

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 law or out of the hearing of faith?" Galatians 3:5

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You will
make known to me
*the path
of life;*
In Your presence is
fullness of joy;
At Your right hand
there are pleasures
forever.

Psa. 16:11

Dear Life-study Listener,

Each month, for more than six and one-half years now, we have brought you ministry excerpts on page four of this newsletter entitled, "The Path of Life." In *The Path of Our Growth in Life* Witness Lee talks about several important matters concerning the way of life. In "What is the Path of Life" we have included one of these important matters, living in the Lord's life by loving the Lord. Every lover and seeker of the Lord Jesus Christ will find enlightenment and inspiration in each excerpt.

We announced that we would begin the Life-study of First and Second Peter and Jude at the end of November. That has now been delayed until the end of the year, as we are reviewing five weeks from the book of Deuteronomy first.

On Saturday, November 6th, Bob Danker and Chris Wilde joined several hundred Life-study listeners in the United Kingdom for the annual radio listeners' seminar in London. Bob and Chris shared from the ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee on the topic of the vision of the Body of Christ as a spiritual reality and the key role that this matter played in the ministries of both men. The Lord's abundant supply and rich presence always seems to accompany the radio listener seminars.

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WHAT IS THE PATH OF LIFE?

If someone desires to look into the Christian life, he must realize that the Christian life is basically a matter of life. All other matters, such as reading the Bible, preaching the gospel, and serving, are also wrapped up with life. Once this matter of life has been dealt with, all other matters are resolved. Life is the origin and foundation of everything. It is our way, our power, and our light. Life is everything to us. Since life is such a crucial matter, our most urgent need is to learn how to touch the way of life so that we may grow in life...

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THE PATH OF LIFE *(continued from page 1)*

The essential, indispensable thing to do is to love the Lord. Even though all the saved ones have received the Lord's life, those who do not love the Lord will not live in His life. The more a person loves the Lord, the more he will live in the Lord's life. If a person does not love the Lord, he will not be able to live in the Lord's life. John 15 says that the Lord is the vine and that we are the branches. It also says that we have to abide in Him. John chapters fifteen and sixteen speak about abiding (15:4-7) on the one hand, and about loving the Lord (16:27) on the other hand. Only when we

If a brother in the church in Ephesus had risen up to love the Lord in order to gain the Lord's life, he would have received the light of life to maintain the testimony of life. Once we leave our love for the Lord, we lose life and light. We are here not to preach a doctrine to people but to guide them to the path of life. Doctrine cannot enable people to live in the Lord's life. Only walking on the path of life can help people to live in the Lord's life.

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love the Lord will we allow Him to abide in us. The degree to which we love the Lord determines the degree to which we will live by His life.

The epistle that the Lord wrote to the messenger of the church in Ephesus in Revelation 2 says that the Lord had one thing against the church in Ephesus—she had left her first love (v. 4). She was irreproachable in her works, but she was short of love. Eventually the Lord said that unless she repented, He would remove her lampstand out of its place (v. 5). As a result, she would not be given to partake of the fruit of the tree of life (v. 7). The lampstand is a matter of light, and the tree of life is something related to life. Every time we leave our love for the Lord, we lose light and life.

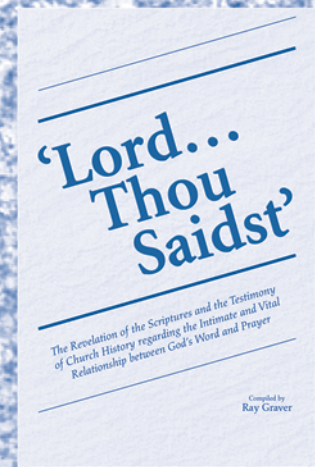
love is not a love of adoration but a love of romance like the love that is spoken of in the Song of Songs. Without such a love, we will have nothing to do with the path of life. For us to live in the Lord's life, we have to love the Lord and even be deeply in love with Him. Our love for the Lord enables us to receive His life and light. If we find that we do not love the Lord, we have to pray, "Lord, up to this moment I still do not love You. Although I know that I have Your life, I do not have any love for You. I do adore You, but I do not love You. I cannot sense Your freshness, Your beauty, and Your loveliness. O Lord, save me and grant me Your love."

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and the testimony
of church history
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