objective; rather, it is very subjective. The Triune God has become the anointing Spirit and His anointing is now within us. This subjective anointing, the moving of the composition of the Triune God with all His activities, can now teach us the things concerning the Triune God and His activities. Therefore, it is such an anointing that teaches us the things concerning the Triune God.

The Triune God has been compounded not only with the elements of His Person—divinity, the Father, the Son, and Spirit—but also with the elements of His activities—incarnation, human living, crucifixion,

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resurrection, and ascension. All these elements have been compounded to become the compound Spirit whose anointing teaches us concerning the things of the Trinity...

Day by day, as we are in the organic union with the Triune God, we enjoy Him, we experience Him, and we live in Him, with Him, and by Him. This living is a constant teaching of the things concerning the Triune God. We can testify that we certainly enjoy the Triune God in our daily life.

We may use eating food as an illustration of learning the things of the Triune God in the way of enjoying and experiencing Him. The best way to know a certain kind of food is to eat that food. If you eat the food, you will be taught concerning the food by the very food you eat. This is not merely an objective lesson concerning food; it is a subjective knowing of the food through experience. The more you eat a particular food, the more you will come to know it. This knowledge is not doctrinal; it is experiential. In a similar way, we come to know the Triune God by enjoying and experiencing Him. It is impossible for us to know the Triune God merely by doctrine. But we can know Him by enjoying and experiencing Him.

When the Triune God becomes our enjoyment and experience, His moving is the anointing within us. This understanding enables us to give a proper definition of the anointing: the anointing is the moving of the Triune God becoming our inward enjoyment and experience (*Life-Study of First John*, pp. 179-181).

## ALL-INCLUSIVE SPIRIT (continued from page 1)

enabled him to live and magnify Christ in his sufferings? If we could see and be inspired by this revelation, we also can be bountifully supplied to face any difficult situation as Paul did nearly 2000 years ago.

The “Spirit of Jesus Christ” is a unique phrase in the Bible used after Christ’s resurrection. It was through Christ’s death and resurrection that He became the Spirit (1 Cor. 15:45b) to breathe Himself into His disciples (John 20:22) and be poured out upon all flesh for the salvation of mankind (Acts 2:17, 21). Now this Spirit of Jesus Christ, which includes not only His divinity, but also His perfect humanity and human living, death, and resurrection, is the all-inclusive bountiful supply to meet our need so that we can magnify Christ. The Spirit of Jesus Christ is “the Spirit” mentioned in John 7:39 that was “not yet” before Christ’s being glorified through His resurrection. This rich Spirit of Jesus Christ is typified by the holy anointing oil in Exodus chapter thirty.

“Moreover Jehovah spoke to Moses, saying, You also take the finest spices...and a hin of olive oil. And you shall make it a holy anointing oil, a fragrant ointment compounded according to the work of a compounder; it shall be a holy anointing oil” (Exo. 30:22-25). The spices in this holy anointing oil were myrrh, cinnamon, calamus, and cassia (Exo. 30:23-24). Olive oil signifies the Spirit of God with His divinity, and each spice that was compounded with the oil is an excellent picture of what was added to the Spirit of God through Christ’s incarnation, crucifixion, and resurrection. Myrrh signifies the sweetness of Christ’s death and cinnamon the effectiveness of Christ’s death. Calamus is a reed that grows in a muddy

environment, signifying Christ’s resurrection. Cassia was a spice used as an insect and snake repellent, signifying the power of Christ’s resurrection which is able to keep all the “bugs” and “snakes” away from us.

In the Old Testament, the tabernacle with its furnishings and utensils as well as the priests were anointed with this compounded ointment (Exo. 30:26-30). Today the church is God’s house (1 Tim. 3:15), and all the New Testament

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believers are priests (1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:6). The Spirit of Jesus Christ is the sweet and effective compound ointment, which includes the wonderful ingredients of His divinity, humanity, human living, death, and resurrection. As such a rich and all-inclusive Spirit, He is in us as the bountiful supply to meet our every need. May we learn to enjoy this bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, as Paul did, by applying Him through our prayers in the midst of the sufferings which come to us, that Christ may be magnified in us.

For further reading on this subject, please see *The All-Inclusive Spirit of Christ*; *The Spirit with Our Spirit*; and *God’s New Testament Economy*, published by Living Stream Ministry.

## The EXERCISE OF OUR SPIRIT FOR THE RELEASE OF THE SPIRIT

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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND US IS A RELATIONSHIP IN THE SPIRIT because the Spirit of God dwells in our spirit, works together with our spirit, and is even joined and mingled together with our spirit. Romans 8:16 says that the Holy Spirit witnesses with our spirit, and 1 Corinthians 6:17 tells us that we are one spirit with the Lord. These verses prove that the divine Spirit and our human spirit have been mingled together to be one spirit.

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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.*

## OBEYING THE TEACHING OF THE ANOINTING AND LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP

If our fellowship with the Lord is limited only to our time of private prayer or morning watch, it is still very shallow. We need to live in fellowship every moment and be in close contact with the Lord, even while we are the busiest; then our fellowship will be deep. In order to live in fellowship, we must live in the anointing and always sense the anointing. This living in the anointing is obeying the teaching of the anointing. If we obey the teaching of the anointing constantly, we can constantly experience the anointing and live in fellowship. Otherwise, we cannot experience the anointing and abide in fellowship.

It is not difficult to experience the anointing and obey its teaching, because its characteristic is constant and natural. By *natural* we mean that we automatically have the anointing without requesting it, and *constant* means that it is always available. If we obey the teaching of the anointing, the result is constant fellowship with the Lord in a very natural way; this is living in fellowship.

Here we would say a little word about the practical way of entering into fellowship:

Firstly, we must know that the feeling of the anointing is the teaching of the anointing. If we desire to enter into the fellowship of life, or, in other words, to enter into the anointing, we must first understand the teaching derived from the feeling of the anointing which is moving within us.

Secondly, we must cease all outward activities. Our whole being should cease from all outward activity and movement in order to turn within and give full attention to the inner feeling. If we are busy with outward activities, it is impossible for us to take care of the inner feeling of the anointing. The

previous point is to know the feeling, whereas this point is to take heed of the feeling. All Christian work and activities which are of any spiritual value should come from within us. First, we should have an inward incentive and guidance, then work and act according to it. But many Christians until this day are constantly living in outward activities. Being zealous for the Lord, they carry their Bibles and run to meet the outward need while neglecting the feeling within. They do not know the feeling within them, neither do they pay attention to this inner feeling. Consequently, these people have no way to enter into fellowship. Therefore, if we desire to enter into fellowship, we must cease from all outward activities.

Thirdly, we must have a fixed time to practice this fellowship with the Lord. The beginner, learning how to fellowship with the Lord, should set aside several fixed times each day to practice this fellowship. At this time, do not try to bring in many items of prayer (we should even cease from praying outward prayers), but pray according to the inner feeling. During this kind of prayer, we sense mostly our sins and offenses and deal with them accordingly. Later, we feel mostly that we have to turn to the Lord and consecrate ourselves to Him. Then spontaneously we look to the grace of the Lord; through His supply of grace we enter into deeper fellowship. Finally, thanksgiving, praise, and worship follow. If we practice this fellowship daily at these set times, our spirit will be strong and living, making it easier to touch the Lord and enter into His fellowship.

Fourthly, we must practice fellowship with the Lord at all times. After we spend quite a period of time in practic-

ing fellowship at specific times, we should practice fellowship with the Lord at all times. Appointed times of fellowship are possible by laying aside all outward activities and by praying and seeking wholeheartedly after the Lord. It is comparatively easy for us to do this. However, continual fellowship should be maintained during the whole day, whether at work or at rest. We may be very busy outwardly or occupied with many business affairs, yet inwardly we are always with the Lord, experiencing constantly and naturally the anointing in His presence so that we can continuously live in fellowship. This point is higher and more difficult to attain, but is possible through continuous practice.

*The Experience of Life*, pp. 152-154,  
by Witness Lee

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