



Three generations of the family gathered together after Sunday morning service. (From the right, Elder-elect Heeseok Seo; Brother Jeongho Seo, his father, who was healed of the after affects of a stroke; Deaconess Bokhee Ryu, his mother who was healed of arthritis and gastritis; Deaconess Geumsoon Lee, his wife; and Brother Kiwon Seo and Bowon Seo, his sons.

I yearned for the heavenly kingdom more and more over time, but I had a problem which had yet to be solved; my parents had not yet been evangelized. My parents put their best efforts

“I am Waiting for the Lord’s Day When I Take My Parents to Church!”

Elder-Elect Heeseok Seo (3-28th Parish, 2-4 Men’s Mission)

into raising us and I was eager to evangelize them. I wanted them to enter Heaven and enjoy eternal and happy lives there. That was my earnest hope. I prayed fervently for their salvation. My wife served them as well as she served her own parents. We often visited them. My father was quite stubborn. He said, “Just mind your own Christian lives and leave us be!” We served my mother, who was less stubborn, with all our hearts and minds to lead her to our church. She finally started to attend the church in 2005. She lives in Seongnam, Gyeonggi Do which is very far from the church. But with a thankful heart, I picked her up to help her attend church every week. She was even healed of her arthritis and gastritis completely through Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer. Afterwards, she has never complained that it is far, but attended church with happiness. Nevertheless, I always thought of my father. I decided to act like my father’s hands or feet. I took him wherever he wanted to go for either business or any other reason. Although I was very busy running a trading company which designs, manufactures, and distributes model trains, I was happy just being with him. In the meantime, I had a dream in September, 2009. In the dream, I received a call from my friend saying my father

passed away. I went home in a hurry. When I saw him, his face turned pale and black. I thought to myself, ‘He has not accepted the Lord. It could never have happened.’ I implored God holding my dead father saying, “Father God! Please let him go to Heaven by accepting the Lord as his Savior.” Then, his face gained color again. It was a dream. After the dream, I visited him and talked to him about it. My father did not ignore his son’s eagerness to evangelize him any longer. Now, I am waiting for Sunday morning because I can take both my parents to church. I give all thanks and glory to God who gave us such a great blessing!

“My Changed Life Makes My Whole Family Happy”

Brother Soobin Ryu (the 3rd grade in Seoul Technical High School)

“Phew, it was just a dream. Lord! I am so sorry. Please forgive me.”

On March 10th, I had a very serious dream. It was so vivid. In the dream, the rainbow-colored light appeared in the sky. All of sudden, people ascended looking up into the sky with their hands raised and with shouts of joy. My parents were there, too.

Though I called out to my mother with loud voice, she only looked at the sky with a smile on her face. I started to pray. When I opened my eyes, I was in the sanctuary. I could see myself on the earth even after the Second Advent of the Lord in the air. I saw many people. Some of them prayed, some wept, and some looked like they gave up everything. Among them was my friend who attended another

church. He seemed like he did not know why he was left on the earth. At that moment, I was making up my mind to receive shameful salvation by refusing to be given a mark, the number of the beast, the six hundred and sixty-six and dying a martyr in my dream.

After I woke up from the dream, tears welled up from my eyes. I had led a Christian life with which I could not receive salvation. I knelt down before God and offered up the prayer of repentance to God with tears.

I attended church, but was not a true Christian. I was addicted to online gaming. As soon as I came home from school, I played the game. I enjoyed it all day except for the time when I had a meal. I even played it right after I got out of bed. I enjoyed

it six to seven hours a day during the school term and twelve to fourteen hours a day during vacation.

I also enjoyed watching pornography. I liked it less than game, but it was absolutely wrong before God. I felt so sorry before God and thought I could not receive salvation with such behavior. I totally changed after the prayer of thorough repentance with tears.

The very next day after the dream, I attended Daniel prayer meeting. On the following day, I deleted all the games and pornography from my computer. I made the files of praise songs and Dr. Jaerock Lee’s sermons easy to access.

I even began to attend the Mini Divine Healing Meeting with Dr. Lee after Sunday eve-

ning service. His love touched my heart. Seeing him urge students not to be stained with the pleasures of the world where sin and evil are rampant and not to commit sins moved me. He also tried his best to help us not only in spiritual ways, but financial ways by offering scholarships to many of us students.

Afterwards, I came to long for all kinds of services. It was a totally different life from the past when I thought, ‘How can I live

without TV and my computer?’ I have tasted eternal joy which cannot be compared to those things.

My attitude toward my parents changed as well. My parents are very happy seeing me change. I came to be excited about study and told my friends about the love of the Lord.

I give thanks to the Lord who waited for me with patience and gives me the grace to lead a happy Christian life.



After realizing the love of the Lord, Brother Soobin Ryu (left) changed. He was with his father, Brother Yoonjong Ryu (right) and his mother, Senior Deaconess Guemhwa Lee (center).

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ONE FAMILY UNITED WITH A CORD OF LOVE IN CHRIST Members of the worship dance team of the children's Sunday school were putting carnation corsages on adult members of the church with their grateful hearts in celebration of Parents' Day. In the picture to the right, the Senior Pastor, Dr. Lee, was delivering the message during Children's Sunday Service and the members of Sunday school's voluntary group were singing the praises.

Children’s Sunday and Parents’ Sunday Celebration Events

After the Sunday morning service on May 1st Pastor Seongsik Jang, Principal of the children’s Sunday school presided over the children’s Sunday service with speaker, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee, in the second sanctuary. Dr. Lee delivered the message with the title of ‘My Father God’ from 1 Samuel 17:45-46. Emphasizing that God is so gentle and kind, he urged children to lead lives having God, who is their Father, as the center of their lives like David did. The children in attendance engraved the message on their hearts while saying ‘Amen.’ Because the service was broadcast live through GCN, the children of branch churches in and out of Korea could attend the service simultaneously.

On May 7th, in celebration of Parents’ Day, the Students’ Sunday school held a special Saturday worship and praise service to which the students invited their parents. Pastor Dongcho Shin delivered the message under the title of ‘God Is Good’ from 1 Timothy 2:4. He talked about the ways for parents and children to have a better relationship in the Lord. Sister Hanbin Lee read the words of gratitude on the students’ behalf and Deacon Jacob Lee responded on the behalf of parents. She put a red carnation corsage on him. Through the event, parents and students in attendance were able to profess their love and be all the more closely united. On May 8th the Senior Deaconess’ Association hosted the Parents’ Day Celebration Event inviting members of the fifth men’s mission and women’s mission, which is made up of believers who are more than 70 years old. After Pastor Soojin Lee delivered the message titled with “A Valuable Life”, the Serem Korean traditional music team and traditional dance team, Pearl Praise Team, gave glory to God with their praise and dance. Senior Deaconess Haseon Kwon, president of Senior Deaconess’ Association, said, “We prepared for the event with thankful hearts for our parents’ grace. I hope they will have great time and feel like they are at a heavenly banquet.”

Description of Misery and Severe Pain in Hell

Dr. Lee’s Book Hell was Featured in Assist News Service, an International Christian News Agency



On April 27th the content of Senior Pastor Dr. Lee’s book, *Hell* was featured in News Assist Service (www.assistnews.net), an international Christian news agency in the U.S., under the title of ‘Hell, and a Stern Calling for an Awakened Christian Life.’

The article quoted Dr. Lee saying, “Have you ever had your fingers burned by boiling water? If you have, then you may know how hot and painful that can be. Also, imagine that you are in a pool of boiling water, measured at 100 degrees centigrade. The lake of fire is much hotter than the boiling water and the lake of burning sulfur is seven times hotter than the lake of fire. In the lake of fire, the souls can at least jump or shout in pain.

However, in the lake of burning sulfur the souls cannot moan or even think. They are locked under the oppressive weight of pain.”

The book is also included in a review posted on Amazon.com by Ms. Marcia L. New from the Missouri State in the U.S. She is quoted as saying, “Using very descriptive language, Dr. Lee clearly shows the levels in Hell and how those who go there suffer greatly. It surely makes a person carefully evaluate his or her own spiritual condition.”

Dr. Lee’s book *Hell* is currently published and distributed in 12 languages world-wide. Testimonies of the readers who are moved by the book have been received constantly.



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To Become Peacemakers

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” (Mathew 5:9)

Jesus had peace with everybody. He did not have peace only with those who were educated, meek and obedient. He had peace with those who were less educated and even with sinners and tax-collectors. Also, He died on the cross to bring peace between God and human beings for all people who were living in sins.

God is pleased with those who have peace with everybody and answers their prayers quickly. What should we do to become peacemakers who have peace with all the people?

First, we must cultivate goodness in us.

Quite often, people who break peace do not even realize that they are evil. Even those who are strong in character and have conflict with others often think they are just trying to accomplish something good and bear better quality fruit. On the surface they seek goodness, but in reality they seek their own benefit and insist on what seems to be right and more beneficial for them personally. They seek what is more advantageous, more comfortable and what reveals them more greatly. That is why peace is broken.

Matthew 12:35 reads, “The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil.” Even though we learned the truth and know it, evil comes out as long as goodness is not cultivated in our heart. For example, we know that unless the other person is acting in untruth we have to go with his opinion. But in reality, we might hurt others’ feelings by just insisting on what seems proper to us. On the other hand, those who have goodness of heart cannot act out of evil. They seek the way that gives comfort and benefit to others. They seek what is more beneficial for the kingdom of God. Unless the other person is doing something unrighteous, they concede to the opinions of others.

Only when we cultivate goodness in our hearts in God’s eyes can we have peace with everyone. If we insist on what seems to be good in our sight and make others follow it, both parties may suffer. We always have to seek what is advantageous to others and what is beneficial for the kingdom of God.

Second, we should be confident before God.

Some people may act as if they are good in front of others, but if they have evil in their hearts they will not be able to be confident before God. Some do not commit evident fleshly works, but they store up walls of sin before Him with words. Some of those who teach the Truth to believers also pass judgment and condemnation on others with their words. They speak out words of complaint, resentment, judgment and condemnation. Even though they do not realize how evil their words are, it still gives Satan the opportunity to bring accusations against them.

Therefore, to be confident before God, we have to apply the standards of the truth to ourselves and cultivate the truth in our hearts. For example, when God tells us ‘to live in peace with everyone’, we have to realize the heart and the will of God and then to cultivate peace in our hearts. Only then can we be confident before God, and we can also have true peace with others in all



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

things.

But some break peace with God with the word of God telling us to have peace. For example, they speak out words of complaints and resentment such as, “God told us about peace, so why does that person always insist on his own opinions and give a hard time to others? Why don’t they work more wisely?” They do not understand the heart of God, but just interpret it in their own way. They want what seems to be good in their sight to be fulfilled. This kind of person has no peace in his heart.

You can be confident before God only when you understand the will of God in everything and follow the desires of the Holy Spirit.

Third, we should have hope in Heaven.

To have our hope in Heaven means, we do not put our hope in the fleshly things of this earth. If you say, “I have hope in Heaven, but I want to enjoy this and that on this earth as well,” then, it does not make sense.

If we understand the value of the things above and invest in them, we will also understand how meaningless worldly things are. This does not mean we must do only church work neglecting our worldly duties. You should be faithful in the world, so we can give glory to God by receiving His blessings.

If we have hope in Heaven, we will not have any greed for any worldly things or covet any of them. If we covet something, we will eventually do something against the will of God. For example, those who engage in business might do something untruthful acting against the Word of God. And yet, they say, “If I earn a lot of money then I will give a lot in tithes and offerings.” On the outside he says it is for the kingdom of God, but in fact it is only for his gratification.

If we work a lot to be recognized by others, and if we want to be recognized as faithful workers in the church, this is also worldly desire and hope. A servant cannot serve two masters. If we have hope in Heaven, we have to store up things precious to us in Heaven. Those who invest their earthly life in valuable things of Heaven do not put any value in things of flesh that will perish. They do not break peace to seek their own benefit either.

Dear brothers and sisters, Matthew 5:9 reads, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” If the owner of all things in the heavens and on the earth, the almighty God, recognizes you as His dear

son, what could ever be lacking in your life?

I pray in the name of the Lord that, by becoming peacemakers, as true sons and daughters of God the Creator, you will give glory to God on this earth, and also enter into the most precious place in the heavenly kingdom.

News in Brief

‘The Message of the Cross’, Delivered by Pastor Joseph Han, was Broadcast by India Arulvaku GCN TV

On April 26th, the details of the ‘Message of the Cross’ and answers to questions like ‘Why did God put the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the garden of Eden?’ were broadcast through Arulvaku GCN TV in Puducherry, India from 6:30 AM to 9:00 AM. The message was delivered by Pastor Joseph Han who is the ministering pastor to Chennai Manmin Church in India. After the message, he prayed for viewers with the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). He gave advice to believers on the phone. Arulvaku GCN TV president, Pastor Vincent said, “We got so many phone calls from those who wanted to testify to what they experienced during the program that we even had to unplug the phones.” Arulvaku TV is a major Christian cable TV station which covers 11 major cities in Puducherry state and 6 neighboring cities in Tamil Nadu state.



Pastor Joseph Han was praying for the viewers with the handkerchief of power at the studio of Arulvaku GCN TV (Tamil translator: Brother Joel John Knox)

2011 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, ‘following the footprints of the Lord’

To remember the love of the Lord and engrave it in our heart is a key to keep our believing lives filled with fullness of the Holy Spirit. Some members of Manmin Central Church departed from Incheon International Airport to the Holy Land on April 28th, to trace the footprints of the Lord. Mrs. Boknim Lee, president of Manmin Prayer Center, was leading 45 members as they travel in Israel, to Vatican in Italy, to Switzerland, and then to France for a total of 13 nights and 14 days.

Christianity Became the State Religion of the Roman Empire; The Edict of Milan; and the Nicene Creed

After the resurrection and ascension of the Lord, Christianity was rapidly spread in all Judea and Samaria and even in Asia and Europe. Churches experienced great revival, however many of the churches were destroyed due to the severe persecution inflicted by the emperors of the Roman Empire. They took the Bible away from Christians, deprived them of their status and rights, imprisoned them, and even killed many of them up until the beginning of 4th century.

◆ The Edict of Milan: Bringing an End to the Persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire

The persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire began in the first century and continued over a period of about three centuries until the time of Diocletian. (See the table on the left). The territory of the Roman Empire was so vast that one emperor could not govern the whole territory. The empire was divided along an East/West Axis and governed by two emperors. Diocletian divided the Empire again, appointing two Caesars (junior emperors) to govern further subdivisions of the East and West. Each would be subordinate to their respective Augustus (senior emperor). This system is called the Tetrarchy.

After the death of the Emperor Diocletian, the political unrest arose and the fight for power among the emperors broke out. In the end, however, in 312 Constantine defeated Maxentius’ rebel forces and became the sole emperor in the Western Roman Empire. He believed that he owed his success to Jesus Christ. (Refer to Manmin News No. 229 ‘The History of Christianity Embedded in the Elliptical Amphitheatre, Coliseum’ on the third page).

In 313, he met with Licinius, the absolute emperor over the Eastern Roman Empire, in Mediolanum (present-day Milano) to discuss pending issues about their politics and ruling systems. During this meeting, the emper-

ors agreed on the Edict of Milan, officially legalizing Christianity and granting restoration for all property to Christians. Through the edict, Christians were given back all their private and public property seized during the persecutions. This also returned confiscated Church property. Christianity was legally endowed with the status equivalent of other religions.

Unlike Licinius, Constantine actively managed religious policies in ways that protected and encouraged Christianity. He guaranteed financial and legal privilege for churches and ministers and abolished various customs and legislation which insulted Christians. He tried to emancipate Christian slaves, legalize the donation of legacy to churches, and designated Sundays as national holidays. In other words, the Edict of Milan put an end to the long-lasting persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire.

◆ The First Council of Nicaea: Reaffirming the Divinity of Jesus Christ

The Roman Empire’s great persecution towards Christianity terminated during the reign of Constantine. When this external problem of persecution ended, however, internal problems occurred in Christianity. It was concerning the controversies over the doctrines of Christianity. The most controversial thesis during the early churches was concerning the divinity of Jesus Christ. The controversy on the

divinity of Jesus Christ lasted for a couple of centuries.

The most crucial controversy was from Arius. Arius, who was from Libya and an elder of the church in Alexandria, led an enthusiastic and ascetic life and many followers supported his doctrine. Arian group raised a few serious questions in regard to the divinity, substance and eternity of Jesus Christ and many eastern orthodox churches followed their contention. On the other hand, Athanasius, who ministered to the church in Alexandria, asserted that Jesus Christ and God is one in substance, and Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man.

At the first Nicene Council held by Constantine in 325, Athanasius made a great contribution to the establishing of the Nicene Creed. The Nicene Council declared the Nicene Creed through the combination of the assertion of Athanasius of Alexandria and that of Eusebius of Caesarea. This Nicene Creed is considered as one of the foremost statements of the tenets of the Christian confession of faith. Together with the Apostles’ Creed it presents to the believers in the Christ the most fundamental doctrines of Christianity.

This Nicene Creed was revised with some additions at the First Council of Constantinople held in 381, and after this council the Arian contentions were completely expelled, and thus the 50-year controversy over the Triune God came to a close.

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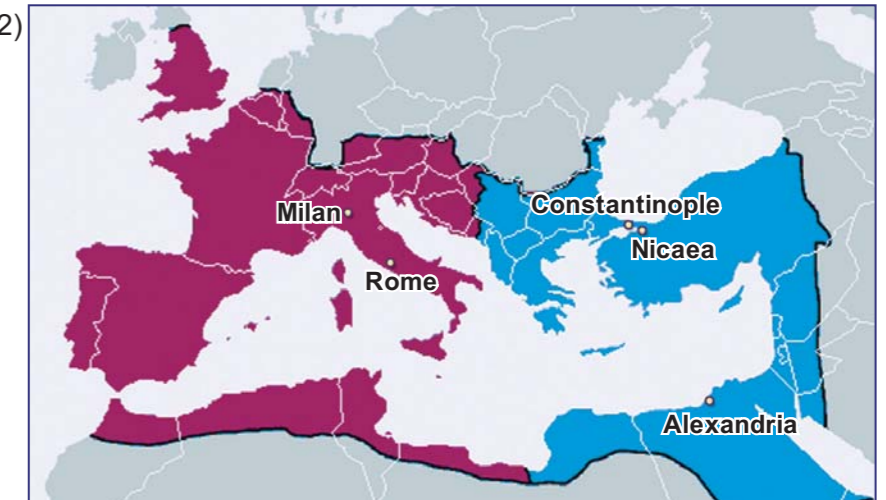
Names of the Emperors	Period of Reign
1. Nero	37-68
2. Domitian	89-96
3. Trajan	98-117
4. Hadrian	117-138
5. Marcus Aurelius	161-180
6. Septimius Severus	193-211
7. Maximian	235-238
8. Decius	249-251
9. Valerian	253-260
10. Diocletian	284-305

Constantine the Great was the first Roman emperor to convert to Christianity. By issuing the Edict of Milan in 313, he brought the end of persecution of Christians. He convened Councils of Nicaea as his effort to attain consensus in the church. He became the absolute ruler in both the Eastern and Western Roman Empires through several campaigns. He had the spiritual experience of meeting the Lord, so he protected and encouraged Christianity enthusiastically.

(Map 1)



(Map 2)



(Map 1) In 117, the Gospel, coming from Israel could be spread all over the world so rapidly because the Roman Empire had the greatest expanse of territory in the world with the Mediterranean at its center. In 330, Constantine the Great (306-337) changed the capital city from Rome to Byzantium, which he called ‘New Rome.’ It was also called Constantinople (present-day Istanbul, Turkey) named after Constantine. (Map 2) In 392, Theodosius the Great (379-395) made Christianity the official state religion of the Roman Empire during his reign. Theodosius was the last emperor to rule over both the eastern and the western halves of the Roman Empire. In 476, the western half of the Roman Empire that had Rome in its center, fell. In 1453 the eastern half of the Roman Empire having Constantinople in its center, also fell.

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.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
- “[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)

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