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During District, Sub-district, and Cell Leaders' Devotional Service, Dr. Jaerock Lee presented the clear way to become men of spirit who God is earnestly looking for to save countless souls in the world (Photo 1). Before his sermon, selected representatives offered praise singing "The Castle of the Shepherd 2" and then all devotees sang "Ministry" (Photos 2, 3). The devotees and believers in attendance through GCN as well as in the main sanctuary added their spiritual longing in the service (Photo 4).

District, Sub-district, and Cell Leaders' Devotional Service 2014

"To be spiritual warriors with the heart of the Lord"

Manmin Central Church has two systems to take care of the members: one is 'Parish System' organized based on one's residential area and the other is 'Mission System' formed according to ages. With the systems, the church has achieved spiritual growth and revival. The parish system consists of the Great Grand Parish, Grand Parish, Parish, District, Sub-district, and Cell, and they endeavor to save souls in the front lines of spiritual warfare.

The whole parish's Consolidated Grand Parish Pastor is Rev. Soojin Lee. The parish system of 2014 positions are as follows: the 1st Great Grand Parish is managed by Pastors Mikyung Lee and Hyukhee Cho and includes the areas of Guro-gu, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Gangseo-gu, and Gimpo; the 2nd Great Grand Parish, by Pastors Daehee Cho and

Sooyeol Cho, and areas of Dongjak-gu, Geumcheon-gu, Gwanak-gu, Seocho-gu, Gangnam-gu, Songpa-gu, Gangdong-gu, Gwangmyeong, Seongnam, Gwangju, Hanam, Icheon, Yeosu, and Yangpyeong; and the 3rd Great Grand Parish, by Pastors Miyong Lee and Hyunkwon Joo, and areas of Seongbuk-gu, Gangbuk-gu, Dobong-gu, Nowon-gu, Jongno-gu, Jung-gu, Yongsan-gu, Mapo-gu, Seodaemun-gu, Eunpyeong-gu, Seongdong-gu, Dongdaemun-gu, Gwangjin-gu, Jungnang-gu, Goyang, Gwacheon, Guri, Gunpo, Namyangju, Dongducheon, Bucheon, Suwon, Siheung, Ansan, Anseong, Anyang, Yangju, Osan, Yongin, Uiwang, Uijeongbu, Incheon, Paju, Pyeongtaek, Pocheon, and Hwaseong. In addition, there are the Chinese Parish managed by Pastor Geumran Hwang and the Foreigners' Parish by

Pastor Deborah Rhee.

The District, Sub-district, and Cell Leaders' Devotional Service 2014 was held during Sunday Evening Service on February 2 in 2014. Together with 1,766 devotees, Elder Hongki Park, President of Male District Leaders' Association, Senior Deaconess Hyesuk Nah, President of Female District Leaders' Association, Elder Haengcheol Shin, President of Male Sub-district Leaders', Senior Deaconess Heeseung Lee, President of Female Sub-district Leaders', Elder Enoch S. Lee, Male Cell Leaders', and Senior Deaconess Nanyoung Cha, President of Female Cell Leaders' jointly devoted themselves to the worship service. Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee preached the message under the title of "Men of Spirit" taken from Romans 8:6, through which they could all check their faith

and renew their resolve to accomplish their duties.

Dr. Lee said, "No matter how fervent your heart is, you can't bear the fruit that God wants with fleshly faithfulness. Only when you achieve the heart of spirit can you discern the will of God and change many souls."

Then, he urged them to check the three points to become men of spirit. The first is whether they think in goodness; the second, how much they can hear the voice of the Spirit; and the third, how much love they have in their hearts. In closing summary, he told them to demolish fleshly thoughts, the frameworks of knowledge, and arrogance to justify themselves. Additionally he emphasized that they should accomplish sanctification by circumcising their hearts. By doing so they should act in truth with an unchanging heart.

Wisdom Full of Mercy and Good Fruits

“But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (James 3:17-18).



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

In general, the term ‘mercy’ is defined as ‘the disposition of showing kindness and forgiveness.’ But spiritually, mercy is not just having compassion for others. It is to consider one soul more precious than the whole world. Even though a person seems to be completely hopeless, we should not give up on him, but instead we must try to lead him to salvation.

If we show mercy with the love of God, the fruits gained will be ‘good fruits’. That is how ‘mercy’ and ‘good fruits’ are so very closely related. Let’s look into wisdom full of mercy and good fruits.

1. Good fruits borne through mercy

The heart of our God is mercy itself. If God does not forgive sinners, but deals with them strictly according to the Law, who in this world would survive? But because God shows mercy, we are able to receive the opportunities for repentance and also reach complete salvation.

Like the heart of our Father God, the heart of the Lord is also mercy itself. Matthew 12:20 talks about Jesus’ mercy saying, “A battered reed He will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out, until He leads justice to victory.” Jesus endured even with those people who seemed to have no hope of receiving salvation who were like battered reeds and smoldering wicks. He preached forgiveness and the gospel even to those sinners who were despised by others such as tax-collectors and prostitutes. It’s because He did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to

repentance (Luke 5:32).

Jesus did not say even to Judas Iscariot, “You just don’t have the heart to receive salvation.” He gave such people chances to receive salvation. He finally died on the cross to open the way of salvation for all mankind. Countless people who are saved through the price of His precious blood are the ‘good fruits’ borne through mercy.

2. The wisdom of mercy gives life

1) Mercy of forgiveness

Ephesians 4:32 says, “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” God tells us to forgive each other as God and the Lord have mercy on us and forgive us. But to have mercy and to forgive others we have to understand from the standpoint of others. We may not be able to understand others within our own viewpoint. But, if we understand them by putting ourselves in their shoes, we can forgive them in any kind of situation.

For example, suppose unbelieving parents or your spouse treats you badly. Then, if you don’t understand them from their point of view, you may grumble and have resentment toward them. If you don’t understand them you cannot love them. You may just try to avoid them out of fear and disappointment. Something very natural and obvious to a believing wife may not be understood at all by an unbelieving husband. So, when talking about church or faith, if the wife speaks only from her point of view, they will only have arguments. So, you should not just say your husband is wrong, but you have to understand his heart and think from his viewpoint. Only then will you receive wisdom.

2) The mercy of punishment

It sounds like forgiveness and punishment are in opposition, but in fact, they are not. It’s because punishment in mercy is not done judgmentally with condemnation or with hatred. It is done with love. Punishments allowed by God are punishments of mercy. He punishes people out of His love for them. If we pile up too much of a wall of sin and God turns His back on us, there won’t be any further punishment. Hebrews 12:6

says, “For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.”

Some people try to cover their faults and continue to give excuses to avoid any reproof. Or because their shortcomings are revealed, they become very disheartened. When we repent and turn completely from the way we were going, God will surely forgive us and allow for us to recover from the difficulties as well. He will not even remember our previous sins.

At times you may come to know about the fault or sins of brothers in faith and you may feel that you have to give them advice or reprove them. You have to first check your heart very carefully. You may cover your advice as being given in love, but it may be evilness within your own righteousness and frameworks of thought that points out the sin of others. It may also be that you are trying to teach others and control them with the loftiness of your heart to make them act as you want them to act. Even though we quote the Word of God, we cannot see the works of the Holy Spirit unless it is done with love.

Such advice will not let the other person understand or give him life. Instead, it will only cause ill-feelings or dishearten him. That person may be trying to do better realizing his fault, but when he hears advice or criticism that contains ill-feelings, he may be discouraged and just fall away.

Therefore, when we give advice to a person or punish somebody, we have to do it within the context of spiritual mercy and with a true understanding of his heart from his point of view. Also, we have to pray for him and give advice with a love that can even give our life for him. When we give punishment with this kind of heart, we can also give life to him.

3) Mercy of alms-giving

If we have spiritual mercy, we won’t just feel pity for people when we see someone in need. But also we will actually offer a helping hand. True mercy is helping others with deeds of action and in truth as written in 1 John 3:18.

We have to have mercy for those souls who are not saved because they don’t know the gospel. Because we have mercy we can preach the gospel when we are persecuted or even if it puts our own lives

in danger. Also, we have to show mercy to those who failed in this world, those who are sick, the downcast and neglected.

When we show mercy with truth in this way, God will also show His mercy to us. God gives us more blessings than what we have sown and fills us overflowing (Luke 6:38). That is why it is wisdom to help others.

But, when we help others we have to have discernment. We should help the families of believers first. We cannot receive blessings when we help those who do not work because of problems with drinking or gambling and those who are in financial crisis because they failed to keep the Law. If you help them financially, this is not right in the sight of God. You might even end up suffering together with him.

3. The wisdom of mercy full of good fruits

If we have abundant mercy, we will be full of good fruits. The deeds of mercy will be surely borne as beautiful fruits in the work of the Spirit. Above all, we will gain the fruit of salvation by leading many souls to salvation. If we act with mercy we will also bear good fruits in our hearts. All things such as the good deeds that we show even towards evil persons and the aroma of prayer in endurance and goodness are all good fruits. Through these fruits, we will gain honor both on earth and in heaven.

Jesus also harvested countless fruits with His indescribable mercy. He voluntarily took the pain of death in His mercy for the dying souls. With that fruit, innumerable souls have come to the way of salvation.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, when there are trouble-makers or some people with unfavorable characters, what kind of attitude do you have towards them? Haven’t you ever thought, ‘I hope that he doesn’t come to church...’ or ‘I wish he’d move to another department.’? God wants us to be filled with mercy and good fruits and take care of each of the souls with love.

I hope you will love your neighbors with deeds and truthfulness, comfort the wounded hearts, and help the needy. I pray in the name of the Lord by doing so you will please God and the fruit of mercy and goodness will be overflowing.

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.

“[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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The first foundation stone, 'Jasper'

The blue color of this jasper symbolizes 'spiritual faith'. If we keep the Words in the Bible telling us to do, not to do, to keep, and to throw away, we can stand on the rock of faith. Then spiritual faith starts to be given to us. One who has the spiritual faith completely believes in the Word of God from the depths of his heart. With spiritual faith, when Abraham was going to offer Isaac, he believed in God 100% and obeyed Him even if the Word of God was contrary to his own knowledge and thought.



The second foundation stone, 'Sapphire'

This dark blue colored sapphire symbolizes upright and noble honesty and integrity. Once a person has made a choice in the truth with this heart, he does not submit to any temptation or threats of this world. Daniel, who knew he would be thrown into lion's den but didn't commit sin of ceasing to pray, and Daniel's 3 friends, who didn't bow down before idols even when they were going to be thrown into a furnace—they had such a heart. Even though they might have lost their lives, they wouldn't forsake truth.



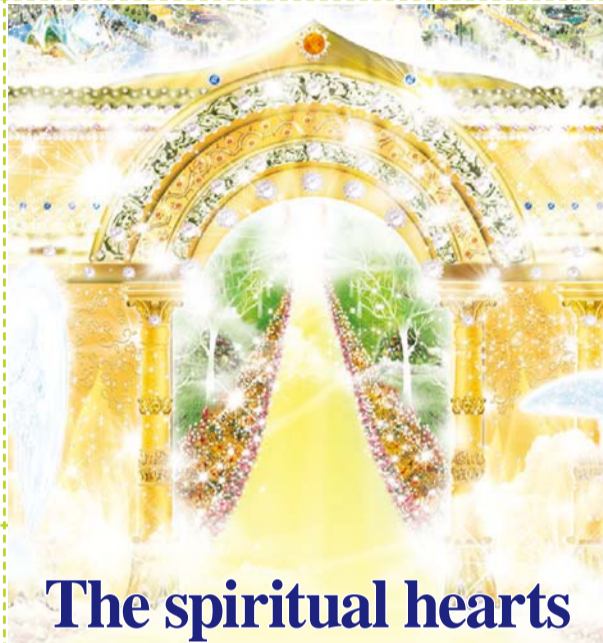
The third foundation stone, 'Chalcedony'

The chalcedony that is semi-transparent and white in color represents 'innocence and sacrificial love'. It is the blameless heart that is without faults. It is the heart that expects nothing in return, but sacrifices for the kingdom of God and His righteousness. The heart of Ruth, who could unchangingly serve and follow her aged mother-in-law falls into the criteria of this standard. The heart of giving all one has in the truth without expecting anything in return is the spiritual heart that this chalcedony represents.



The fourth foundation stone, 'Emerald'

The Emerald that has a green color symbolizes "righteousness and clearness" and "justness and clearness." It is the same color of "the fruit of Light" (Ephesians 5:9). If we are only good, but short of righteousness, we may become indecisive and compromise with unrighteousness. If we are only righteous, but short of goodness, then we may insist only on our self-righteousness and frameworks and distance ourselves far from the will of God. We are only focusing on what is right and what is wrong; chances are that we may not save lives.



The spiritual hearts represented by the 12 foundation stones of the city wall of New Jerusalem



The fifth foundation stone, 'Sardonyx'

Sardonyx is the onyx containing Sard, which is 'shades of red'. It symbolizes 'hardworking faithfulness.' The hardworking faithfulness that God recognizes is to do our duty with all our heart, mind, soul, and life. To be faithful in a field we work for, we must have a righteous heart and the heart of sacrifice. To the extent we have such a heart of goodness, we will not incline to one side or another, but take care of all things. To be faithful in all aspects, we must have this heart of goodness.



The sixth foundation stone, 'Sardius'

The Sardius that has a dark ruby-red color symbolizes 'endeavor and passion,' and 'passionate love in accomplishing God's kingdom and righteousness.' After he met the Lord, Apostle Paul lived his entire life for God's kingdom. In the face of such countless persecutions and tribulations that an ordinary man would not be able to deal with, his passion never even cooled down. When he could accomplish the kingdom of God, he would risk passing through any difficulty or making any sacrifice; he didn't even spare his own life.



The seventh foundation stone, 'Chrysolite'

Dark lime-green Chrysolite, which is also called 'Olivine' or 'Peridot', represents 'mercy.' It is to understand and forgive with goodness in the truth someone who cannot be understood or forgiven at all as a man. We don't dislike or hate anyone; we don't even have any enmity. It is because we think everything in goodness. We understand everything, accept anyone, and embrace all with mercy. No matter how dreadful a sinner is, we hate the sin, but do not hate the person.



The eighth foundation stone, 'Beryl'

This Beryl, that has a light blue-green color, symbolizes the 'long-enduring heart in all things to accomplish God's kingdom and His righteousness'. It is not to suppress something or practice restraint. It is the heart without evil that is so full of goodness that there is no need to endure. You endure until the end and until the promise of God bears fruit, no matter how long it takes even when you face a great hardship. The fruit of this long endurance gives out very profound and delicate light.



"The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoptase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst" (Revelation 21:19-20).



The ninth foundation stone, 'Topaz'

Topaz that has a reddish-orange color symbolizes 'spiritual goodness.' Spiritual goodness is the heart of seeking goodness within the Holy Spirit. It is to seek the goodness only in God's sight. But it is not to seek goodness only in heart; only when one shows the deeds of spiritual goodness outwardly, can he be recognized to possess it. He shows his mercy to one who needs his help and when it is needed. He does not cry out or quarrel with anybody. He doesn't ignore or break off from those evil-doers or peace-breakers.



The tenth foundation stone, 'Chrysoptase'

The Chrysoptase that is semi-transparent and has a light apple-green jade-like color symbolizes 'self-control.' No matter how good something is, we must follow the order and control ourselves. There are times when we need to control ourselves when we rejoice or love. Even those who have come into spirit should make harmony in all things through self-control. Only when we discern everything in the truth with self-control and follow the desire of the Spirit can everything be made perfect. John the Baptist is the example of self-control who made ready the way of the Lord.



The eleventh foundation stone, 'Jacinth'

This Jacinth is a transparent and bluish stone that symbolizes 'purity.' 'Purity' is 'to have no sin in heart'. That is, it's having a heart with no blame, spot, or blemish. Those with such a heart don't get their feeling to hurt. Those who are pure in heart can see God and communicate with Him. The clear clean sparkle in eyes of innocent children refreshes the heart of the beholder. It is the same with the heart of God who looks down on His children who are pure in heart. He wants to see them more and He wants to be with them more.



The twelfth foundation stone, 'Amethyst'

The Amethyst that has a light violet color and is transparent symbolizes 'gentleness.' It is to have a mild and warm character along with a broad heart of embracing everyone. It is the heart as soft and cozy as cotton that people can find rest in, and it is the heart that understands all things in goodness and embraces others with love. When this gentleness is shown in words and deeds, it becomes 'virtuous generosity.' It can strengthen others and make them feel the warmth. It is where they can find rest. As a result, gentleness can win others' hearts and lead them to truth and life.

“Happiness overflows thanks to the word of life and the shepherd’s love”

Elder Enoch S. Lee
(age 47, 2-11 Parish in South Korea)



One day my wife, who was going to another church with me, said that she wanted to attend a Revival Meeting held by Manmin Central Church. She left around at 6 P.M. to attend the fifth two-week consecutive Special Revival Meeting that started on May 5 in 1997. She told me that she would be back home around midnight. I couldn't understand the meeting that began at 7 would continue until after 11 P.M.

So, I also left home with my two-year-old daughter at 7 P.M. When I got there, Dr. Jaerock Lee was preaching the message “God’s Good Will”. I was moved by the sermon that was based solely on the Bible. I hurriedly returned home and to my amazement, his face kept coming to mind many times. I worked for a private academy at that time. I managed my time well to attend the Revival Meeting and received a lot of grace. I gave offerings to God who had given me grace. After the revival meetings ended, to repay the God-given grace I had received, I began to do volunteer work for the church. I went to church at 8 A.M. every morning and cleaned sanctuaries with church workers and came back home around at 1 P.M. Then, I prepared my lectures and went to work in the afternoon. I lived like this for three months. But I could no longer do the cleaning during summer vacation because I had lectures in the morning.

In the meantime, I started to listen to Dr. Lee’s sermon tapes again and again on the way to work and again on the way home. When I gained realization I wrote it down. Even when I couldn’t attend Daniel Prayer Meetings due to lectures in the academy, I went to church and prayed late at night. I was so caught up in the Word of God that I listened to the sermons even while taking a shower. Trust in the shepherd was also building up and I came to long to be in the sanctuary. I earnestly wanted to do the work of the Lord. In the meantime, I helped Elder Alvin Hwang with his lectures in English in the Theological Seminary. With this as an opportunity, I became a Levite worker (church’s full time worker) in August 1998. Then, I was transferred to Translation Bureau

in 2004. I was in charge of translating Dr. Lee’s sermon and delivering it to the world, so I was very happy. However, I started to skip the prayer meetings while focusing on my work and later I only worked without praying.

In the end, I lost fullness of the Spirit and managed to give worship services in drowsiness. I learned the Word of God while working, but I had not circumcised my heart with the Word. My stubbornness and strong insistence hurt the feelings of people around me and made them shed tears. I did not realize how inappropriate my action was in the sanctuary. I thought that I had to tell them about their faults so that they could work in a way that I considered to be reasonable and right.

On December 25 in 2010, Manmin members were given a chance to check their faith correctly in the earnest flow of spirit. That is, they witnessed the love of Senior Pastor Dr. Lee who took our sins on behalf of us and paid the wages with all his heart and body for us. I also started to feel his love and repented that I had not obeyed him. I struggled in great agony to repent that I had not circumcised my heart although I had listened to the Word of God for a long time and learned many things as a Levite worker. In the grace of God and the love of the shepherd, I received the heart of spirit in December 2013.

In 2014, I am now working faithfully as an elder of this precious church that is accomplishing the providence for the end time as President of Male Cell Leaders’ Association, and as the Managing Director of Translation Bureau. God also blessed my family. My only child, my daughter Sister Hanbin Lee, also achieved the heart of spirit and works as Vice President of the 1st Young Adults’ Mission. My wife, Deaconess Jungryeol Hong, works as a teacher of Manmin Kindergarten and as Vice President of Teachers’ Association of Children’s Sunday School. We are all running towards New Jerusalem. I give all thanks and glory to God who has given me the precious duty to spread the holiness gospel to the whole world and has also given me such great love and grace.

Sister Sophie Atieng (Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church in Kenya)

“My son in womb changed into a daughter through the prayer”

I will be 27 years old in 2014. I work as a praise leader in Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church in Kenya that is being ministered to by Bishop Dr. Myongho Cheong. In December 2012 I married Brother Sosthene.

In April 2013, I learned that I was in the seventh week of pregnancy. In June and again in October I was informed that through medical test results, I was carrying a son. In the ninth month of pregnancy, on December 3, the tests again showed that I had a son. However, I earnestly wanted to have a daughter instead of a son because I was born into a family where there are 9 sons and one daughter.

On January 5 in 2014, Dr. Cheong delivered the message on “Power of Re-creation”. This power can change or renew things that have

already been created without violating the justice of God. Listening to the message, I was convinced that my son in womb could be changed into a daughter through Dr. Jaerock Lee’s power of re-creation.

So I prayed in faith and during Friday All-night Service on January 17, 2014 I received his recorded prayer through the Manmin Magazine presentation. I received it in faith and just believed completely that my fetus became a daughter. The next day, at 11:30 A.M., I delivered a baby and it was a beautiful and healthy daughter that weighed 3.6kg. Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to God who gives answer to me through the power of re-creation transcending space and time.



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