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The Lord Overcame Death and Rose Again! 2014 Easter Sunday and Holy Communion

Christianity is characterized by the 'faith of the resurrection' because resurrection is an essential key element of Christian faith. To resurrect means not just to rise from death but also to live forever without seeing death as perfect living being.

Manmin Central Church has achieved the standardization of spirit in 2014 through the sacrifice and tears of Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who followed the footsteps of the Lord. By accomplishing this, the members are being filled with greater thanks to God than any other time. They are renewing their determination day by day to quickly become people of spirit and whole spirit who please God as the Lord's disciples did. They are also sacrificing themselves to proclaim the holiness gospel and God's powerful works all around the world. On April 20, 2014 the church had Easter Sunday Service and Holy Communion with all members of around 10,000 branch and associative churches throughout the world through live broadcasting by GCN (www.gcntv.org). During Easter



Sunday Morning Service Dr. Jaerock Lee preached a message entitled "Resurrection" based on Matthew 28:5-10. In Evening Service, he delivered the message "Great Will" (John 6:53-55) and led the Holy Communion. The church members took bread and drank juice of the grape that symbolize the flesh and the blood of the Son of Man and gave thanks for the Lord's service and sacrifice. During the Friday All-night Service on April 18, Dr. Lee preached the message "Tears" based on Matthew 22:37-40 and then the Easter Performance 2014 "Tears" followed in the second half of the Friday service. Under the lead of Performing Arts Committee, approximately 270 people dedicated themselves to the performance. From April 17th to 20th the Women's Mission add to proclamation of the joy of resurrection by the sharing of eggs decorated for Easter with public offices such as Guro Police Station, Guro Fire Station, and South Detention Center, and local companies, shops, and the Senior Citizen's Centers around the church.

**"Lord, thank You
for giving me true
faith and hope for
resurrection!"**



Seminary Student Changmin Kim
(Manmin Central Church,
South Korea)

In early childhood I matured quickly being around my mother who struggled to get by working hard for a restaurant. I behaved cheerfully on the outside to conceal my poverty and studied hard to get recognition in school. It allowed for me to stay in the top ranks in school.

As a 9th grader, I couldn't refuse a friend who asked me to show him my answer sheet during a test. I showed it to him and it was caught. In the end, it drove me into a major trouble in school. It was too hard for me to bear. I spoke about it to my academy teacher, Deacon Jeffrey Cho, who I trusted and liked. He told me to pray to God about it.

In such desperation, I started to seek God for the first time. "God, if You exist, have pity on me and settle my problem please. Then, I will go to church," I prayed with tears.

The very next day, the trouble was settled in a simple way. After that I followed my academy teacher to attend Gwangju Manmin Church. At first, I attended only on Sunday but I took over some duties and came to have faith.

God's love warmly touched my

heart that was covered with wounds. I tried my best to both lead a diligent Christian life and study well. In 2008, then, I was blessed to enter Yonsei University with a full scholarship for the whole eight semesters.

After I entered college a yearning for the world began moving in me. I didn't drink alcohol at first, but I started to drink. My heart was completely into the world and I was increasingly gaining recognition by people and elected as Vice President of my department, the President of Engineering College, and Vice President of Student Council.

On January 1 2012, I felt the great love of God through the shepherd's prayer and I laid all these things down. When the Senior Pastor was in mountain prayer he offered praise with a God-given song about Heaven on the phone for the members who were attending the 2012 New Year's Service. The work of the dove-like Holy Spirit came upon me.

With love God accepted this prodigal son back in from the worldly fashion of jeans and with orange colored hair. I attended Daniel Prayer Meeting every night and unceasingly

repented, fasted, and offered up vowed prayer. He covered all my past transgressions.

Sometime later, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee was back from the mountain and saw me. He said with smile, "Changmin, how have you been!" On the day, I prayed that while breathing on this earth I would live only for God, the Lord, and the Holy Spirit. Now I am taking the way of a pastor and delivering the love I received to souls.

In December 2013 I was even blessed to evangelize my mother who had been attending a Buddhist temple, and I led her to the church. She used to have dizziness. Through MRI she was diagnosed with an abnormality of the inner ear. A cerebral aneurysm was also detected. It can cause the 70% of all patients to suffer severe side effects or die. She realized God had protected her in such a situation and began going to church by herself. Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to God who never let me go off too far, gave me true faith and hope for resurrection and led my mom to the way of salvation and resurrection.



Hope of Resurrection

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Jesus Christ who overcame death and rose from the dead on the third day of His crucifixion and burial to save mankind. It is a truly blessed day because believers in the resurrected Jesus Christ also have hope for resurrection and eternal life.

The earthly life before our eyes is not all, and the afterlife definitely exists. In other words, there are Heaven and Hell. Believers in Jesus Christ living in His Words will too resurrect and enjoy eternal life, blessings, and pleasure in the beautiful Heaven even after the earthly life ends.

“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies.’” (John 11:25).

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Love Covers a Multitude of Transgressions

“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8).

The power of love is amazingly great. Jesus was sinless yet was crucified and the crucifixion opened the way to salvation and Heaven for anyone who believes in Him. Men were destined to go the way of death by sins. However, mankind could receive forgiveness of all sins and be blessed to enjoy the authority and blessing of becoming God’s children by believing the resurrected Jesus Christ.

If we possess the love of Jesus to cover a multitude of transgressions, we can comfort and encourage others. Moreover, we can enjoy true happiness. Then, what should we do to have the love to cover a multitude of transgressions?

1. The meaning of ‘covering a multitude of transgressions’

Transgressions refer to sins revealed in action. Suppose one has lust in the heart to steal another’s possessions. It’s not transgression if it lies dormant in the heart but it becomes transgression when it is put into action by act of stealing. In order to cover this sin revealed in action, we need to have love.

To cover transgressions doesn’t only mean not to reveal one’s sins. But it also means being patient with everything, praying for others to be prosperous, expecting them to be changed, and trying hard to help them. That is, it is to cover transgressions of others even if it means no benefit but only loss. With such love, we can patiently endure with people, cover their sins, and guide them to the right way.

God’s children should not reveal others’ blemishes, and spots or wrongfully plot or slander others. His children should cast away sin and evil that God hates and by extending love to everyone we should cover ‘a multitude of transgressions of others’.

2. In order to achieve love to cover a multitude of sins

Let’s delve into what we should do to achieve love to cover a multitude of sins of others in three aspects.

When seeing one’s fault, we should first leave him alone secretly without revealing it

The biblical example is Joseph who appears in the first chapter of Matthew.

Joseph was engaged to Mary. One day he heard astonishing news that Mary was found to be with a baby. According to the Law in the Old Testament times, it had to be made known to people and then he would have had her stoned to death. Since he was a righteous man he didn’t reveal it and just planned to send her away secretly. He felt heartache over the fact that Mary had committed such a sin, but he couldn’t let his beloved die. He had this much goodness. So, God allowed for him to understand through the angel of the Lord that the baby had been conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20).

In such a case as this most people might have felt betrayed. They might have condemned her without giving her any opportunity to explain about the situation and may have even hated her. There are many problems that we can solve easily as long as we try listening to others and understanding them.

Colossians 3:13-14 reads, “Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.” As said, it is better to become a victim of false accusation than being embroiled in argument, revealing sins, and being unrighteous.

As recorded in Daniel Chapter 6, Daniel was thrown into the lions’ den even though he practiced only the Law of God and did no evil. Since he was loved by the King, he could have said it was a plot of evil persons, but he said nothing and quietly entrusted everything to God who is just. God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths so they couldn’t harm Daniel. By surviving in the lions’ den, Daniel showed God is alive and glorified Him over the King and the people of the Gentile nation.

If a person believes God is alive and almighty, he can forgive, endure, and wait for the justice of God even if he is falsely accused.

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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Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church
Dr. Jaerock Lee

He is God's servant of love and power who has awakened all people of all nations by spreading the core of the gospel following the Lord's way and manifesting the fiery works of the Holy Spirit.

Manmin Central Church opened with only 9 adults and 4 children in 1982. Through the works of the Holy Spirit the church has grown to become a mega-sized church with approximately 10,000 branch and associative churches. Just as Jesus preached and confirmed the word by the signs that followed His teaching, Dr. Jaerock Lee confirms that the Bible is the truth by showing the power of God.

He has conducted many overseas crusades such as in Uganda, Japan, Pakistan, Kenya, the Philippines, Honduras, India, Russia, Germany, Peru, DR Congo, the U.S., and Estonia since 2000 and showed explosive powerful works. Among them, Uganda Crusade was reported by CNN.

He also preached in the Israel United Crusade 2009 in Jerusalem. He proclaimed Jesus is the Messiah and it was broadcast live in approximately 220 countries. He is dedicated to the Word and prayer to accomplish the providence of God who desires all people of all nations to be saved at the end time by proclaiming the gospel to the end of the earth and achieving the mission of the ministry to North Korea.

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God wants His children to also have such love, forgiveness, patience, and perseverance.

If you are harmed by others, you must not keep hard feelings towards them but remove the feeling from your heart. When you give thanks and pray, God who knows the depth of men's hearts will cause all things to work together for the good and allow you to give glory to God.

We should cover sins of others

Genesis Chapter 9 shows us well the meaning of covering one's transgression or shortcoming. It happened among Noah and his three sons. Noah drank wine and became drunk. He uncovered himself and was naked inside his tent. Ham, the second son of Noah, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside.

But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness (Genesis 9:23). Shem and Japheth didn't see his father's fault but concealed it. Compared to Ham's, their hearts were beautiful.

Proverbs 17:9 says, "He who conceals a transgression seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends." For those who love each other, one's transgressions aren't seen as transgressions by the other. Even if his transgression is clear enough to be seen, the other may consider it her own transgression and feels sorry together.

Although Jesus was spotless, blameless, and flawless, He didn't point out people's shortcomings nor condemn them. He forgave them, healed the sick, and treated their trauma. He concealed sinners' transgressions and helped them turn back and go the right way. If we know the Lord's love, we should have the love to cover the sins of all people including our parents, siblings, spouses, and brothers and

sisters in the Lord.

Then, do we have to conceal transgressions of others unconditionally because the Lord tells us to cover them? The wages of sin is death, so if we see others go the way of death and pretend not to know it, it is not love. Considering the gravity of the sins and their measure of faith, we should lead them to the right way with proper methods such as admonishment of love, advice, or reproach.

Only one who has taken the log from his own eye is qualified to take speck out of others' eyes. But even if you lack a little, if you admonish and rebuke with love, it could be helpful to them. This is because they may feel the true love in you if you have the love to conceal others' transgressions.

James 5:19-20 reads, "My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." If you help people who have strayed from the truth to turn back, you save them from death and cover a multitude of sins. We need to practice this kind of love.

We should lead them to change by the truth

Jesus covered men's sins and understood them. Moreover, He covered everything with love and gave birth to life in them. Here, 'life' doesn't refer to physical life but to 'life' leading to eternal life and 'life' given by the Spirit. It is also 'life' to shed brilliant light upon souls in darkness.

How did Jesus lead Peter who had transgressions to change into a person who could martyr on the cross upside down? On the previous night before He was betrayed, He had the last supper with His disciples and let them know what would happen. Then, Peter had a heart to give even his life for the Lord (John 13:36; Luke 22:33).

Unexpectedly, Jesus said to him,

"Truly, truly, I say to you, a rooster will not crow until you deny Me three times" (John 13:38).

And, Peter actually did deny Jesus three times before a rooster crowed just as Jesus had spoken. After the denials, a rooster crowed, which reminded Peter of Jesus' Word. He went out and cried in repentance. Then, he remembered what Jesus had said to him: "Where I go, you cannot follow Me now; but you will follow later," "When once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers," and "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

Jesus knew that Peter would deny Him but He didn't rebuke him but gave him words of advice. It struck home with Peter. He might well have shed unceasing streams of tears thinking over the past and feeling Jesus' love.

By telling Peter what would happen, Jesus saved him from being racked by guilt of the denial and falling into worse sins. Not only when we forgive others of the sins they have already committed but also when we stop them from committing sins continually it can be called true love. This is the case when Jesus showed the greatest level of love to conceal sins. He led all people as well as His disciple Peter with such love.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the love to conceal a multitude of sins can move others' hearts in a strong and certain way and change them. If you find faults in others, you must first leave them be in secret, not revealing their faults. Then, you have to cover the fault without seeing, like Noah's two sons. Also, you have to admonish them with words of wisdom or goodness, rebuke them, touch others, and guide them to the truth.

In doing so I pray in the name of the Lord that you will lead many souls to the way of salvation with love that covers sins and comforts and encourages others.

Though love covers sins,
is it fitting to cover sins
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“God remembered my small good deeds and blessed me”

Early childhood education is very important and as an old saying goes, ‘Old habits die hard’. My parents knew this well and allowed for me to be educated in Manmin Kindergarten. Manmin Kindergarten is affiliated with Manmin Central Church and specializes in early childhood education. This institute teaches Biblical truth to children and raises them so that they can grow well and act wisely in faith.

While attending Manmin Kindergarten for four years, I naturally grew up as a child who enjoyed worshiping God in services, praying, and praising.

The love in my heart for the Lord increases through the shepherd’s love

I got along with my friends well in elementary school and led an exemplary life, so I received a lot of love from my teachers. But after entering middle school, I spent more time on hanging out with friends and less time in prayer. I preferred singing pop songs to praising and enjoyed surfing the Internet and watching soap operas.

But when I was a ninth grader, I started to be renewed in faith by attending Mini Crusade led by Dr. Jaerock Lee. Since students lived in such a sin-filled world, in the crusade held after Sunday Evening Service each week, he showed special interest in students so that they could love God foremost of all and live with hope for Heaven.

He preached from a viewpoint of students and listened to our problems and concerns. He even offered us things that were necessary for our study such as writing supplies and he helped students financially who were in difficult situations. Above all, with tears he earnestly asked us not to sin because Heaven and Hell definitely exist and urged us to go to New Jerusalem in Heaven together.

The shepherd’s fervent love enabled us to cast off our attachment to the world and fill our hearts with the love of the Lord. We came to lead diligent Christian lives and studied hard. I was also deeply touched by the love of the shepherd who loves his flock with his life and I came to love the Lord all the more.



Seminary Student Hyejin Kim
(aged 20, Young Adults’ Mission in South Korea) and her family

My righteous deed to tell the truth boldly was remembered by God

It happened a few days before summer vacation when I was a tenth grader. My homeroom teacher asked those who attended church to raise their hands in class. I raised my hand. Then, she said to me, “Hyejin, what church do you go to?”

I said, “I attend Manmin Central Church.” Then, she said, “There are strange rumors about the church, so you’d better not go to the church. My heart ached because of the teacher who misunderstood my church and my shepherd. I couldn’t stand it since

Senior Pastor Dr. Lee had dedicated himself to good deeds, helping the poor, and saving souls. After the class I went to the teacher’s office with Sister Jooyeon Choi who attends the same church and belonged to the next class.

“Ma’am, have you been to my church? Have you seen our Senior Pastor? Does he have grey hair or black hair? Does he wear glasses or not? Is his hair short or long?”

I asked these questions, crying a lot. She gave no answer and seemed embarrassed. I continued to say, “You know nothing about him, but how could you pass judgment

and condemnation? You are also a Christian. Are there any words in the Bible that say that it is ok to judge and condemn others? No! There are none, are there? Then, how could you say such a thing?” I kept crying.

She said, “No, that’s not what I meant... well... I heard that...” and she didn’t know what to do and she was about to say something. Because I didn’t want to hear anything unjust, I just said, “Bye!” and left. I went back to class. A few days later, I received my report card in school and there was the teacher’s written comment. It said, ‘She is bold and can express her opinion well.’ She might have felt sorry to me because I, who had usually listened to her well, cried for the first time on the day. This occasion served as a good opportunity to increase my love for God, the Lord, and the shepherd.

God has guided me to become a pastor

By the grace of God, I was called as a pastor in the first semester of the twelfth grade and started to prepare myself to become a pastor. I tried to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in everything.

I cried out in prayer earnestly to throw away sinful natures God hates such as anger, hatred, jealousy, envy, hard feelings, discomfort and frustration, lying, deceitfulness, judgment, changing mind, adulterous mind, selfish motives, greed, and betrayal. It resulted in me standing on the rock of faith.

“God! Please help me! I desire to achieve the good heart of God and the Lord. Help me.”

I hated evil that remained in me and I was eager to repay the love of God, the Lord, and the shepherd. So, I prayed more fervently. If fleshly thoughts came into me I tried to change them into thoughts of goodness.

I practiced goodness fervently, and above all I wanted to practice it with the deep aroma of my heart being offered up to God. Then God blessed me to grow up very fast for three months and accomplish the heart of spirit in March 2014.

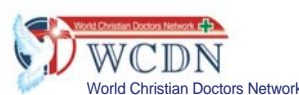
I am running to become a pastor who has profound goodness and love of the Lord and can lead countless souls to the arms of the Lord. I give all thanks and glory to God who has been leading my way into the most blessed way.



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