

Resurrection, Hope, and Our Waiting for the Second Coming of the Lord



ACT 1: AT THE SEA OF GALILEE After Jesus finished conducting the work of His daily ministry, He usually prayed while harboring the will of the Father God. His angels were with Him and at His side and all the time.

On April 22nd, the 2011 Easter Celebration Performance was presented in the main sanctuary of Manmin Central Church with the title 'Footprints of the Lord.' The performance was filled with God-given songs such as 'Calm Seashore', 'Waiting', and 'Resurrection.' Approximately four hundred-thirty people devoted themselves to the performance as actors, actresses, dancers, staff, members of United Choir and Nissi Orchestra. They gave glory to God. What's noteworthy was that the angels' movement in spiritual realm during Jesus' public ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension were expressed through dance drama. It moved the heart of the audience greatly. Let's take a look at the performance 'The Footprints of the Lord.'



ACT 4: JESUS IMPRISONED Jesus prayed for souls even in prison. His love was delivered to God by His angels.



ACT 2: JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES Jesus taught the Gospel of Heaven to His disciples. They listened to the words of His message and witnessed the many signs He performed.



ACT 3: THE NIGHT OF JESUS' ARREST As the time had come for Him, Jesus was preparing for His destiny to save us from our sin, and He was arrested by the Jewish soldiers.



ACT 5: JESUS' CRUCIFIXION His heart was severely broken and painful, not because of the thorny crown and the cruel flogging, but because of the corrupted hearts of men.

Mary Magdalene and Virgin Mary loved Jesus fathomlessly, so they couldn't depart from the place where Jesus was crucified. Meanwhile, soldiers of Roman Empire took Jesus' outer garments and divided it into four parts, a part for each soldier. However, they did not tear His tunic and one of them took it by the casting of lots.



The Sabbath passed as the dawn of the next day broke. Mary Magdalene and Virgin Mary were lifelessly walking with perfumes in their hands. Their hearts were so broken and mournful with the thoughts of not being able to see the Lord ever again.



ACT 6: RESURRECTION AND HOPE The resurrected Lord Jesus appeared for the first time before Mary Magdalene, who had not been able to stop shedding tears due to His death.



The Lord has risen as prophesied. Hallelujah! Lord of the Resurrection, Lord of Glory, Lord of the Second Coming, with Hope we wait for You!



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“The Church Filled with Eagerness for God!” The President of “In Victory”, the Leading Christian Media Group in Russian Speaking Countries, Paid a Visit to Manmin Central Church



Mr. Sergey Velbovets, Founder and President of In Victory Media Group and Sergey Sergienko, In Victory Magazine's editor-in-chief paid a visit to Manmin Central Church. They promised to spread the church news filled with grace to people all over the world. ■ Picture 1: Mr. Sergey Velbovets presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Lee at Sunday Morning Service ■ Picture 2: Interview with Dr. Jaerock Lee ■ Picture 3: Friday all-night service ■ Picture 4: Easter Holy Communion Celebration ■ Picture 5: Interview with Manmin TV's president, Elder Boaz Lee ■ Picture 6: During their visit to Chuncheon, the place where the member was protected from the outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease.

Mr. Sergey Velbovets, the founder of In Victory News Agency (www.invictory.org) and In Victory Magazine, one of the world's largest online Christian portal sites serving Russian speakers worldwide and Sergey Sergienko, editor in chief, made a visit to Manmin Central Church from April 22nd to April 28th.

They said that they came to the church in order to answer questions from readers of the magazine about the church. They are quoted as saying that Manmin Central Church has become widely known among many people through articles of In Victory News Agency website and Magazine. They went on to say that readers are wondering what they are supposed to do to receive the handkerchief prayer (Acts 19:11-12), how they can visit Manmin Central Church, and other such questions. Those questions and interests of readers resulted in their visit to the church and have a closer look at Manmin's ministry.

On April 22nd, they had an interview with Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee. They let him know readers' testimonies which have been sent since Dr. Lee's sermons and books were introduced. They also talked about the significance of media ministry.

On April 24th, during Sunday morning service, Mr. Sergey Velbovets gave a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Lee that celebrated his being named as one of 'the top 10 most influential Christian leaders of 2010.' They attended and covered the Sunday evening service, Friday all-night service, Easter Celebration Performance, Mini Divine Healing Meeting, and Daniel prayer meetings. They also interviewed a number of believers and servants of the Lord including members of Chuncheon Manmin Church who had been protected by Dr. Lee's prayer from the outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease. They interviewed members who reside at the Manmin Welfare Center, members of the Love of the Lord Mission (North Korean refugee group), and Nissi Orchestra.

On April 23rd, a reporter of *Manmin News* interviewed both of them at one of the reception halls.

◆ How do you feel after seeing the 2011 Easter Celebration Performance?

Sergey Velbovets: I felt like I was in the scene out of Jesus' ministry. While watching the performance, which showed both reality of the physical and spiritual world at the time, my desire to seek the Lord became stronger through angels' holy dances.

Sergey Sergienko: It was so fantastic that it could be played on Broadway. I think it would be awesome to produce it with 3D imaging and make it available for many people to watch it.

◆ Comments relating to their interview with Dr. Lee

Sergey Velbovets: Though Dr. Lee's answers sounded very easy and simple, there were implications of extremely profound and significant meaning in his answers. I believe that he has been playing the

role of the messenger who conveys the heart of God to people.

Sergey Sergienko: I have met with many pastors. Most of them appeared to be more interested in what they want rather than what God wants. However, Dr. Lee has obeyed only in accordance with the Word of God. I think that is why he has manifested miracles during his ministry.

◆ Manmin's broadcasting and publication ministry

Sergey Velbovets: I am very grateful to Manmin Central Church which has always borne the best fruit. A large number of people are longing to personally see the grace-filled church's believers. I wish for the programming and books of Manmin Central Church to be spread all around the world in many more languages.

Sergey Sergienko: He is right. Please, let people of the world know about Manmin's ministry and the Christian lives led by the members worldwide. In western countries, the fervor for God has cooled down.

However, the eagerness here can actually be witnessed and felt. The daily lives of the members look very special to us. I want to extend my thanks to all of you who are leading such blessed lives.

Sergey Velbovets: Many churches talk only about the subjects of prosperity, blessings, and social networking. But, it is a totally different story for Manmin Central Church. The word 'sanctification' helps the church keep conducting an active and effective role as a church.

◆ What is the reason you had interviews with so many of the believers?

Sergey Velbovets: Manmin Central Church is alive. Since the Word of God permeates the lives of the members of the church it is both 'living and active' which has a positive influence on people around the world. Many people have testified that they received blessings and grace while reading articles on Manmin Central Church from In Victory News Agency Website and In Victory Magazine.

Ask, Seek, and Knock

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7)

As promised by Jesus in John 15:16, “...whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you,” God wants to give His beloved children anything that they ask for in the name of Jesus Christ. In the beginning of His public ministry Jesus delivered a famous series of messages now referred to as ‘The Sermon on the Mount’. He told the audience to ‘ask’, ‘seek’ and ‘knock’. In Matthew 7:8 He promised we can receive answers from the God of Justice, saying, “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” For what then do we have to ask, seek and knock?

1. Ask, and It Will Be Given to You

This Scripture in Matthew 7:7 expresses the heart of the Lord who wants God’s children to lead a blessed life in Him. Of these four aspects, this issue of *Manmin News* elaborates upon what we have to ask for.

First of all, we have to ask to see the face of God and receive His strength. God commands us in Psalm 105:4 “Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His face continually.” We have to ask for the strength and grace from above to overcome the world and live by the Word of God. Receiving His strength requires us to possess spiritual faith, which is worthy to receive God’s answers. Such spiritual faith is God-given faith that comes from above. Concisely speaking, asking for the strength of God means asking to receive God-given faith.

Next, we have to ask to see the face of God. It indicates we should try to understand who God is and listen to His voice. And as written in John 1:1, “the Word was God,” it is seeking the face of God to learn and realize the Word of God recorded in the Bible.

Second, we have to ask for the accomplishment of the kingdom and righteousness of God (Matthew 6:33). The kingdom of God can be accomplished when we pray for all men to gain salvation and become children of God, so we have to ask for evangelization of the world to accomplish His kingdom. Next, we can accomplish His righteousness when we listen to His Word and come out of darkness and walk in the Light according to the Word. In other words, we have to ask for sanctification and ask to resemble the holiness of God to accomplish His righteousness. When we accomplish His righteousness and our souls prosper, everything will go well with us and we will be in good health (3 John 1:2).

Third, we have to ask to become a worker of God and for the fulfillment of our God-given duties. As children of God we have to become workers of the Lord. Those who have received their God-given duties have to ask to carry them out and successfully fulfill them. When we perform our God-given duties well, greater duties are given and the more rewards are also given to us. Rewards in Heaven are worthy of glory and honor beyond comparison with anything else on the earth. All believers have to become precious workers for God and we have to fulfill our duties zealously.

Fourth, we have to ask for daily bread. When we ask for our daily bread—clothes, house, food, job, business, good health, and so on, God provides us with everything we ask for as promised in Matthew 6:33. But whatever it is that we ask for must be only for the glory of God. If



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

we ask for something to satisfy our selfish desires, God doesn’t answer. It’s because our prayer out of greed has nothing to do with God’s work.

2. Seek, and You Will Find

The reason Jesus tells us to ‘seek’ is because there is something we have lost! What is it we have lost, and how can we find it? The first man Adam was created in the image of God and became a living being when God breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils. When a long period of time passed, Adam, who was made only of spirit, soul and body disobeyed the command of God and sinned. As a result his spirit was put to death. He and his descendants all lost the ‘image of God’ and came to be no more than the beasts that consist of soul and body.

Restoring the lost image of God requires that our spirit that has been dead, be revived and we be transformed into a man of spirit worthy to communicate with God who is spirit. After we are born again of the Spirit, we have to observe the commands of God and perform the duty of man with a reverent fear of God so that we can restore the image of God (Ecclesiastes 12:13). When we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, as promised in the Bible, the Holy Spirit comes into our heart, makes our dead spirit alive again and leads us to the truth and righteousness.

If we diligently listen to the Word of God, understand it and make our spiritual bread of it according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and simultaneously pray for the strength to practice it, we can be transformed into a man of spirit and whole spirit; this is the process where we can restore the lost image of God.

3. Knock, and It Will Be Opened to You

Jesus promised us, saying, “... knock, and it will be opened to you.” What kind of door do we have to knock and how can we knock on it?

It is the door to the heart of God that we have to knock. And knocking is none other than keeping and practicing the Word of God—to obey whatever the Bible tells us to do, not to do, to keep and cast away. As recorded in Revelation 3:20, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me,” the Lord knocked the door to our heart and came into our heart when we accepted Him. Now is the time we should knock at the door to the heart of God by keeping His commands.

As announced in 3 John 1:4, “I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth,” God takes the greatest delight in seeing us keeping and doing His Word. Therefore, we have to diligently knock on the door to the heart of God by repenting of our sins, asking for His grace with a humble heart, and completely practicing His Word we have borne in our mind.



News in Brief

The Second MIS Seminar Held in Ida, Japan

On April 20 and 21, the second MIS seminar with Rev. Dr. Esther Chung, President of MIS (Manmin International Seminary) was held in the Ida Manmin Church. On April 20 as the Speaker, Dr. Chung delivered lectures covering the following topics: ‘Is It Possible for Mankind to Become Sanctified?’, ‘Why Does Satan Accuse Men of their Sins?’, ‘The Levels of Faith,’ and ‘Spirit, Soul and Body.’ The next day she presented a milestone to sanctification to the audience elucidating the various kinds of human hearts including that of King David and other figures around him. This seminar was attended by many pastors and workers from Nagoya, Matsuyama, Okayama and Tokyo. It was also broadcast live via the Internet.



Dr. Jaerock Lee’s One-minute Column Series *The Lamp of God* Published



On April 30, Urim Books published *The Lamp of God*, a compilation of Dr. Jaerock Lee’s column series that had appeared on Korea’s major daily newspapers including The Chosun Ilbo, The Joong-Ang Daily, The Dong-A Ilbo, and The Hankook Ilbo. This book composed from a column series provides the reader with 7 “points of fulfillment” necessary to receive God’s answers and blessings. These include but are certainly not limited to: love of God; mysteries of God’s creation; solutions to various problems in human life; guidelines to reach eternal life; life of spreading the fragrance and light of the Christ; ways to receive wisdom from above; and hope for the kingdom of heaven.

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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

5. Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
6. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
7. “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)

“My Newly Changed Heart Made My Son Change”

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I was amazed seeing my son behave differently “Do not shake your head, son. What’s wrong with you?” My son is in the fifth grade of elementary school. In early March he began to shake his head. At first, I just thought that he shook his head because he cared about his hair style being just like his friends. However, he kept doing it more and more often. When studying, watching TV, and even talking to me, he shook his head. I asked him why he shook his head, but the answer was different every time.

He shook his head even when he answered ‘yes’ to my question. It was hard for me to understand what he really meant. I had to ask him again whether his answer was yes or no. His private tutor also spoke of her difficulties in teaching him because of his head shaking habit.

On March 16th, there was a parents’ meeting in his school. Talking to his teacher, I heard in detail about the seriousness of his head shaking habit. I came to know that my son suffered from the phenomena known as ‘motor tics’. I had conversation with my husband on that matter. However, we could not decide whether to have him undergo psychotherapy or not.

In the end, we decided to commit the problem to God and prayed with tears during Daniel prayer meeting. I could pray with faith because we had already experienced God’s powerful works when my son was healed of atopic dermatitis.

I realized that it was entirely my fault and thoroughly repented

In fact, I had studied elementary children’s education in college. I knew many things about children’s education and I was also eager to teach my son well. I sometimes spanked him when he acted up with stubbornness, thinking that I had to help him form good habits.

I wanted many things for him, but I did it without consideration of his disposition. I wanted him to study well, worship God during service in a good manner, pray fervently, demonstrate leadership, and build what I considered to be a good social network with his friends in school. However, he was a timid and shy boy. When his friends made fun of him, he did not know how to deal with them properly. This is because he had been taught not to strike another person or fight with others. However, I did not teach him how to love and understand them.

Whenever I saw weaknesses in him, I scolded

him with harsh words. Although I spanked him less over time, my son regarded me as one whom he loved the most and he was most afraid of at the same time. My way of educating him made him feel timid. He tried to read my face and even lied to me. In addition to all this he was having difficulties in adapting to the new surroundings in the new school term.

I thoroughly repented looking back on my past ways of teaching which had forced him to do many things due to my uncontrolled emotions. I could not help but to shed tears thinking of his pain and affliction caused by my personality. I realized that the cause of the problem was not in him, but in me. I started to try my best to be on his side and encourage him rather than to care about what others around me thought. By doing so, I came to have a better relationship with my son. However, he was still suffering from motor tics.

My family received Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer during Mini Divine Healing Meeting

On March 20th, after Sunday evening service, the whole family attended the Mini Divine Healing Meeting with Dr. Jaerock Lee. After listening to his message I received his prayer with God’s grace. Unconsciously I laid my hands on my son’s head. Afterwards, we prayed at Daniel prayer meeting and went home.

The next day when he came home after school, I started to watch him closely. I noticed that he did not shake his head anymore! After he had studied with his private tutor, I asked his tutor if he had shaken his head. She said that he hadn’t. His homeroom teacher also wrote in his journal, ‘He no longer shakes his head!’ In other words, he became perfectly normal through Dr. Lee’s prayer during Mini Divine Healing Meeting.

He became able to concentrate on his studies better than ever before and gained patience. He appears no longer to be annoyed. He used to hate going to private school lessons but now he goes to learn mathematics. His grades are improving. Through this, I realized that the most important thing in the children’s education is for the parents to help their children feel the love of the Lord.

I give thanks to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who has nurtured us with the Word of God and prayer and let us experience the works of the Holy Spirit. I thank the Lord who is praying for us and solved our problems in spirit and flesh. I give all thanks and glory to Father God.