

“My Lord Made My Life Worth Living”

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I once could not imagine that I would be able to lead a happy life. I had been afflicted with many kinds of diseases for a long while. I weighed 59.5 pounds due to surgery on my large intestines at the age of 38. I even was stricken by a stroke when I was just 40.

Then, I underwent a medical operation to have cyst in my brain removed. I had been getting weaker and more fragile. Moreover, I used to take various kinds of medicine such as tranquilizer, digestive tablets, and so on owing to heart valve disease and arthritis.

What made matters worse, in August 2010, my dependable husband passed away. It seemed that nothing encouraged me to live, so I just lied down without eating and thought that ‘my life itself is so painful. I want to die with him.’ Meanwhile, I started

to feel pain in my lower abdomen and it was swollen as big as a soccer ball. It caused me to have severe constipation and even depression. I kept thinking that ‘I will sell my house, give the money to my children, and take my own life in the sea in Busan.’

In the early January 2011, however, my neighbor, Deaconess Sanguae Kim of Miryang Manmin Church, gave me Dr. Jaerock Lee’s testimonial book *Tasting Eternal Life before Death*.

I read the book when I could not sleep at night. Dr. Lee used to be in anguish because of many kinds of diseases. Among all his body parts only his two eyes were normal. However, he met God and was cured of all the diseases he had at once. I could not stop shedding tears of emotion reading the book. Above all, I

wanted to meet the living God.

On January 9th, I registered at Miryang Manmin Church and was so glad to see Dr. Lee, the author of the book, on the screen of GCN. After delivering the message, he told believers to lay their hands on their sick parts and receive the prayer. I put my hands on my lower abdomen that had been troubling me a lot. During the prayer, I felt something moving in my stomach and had a short pain.

That very night, amazing works took place. The abdominal swelling as huge as a soccer ball subsided. All pains completely vanished. What’s more, I was healed of other diseases: urinary incontinence; asthma, which had troubled me for 30 years; constipation and backache, which were caused by brain surgery and large intestine surgery; and a lump on my right wrist. Hallelujah!



Now I can work out and even run whenever and wherever I want. I feel like I am living in a dream. Our church has been carrying on the evangelism campaign. I have earnestly taken part in it and spread the Lord of love to whomever I met. Tears well up

and flow down on my face when I think of God who set me free from diseases, the Lord who was crucified on the cross to redeem me from my sins, and my Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who prayed for me. Thank you very much.

I accepted the Lord as my Savior during my first year in National University of Mongolia. It was astounding for me that He is my Savior who redeemed me from my sins. I was filled with my first love for the Lord. I started to study the Bible, which helped my faith grow greatly. Notwithstanding, I still had many questions such as the reason why God placed the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden, life in the Garden of Eden, and so on. I struggled to find the right answers to them by reading a slew of Christian books, but they just remained unanswered. I was greatly distressed.

My spiritual thirst was satisfied through a missionary who had been sent to Mongol by Manmin Central Church. He delivered the holiness gospel which clearly elaborates the answers to my questions and even the reasons why Jesus Christ is our only Savior in detail. I came to understand the true meaning of Christian life and have a better



understanding about Heaven and Hell.

On April 27th, 2003, I registered as a member of Mongol Manmin Church during its church opening service. Listening to Dr. Lee’s sermons via Internet and witnessing the powerful works and healing miracles manifested through him, I was keen to see him in person. In the meantime, I heard that the 2003 Russia Miracle Healing Festival would be held in Saint Peters-

“I am Eager to Spread the Good News in Mongol”

Deacon Anhbayar Ganbaatar (Foreigners’ Parish)

burg, Russia in November of the year. I went to Russia to attend the event. Dr. Lee delivered the message and prayed for the sick. I was amazed by an array of testimonies. Many were healed of many diseases, and crippled people stood up from their wheelchairs on their own at his prayer from the podium. I was overwhelmed with amazement. I will never forget the moment. This served a good occasion to increase my faith.

In December 2004, I suffered from coughing up bloody phlegm with a high fever. My mother, who is a doctor, advised me to

take medicine saying that it could get worse and lead to pneumonia. However, I wanted to be healed by faith. After listening to Dr. Lee’s message, I received his prayer. I became hot and started to sweat. Afterwards, I was completely healed. Watching me experience God’s powerful works, my mother and believers around me were so astounded. As time went by, I became more eager to visit Manmin Central Church in Seoul. I wanted to learn the Word firsthand there, increase my faith, and preach the gospel in my home country.

In the end, I came to Korea in

February 2008. I felt it was the right place for me. Listening to Dr. Lee’s messages on Hell in 2009, my vision I had harbored to work as a missionary of Manmin Central Church became much stronger and clearer. I took courses of MMTC (Manmin Missionary Training Center). I also studied ‘The Message of the Cross’, ‘The Measure of Faith’, and ‘Spirit, Soul, & Body’ through programs of MIS (Manmin International Seminary).

I am charged in severing and transforming steel plates in my workplace. This job is quite dangerous, but God has always protected me and given financial blessings.

I have felt the love of the Lord through the Word of God. The more I realize His love, the more I want to pay back His grace. I will go back to Mongolia soon and spread the Word of Life in my home country. I give all the thanks and glory to God the Father who has let me know true value of life and given me clear vision.

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The Power of Jesus Christ Unfolded in the Center of Europe Through the Handkerchief Healing Meeting and the Pastors’ Seminar held in Brussels



European Commission, the headquarters of European Union, in Brussels, Belgium ■ Photo 1: Pastor Heesun Lee delivered the message during Sanctuary Dedication Service of Brussels Manmin Church (Pastor Guy Davidts) on March 20th ■ Photo 2: Attendees were listening to the message at the Sanctuary Dedication Service ■ Photo 3: The Opening Service of Manmin Mission Center in Belgium (Missionary Christina Roh)



“A crippled woman came to stand up and walk! Many threw away their own glasses after they realized their poor eyesight was recovered to normal!” Pastor Guy Davidts ministering to Brussels Manmin Church in Belgium made this remark becoming filled with the Holy Spirit.

On March 19th, the Pastor’s Seminar and the Handkerchief Healing Meeting were held in the Manmin Mission Center in Belgium. Pastor Heesun Lee delivered the message entitled ‘Keys to Church Growth.’ The service was attended by more than 60 pastors from 7 European countries including the Netherlands, Belgium, the U.K., and France. Pastors who experienced the mighty power of the Holy Spirit have registered their churches as branch and associative churches of Manmin Central Church.

On March 20th, the following day, Pastor Guy Davidts witnessed the amazing power of the Holy Spirit take place at both the Handkerchief Healing Meeting and the Sanctuary Dedication Service. Feeling the presence of the Holy Spirit, believers and attendees came to be all the more convinced that God is alive. They were filled with emotion and joy.

Participants stood up and clapped in praising the Lord while the chorus of Brussels Manmin Church and Passion Chorus of Manmin Central Church gave their special praises to God. Pastor Heesun Lee (Guidance Pastor of Nationwide Men’s Mission and Women’s Mission, the United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, Korea) prayed for the people so that they could repent of their sins and receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit. As she was conducting the handkerchief

prayer, people were already waiting in line to testify to their healings.

Maurienne was a 61-year-old woman who had not been able to stand up and walk for 2 years. However, through the prayer she stood up and walked unassisted on her own two legs. Belgian Pastor Jacob was able to read even the very small letters without his glasses. Estonian Pastor Grigori was healed of back pain. There were many other testimonies of healing pains and diseases such as back, knee, and shoulder pain, high blood pressure, and headaches. Attendees who were watching these miraculous works gave glory to God.

Since the beginning of 2011 the brothers and sisters of the Brussels Manmin Church have been increasing faith in their hearts through this special prayer meeting and the service to dedicate their sanctuary. Pastor Guy

Davidts is quoted as saying that “I will spread the fire of revival all over Europe.” He went on to say that a 59-year-old woman named Kalanga regained consciousness after having been in a coma since having had brain surgery. He added that her healing case caused them to have even greater faith.

Meanwhile, on March 22nd, the mission team visited Paris, France to lead a handkerchief healing meeting which aired live on Holy God TV. Reportedly, testimonies have been sent constantly to the TV station since the meeting. Holy God TV is a TV station through which Dr. Jaerock Lee’s sermon programs are broadcast from 9 - 10 P.M. daily.

Missionary Christina Roh (Manmin Mission Center in Belgium) said, “The power of God manifested through the handkerchief Dr. Jaerock

Lee prayed on is seen as a critical key to successful ministry. Through the handkerchief healing meetings and pastors’ seminars, momentum has been picking up to cover all European countries with the holiness gospel.”

Handkerchief Healing Meeting: It is written in the Acts of the Apostles that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried from the apostle Paul’s body to the sick and diseases left them and the evil spirits went out from them (Acts 19:11-12). These extraordinary works have taken place in Manmin Central Church through handkerchiefs on which Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed. Many servants of the Lord have shown the power of God through the handkerchief and have been spreading the gospel of the Lord to every corner of the world including the U.S., Germany, Kenya, DR Congo, India, Thailand, Vietnam, the Philippines, Mongolia, and Japan.



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Vision

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing." (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

The afflictions and trials Apostle Paul had to suffer to fulfill his duties cannot be expressed with words. Nevertheless, he kept his faith and fulfilled his duties until the last moment with joy and thanks. This is because he harbored the vision saying, "in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day..."

He wanted to share this vision and hope with everyone else proclaiming, "...and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing."

Now what should we do to accomplish the vision?

First of all, we have to seek the glory of God alone.

When working for God's kingdom, we should have nothing to do with boasting of ourselves or seeking to gain what we desire. To do so, we should let there be no pride and arrogance in our hearts. We also should spiritually arm ourselves with the Word of God. But listening to the Word and having exacting knowledge of God's Word does not necessarily mean that there is spiritual armament of our hearts. In other words, we must not only have exacting knowledge of the Word, but we must also put it into practice.

Of course, if we store the Word in our head as knowledge, we can teach the flocks and preach the message. However, it does not make souls change. Only when we act by the Word can souls change through our teaching and messages. It can lead to works of life. The end result of this spiritual changing and gaining true life is giving glory to God.

Suppose two people have spiritually armed themselves equally with God's Word. Their levels of manifestations of God's power will still be different depending on the amounts of their prayers. In particular, if you are God's worker who takes care of souls in the frontlines of spiritual warfare, you have to offer up fervent prayer to God to call down the power of the Holy Spirit at the full measure and accomplish God's works. According to the amount of your fervent prayer, the depth of understanding of the Word will be different.

If you become inspired by the Holy Spirit, you can realize and understand the depth of spiritual words. Otherwise, you have difficulties in understanding the Word. It cannot be understood with a great deal of worldly knowledge and wisdom. The apostle Peter was said to have little education, but he recorded the First and Second Epistles of Peter by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He could make such a great record only because he understood the depths of the spiritual realm by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. So we cannot overemphasize the significance of prayer.

Therefore, you have to be filled with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit all the time by arming yourselves with the Word and praying fervently and seek the glory of God alone in a bid to fulfill your vision.

Second, we have to possess great spiritual faith

To glorify God requires us to have great spiritual faith. This is because faith carries great significance in achieving God's works.

In leading a Christian life, we may meet with various afflictions we can overcome only by faith. But we are encouraged as recorded in 1 Peter 1:7, "so that the proof



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." That is, only through passing the tests of faith, can we reveal the glory of God and be found to have praise, glory, and honor.

The history of Manmin Central Church is really characterized as 'fulfilling everything by faith from the beginning to the end.' When we opened the church, there were none of the necessary facilities in the church. I started this church with 7 US dollars and we began to receive everything we needed one by one through the prayer of faith.

When my three daughters and a young man were found dead due to carbon-monoxide gas poisoning, I committed them to God by faith. In the end, God revived them. When wicked people were about to destroy the church, when we urgently needed to relocate the church, and when severe financial crisis came, we passed all of the tests with only faith.

When I conducted the many overseas crusades, I fulfilled them only by faith. If you have the same faith as mine, you can bear great fruit and glorify God wherever you work.

How can you possess such a great faith? The answer is that God gives you such faith from above, and He gives to you to the same extent that you prepare a clean vessel of heart. You can prepare a clean vessel when you cast off every form of evil. You can make your vessel clean by obeying what the Bible tells us to do and not do, and to keep what we should keep, and cast off what must be cast off.

If you have not gotten rid of the works of the flesh that God hates that are recorded in Galatians 5:19-21, it will be impossible for faith to come down upon you from above. If you take care of souls and counsel them without faith, it is just fleshly and has no effect in prayers for the congregation. You are finally found to be faithful only in flesh. The second half of Romans 14:23 reads, "...and whatever is not from faith is sin."

When you cast away all forms of evil and abide by the commands of God, then He will give you spiritual faith from above. He will also give whatever you ask (1 John 3:21-22). Wouldn't you be happier if you entered into a dimension that guarantees the confirmation of God on

the work you do?

I am earnestly urging you to make your dedications to the kingdom of God with this faith so that you will wear the crown of righteousness in the Day of glory. I pray for it in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!



News in Brief

The Ministry of Dr. Jaerock Lee was Featured in the US Newspaper *Christian Examiner*

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's ministry was featured in *The Christian Examiner*, which has had the largest circulation among Christian newspaper publishers of the U.S. The article says, "Dr. Jaerock Lee stresses that Christians should become sanctified and receive power through the strength given by the Holy Spirit. He founded Manmin Central Church in Seoul, Korea and has experienced great revival. His church now has become a mega-sized church. He is even spreading the gospel in the remotest area." There is also a news article about his being named as one of the top 10 most influential Christian leaders of 2010 by *The Christian Telegraph* (www.christiantelegraph.com). *The Christian Examiner* Newspaper has its headquarters in California with branches in Minnesota and Washington. The paper is published in six editions with circulation that makes it the largest Christian newspaper group in the United States.



Kampala New Manmin Church Had its Entrance Service

On March 19th, Kampala New Manmin Church in Uganda had its entrance service and the handkerchief healing meeting with Bishop Dr. Myongho Cheong, Chairman, the United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, Africa (Acts 19:11-12). During the meeting, a woman whose arms had been paralyzed came to straighten and move her arms by the prayer, which gave attendees much grace. On March 20th, Kinshasa Manmin Church in DR Congo finished building a new local sanctuary in Mutombo and Pastor Jacob Lee (Kinshasa Manmin Church) led the handkerchief healing meeting.

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The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus

Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through "The Apostles' Creed" each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
"If God Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25)
"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

The History of Christianity Embedded in the Elliptical Amphitheatre, Coliseum

Coliseum, an Elliptical Amphitheatre in the Center of Rome

At its website, the Encyclopedia Britannica records the following about the Colosseum: "Colosseum, original name Flavian Amphitheatre, giant amphitheatre built in Rome under the Flavian emperors. Construction of the Colosseum was begun sometime between ad 70 and 72 during the reign of Vespasian; the structure was officially dedicated in 80 AD by Titus in a ceremony that included 100 days of games. Later, in 82 AD, Domitian completed the work by adding the uppermost story.

Unlike earlier amphitheatres, which were nearly all dug into convenient hillsides for extra support, the Colosseum is a freestanding structure of stone and concrete, measuring 620 by 513 feet (190 by 155 meters) overall. Three of the arena's stories are encircled by arcades framed by decorative half-columns in the Doric, Ionic, and Corinthian orders; the structure's rising arrangement of columns became the basis of the Renaissance codification known as the assemblage of orders. The amphitheatre seated some 50,000 spectators.

From the reign of the Emperor Nero who sat the throne in 54 AD and commenced persecutions against Christians until Constantine the Great issued the Edict of Milan and legalized Christian worship in 313, many believers of the early church had to endure and overcome severe persecutions. The believers deeply harbored the great love of God who unsparingly sent His only begotten Son for sinners and the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ who willingly gave up His life for them, and firmly kept their faith by the mighty works of the Holy Spirit even without fearing martyrdom. Their strong faith and martyrdom caused Christianity to be announced as the official state religion of the Roman Empire through the decrees issued by Theodosius the Great. This issue of *Manmin News* surveys the history of Roman persecutions against Christianity, Christians' martyrdom, their victory, and God's providences through elliptical amphitheatre Coliseum.

It was the scene of thousands of hand-to-hand combats between gladiators, of contests between men and animals, and of many larger combative engagements including mock naval engagements. However, it is uncertain whether the arena was the site of the martyrdom of early Christians. The Colosseum was damaged by lightning and earthquakes in medieval times and, even more severely, by vandalism; all the marble seats and decorative materials disappeared. A restoration project

was undertaken in the 1990s. Changing exhibitions relating to the culture of ancient Rome are regularly mounted."

(Source: <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/126613/Colosseum>)

Roman Empire's Persecutions on Christianity and Christians' Martyrdom

In 64 AD, a great fire took place in Rome and it burned for 15 days. The 15-day fire burned 10 of the 14 districts of the city of Rome: 3 districts were completely destroyed and the other 7 suffered serious damage. At that time a rumor of arson spread among the people in Rome and the rumor said the Emperor Nero had burned the city to reconstruct the city. There was another rumor that said the Emperor who was indulged in pleasure and extravagance intentionally burned the city and was playing the lyre and singing while the city burned. People were panic-stricken and the Emperor attributed the fire to the transgressions of Christians. As a result, many Christians were arrested and punished terribly.

After the elliptical amphitheatre Colosseum was built, Roman emperors and citizens enjoyed watching many Christians being eaten by lions and martyred in various cruel ways. While martyred in various executions, the believers in Jesus Christ showed no fear at all. The group who didn't fear death included very old people and young girls and committed their souls to the Lord and prayed toward the heaven, and then received death singing 'Hallelujah' to Him.

Christians were forbidden to enter public places and deprived of their citizenship. They were faced with various dangers on the street. Hebrews 11:35-38 describes their afflictions. It says, "...and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others experienced mocking, scourging, chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two. They were tempted, tested and put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins. They were destitute, af-

flicted, and ill-treated men of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in the deserts and mountains and lived in caves and holes in the ground.'

The Edict of Milan and Legalization of Christianity

When many Christians were wretchedly beheaded, eaten by lions, and met death by crucifixion to keep their faiths, the citizens of Rome considered them so foolish. But as time passed, the citizens discovered a strangeness about the dying people and started to think.

They began to think 'How could they smile and rejoice even while dying?' 'What made them smile before death?' and 'Who is this Jesus Christ they believe in?' Their curiosity in Jesus gradually increased. Some of them turned to Jesus and accepted the Lord Jesus when the gospel spread to them. Many people converted to Christianity and Christianity made an inroad into the Roman Empire.

In 313, the Edict of Milan was issued by Constantine the Great who ruled the Western Empire and Licinius who ruled the Eastern Empire and they legalized Christian worship. This was a significant turning point in the history of the Roman Empire and the blood of martyrdom of many believers was repaid. This was also a gravely influential movement of the gospel toward the Empire. In 392, Theodosius the Great issued the decrees that made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire. Thus, God caused Christianity to cover the whole empire of Rome and Christianity was accepted in Europe and all corners of the globe.

How is your faith? Do you have the full assurance of the love of God the Father who gave His only begotten Son for us and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ who abandoned all His glories in Heaven and came down to this earth and became the propitiation for us?

As recorded in Romans 14:8 "for if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's," those who truly believe in Him should live for the Lord alone.

