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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,

One of our favorite portions each month of this newsletter is what you tell us, which we include under "Response from Listeners." This month is particularly interesting because of the places the comments come from. Did you know that *Life-study of the Bible* is heard internationally in so many places? France and Ghana! In addition to being heard on the Internet, the English version is heard in London, Australia, New Zealand, and Africa. Russian and Spanish editions are broadcast in their respective areas, and new programs are being developed in Polish and Korean. Please pray for the international spread of this ministry over the airwaves.

We are receiving an increased amount of response from the Internet and want to remind those of you who can no longer hear us on a local radio station that our programs are available on-line. Another economical and convenient way to listen is to take advantage of the special packages available on cassette tape for the programs on different books of the Bible. For more on this option, see the column on page three or the enclosed flyer. A few of you requested that we make the programs available in MP3 format. If enough of you call or write us to tell us that you think this is a good idea, we will produce that for you. What do you think?

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## WHAT IS THE MINGLING OF GOD AND MAN?

The person of Jesus Christ is a great mystery. He is God, yet He is also a man. The testimony concerning Him is clearly documented in the Bible. He, as the eternally existing and self-existing Word, was eternally with God; He even was God (John 1:1). The entire creation came into being through Him (v. 3). Then at a singularly momentous point in history, He entered into His own creation—He became flesh (John 1:14). Paul declares that in the great

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mystery of godliness, God “was manifested in the flesh” (1 Tim. 3:16). Jesus Christ was the incarnated God, God manifested in the flesh. He was both God and man united in the body of one Person—two distinct natures but one unique Person. He is the mingling of God and man.

The Old Testament presents the meal offering as a figure of this wonderful person: “And when you present an offering of a meal offering baked in the oven, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened cakes mingled with oil” (Lev. 2:4). The term *mingled* indicates that two or more elements are combined or

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joined with one another into one entity but that each of the elements remains distinguishable in the combination. In the meal offering the mingling of the fine flour with the olive oil typifies the mingling of the humanity of Jesus with His divinity.

In order to become the incarnated God in man, Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary (Matt. 1:18, 20); because of such a conception, He has the divine essence, the essence

of God. He is the infinite God and the complete God. In view of the fact that He was born of a human virgin, born of a woman, Jesus also has the essence of man (Luke 1:31; Gal. 4:4). He is a genuine man. Hence, He has two essences—the essence of God and the essence of man. These two essences, divine and human, existed and continue to exist in the one Person, Jesus Christ. He is the God-man, possessing both divinity and humanity mingled together. The unique God, the eternal God, has been embodied in the man Jesus (Col. 2:9). He is both God and man, perfect in His divinity and complete in His humanity. These two natures exist harmoniously in Him as one person; the two can neither be divided from one another nor confused with one another. He is one Person having two natures, which are distinct but not separated.

This God-man Jesus Christ was crucified for us, and in resurrection He was begotten in His humanity as the firstborn Son of God (Acts 13:33; Rom. 1:3-4; Heb. 1:5). Now He is our wonderful Savior. Through faith in Him, we are redeemed from eternal perdition. Even more astoundingly precious is the fact that we human beings are regenerated with the divine life of God to become children of God and the many brothers of Christ (Rom. 8:29). We are the same as He is in life and nature, but of course, not in His Godhead. Now we the many sons of God (Heb. 2:10) are also the mingling of God and man. We are the extension and enlargement of this wonderful God-man Jesus Christ, God mingled with man!

For further reading, see *The Person of Christ; The Move of God in Man*, pp. 20-29; and *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, message 26, pp. 281-284, by Witness Lee, published by Living Stream Ministry.

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