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“Rejoice, Worship! Celebrate the Birth of the Lord Jesus!”

Lyrics

“Happy Day”

Today the love received
from my Lord fills up
my heart 'til it overflows
The joy that I'm feeling is the
shepherd's gift of love

For billows of love that keep flowing
I give thanks to our loving Father.
For the love of the Lord He's given us,
I will sing of this happiness.

On this happy day and this joyful day,
The billows of love come and fill
my heart.

On this happy day and at this
moment of joy I give thanks
For happiness overflows
in my heart- pure joy!

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God who is the Word itself put on flesh, came to the earth, and became the Savior. His life was full of love and service itself. He gave all His heart to accomplish God's providence. His first priority was always to lead souls to life ahead of His personal comfort. His sacrifice and love will be spread to all people of all nations through endless mercy and love and the works of re-creation manifested in Manmin Central Church. (Photo: Christmas Eve Performance 2014, Lord of Love)

Joy and Thanks Were Engraved on the Hearts of Believers through Christmas Eve Event and Celebration Service

At 9:50 P.M. on December 18, 2015, the Christmas Lighting Ceremony 2015 was held, and broadcast via GCN. Thousands of the church members filled the front yard of the church. When Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee pressed the button, the lights of Christmas trees and ornaments came on. Sisters Jinkyung Seok and Jungeun Kim of the Heavenly Voice Chorus offered up special praise and Senior Pastor Dr. Lee gave the congratulatory message.

The members gave thanks to the Lord who had come to the earth for us and they made up their minds to fulfill their duties as light and salt that can awaken all people of all nations with the word of life and God's powerful works.

At 7 P.M. on December 24, the Christmas Eve

Service and Celebration Performance were held. Dr. Esther Chung, General Guidance Pastor of Young Adults' Mission delivered the message, and the Performing Arts Committee (Chairperson Pastor Heejin Lee) presented a splendid performance titled "Love".

The new seven songs of Manmin Praise were given by God for Christmas Performance 2015 such as My Lord, On the Day of White Snows, and Rejoice (Deuteronomy 31:19). It was a live performance of various genres of dance and musical performances that were well-mixed in the praise.

The prologue "Thanksgiving" opened the performance, which had the audience think of the meaning of Christmas. Then, the next one "Birth of the Lord & Love" was performed with a gorgeous dance performance and a 23-member string ensemble. Then, "The Unforgettable Day" and "We've Changed" performances followed in omnibus format.

Then, Power Worship Dance Team, Crystal Singers, Sound of Light Chorus, Glory Worship Dance Team, and Brass Band praised the birth

of Jesus who came to the earth as the Savior and glorified God.

In the Finale, Power Chorus, Harmony Chorus, and all the other performers praised the song "Congratulations" with Hallelujah Band.

At 11 A.M. on December 25, Christmas Celebration Service 2015 was held. Senior Pastor Dr. Lee preached the message under the title of "Unforgettable Grace" based on Luke 2:10-14. People throughout the world joined together in the Christmas Eve event and the Christmas Celebration Service via GCN (www.gcntv.org).

The Christmas Eve event was delivered jointly by the Hallelujah Band, the professionally performing members of the Performing Arts Committee, 100 supporting staff members and 130 members of the Nissi Orchestra. It was performed on a special stage in the main sanctuary and gave the audience an unforgettable moment.

'Today' is a gift given to us through God's love and sacrifice. Christmas should be the day when believers fully offer up their fragrance of thanksgiving for His great grace and love.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).

The Lord of Love

naked like a criminal and mocked by people.

Jesus is the precious Son of God. There were no grounds, no reason—nothing that He had done to suffer as much as He did and He was surely able to avoid it all. If He had wished, He could have immediately come down from the cross and stood before the people with His majestic and glorious appearance. He could have called for the host of heaven, more than 12 legions of them, and destroyed the evil people who stood against Him. But He silently took the suffering and died because His sacrifice was the only way that could save us.

For the saved people like us, Christmas is such a happy and cozy day. However, 2,000 years ago when Jesus was born, what was going through the heart of God?

He knew well of the future glory the Lord would receive, but He also knew what kind of terrible suffering the Lord would take prior to it. While He did not take His eyes off of Jesus for 33 years, He had to feel the sorrow of the things forthcoming. When Jesus was finally hung on the cross, God suffered so very greatly watching His Son, Jesus.

When His loving Father had to turn His face away from His Son, the Son was sad and lonely. But the heart of the Father was far beyond description when He had to ignore the suffering of His beloved Son although He could have helped. As you can see, God also made great sacrifices to the point of giving up His only begotten Son for us.

2. The love of the Lord is the love of giving up everything.

Jesus took all the sufferings and sacrificed Himself to the point of giving up His life while giving us only the good things. Those parents who truly love their children don't care about their wealth or their toil. While working so hard and giving up things they could have, they only think of how they can give the best of things to their children and how to help them lead a better

life.

He was not born to lie in a good bed in a fine home, but instead He was laid in a manger. It was a sign that He was to become the bread of life to the sinners who are less than animals. He didn't look for a good house, good clothes, or good food. He walked around with no place to lay His head. He put on rough and shabby clothes, and He often starved and prayed. It was to redeem us from poverty and to make us rich.

He constantly walked here and there to places with no time to sleep or rest, in an attempt to show the love of the Father to and to plant the hope of Heaven in those people who had no hope. It was to save them from the problems of diseases, infirmities, and demon-possession. “My beloved sons and daughters that I formed in My own image, don't be poor and don't be sick!” Jesus showed this heart of the Father to the souls.

He gave up the glory that He enjoyed as the Son of God. He gave up His body, heart, time, and possessions—even His life itself. When He was hung on the cross and ignored by God, He couldn't even call His beloved Father, “Father” because it was the moment when He was carrying the burden of sins of mankind. In those moments He gave up the intimacy with His most beloved Father, so that we could be forgiven of our sins and dwell in the love of God. It was because, if we dwell in God's love, we can enjoy health, wealth, wisdom, honor, and all the blessings that we ask for.

And in the end He will present the dwelling place in Heaven to us. The Lord said in John 14:2-3, “In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.”

Right now, Jesus is not eating anything. He is interceding for us. He is also preparing places for us in Heaven. In giving up all things,

He allows for us to enjoy all the best things—this is the love of our Lord for us.

3. The love of the Lord was revealed as the perfect fruit.

Our Lord said in John 12:24, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

The sacrifice of innocent Jesus saved countless souls. Whoever listens to the gospel and accepts the Lord can receive the Holy Spirit and be saved. As these souls who have received the Holy Spirit and been saved follow the desires of the Holy Spirit to diligently walk in the truth, they can attain to the level of spirit and whole spirit. And they finally become God's true children, and they reach the most precious positions.

This is the perfect fruit that God desires. Jesus opened the way of salvation for all mankind, but not all of them will become the perfect fruit. They heard the gospel and were saved, but if they stop in the middle or strayed onto a wrong path, they will have nothing to do with the Lord again.

Those who walk the path till the end will be able to pass through the gates into salvation. But it is only those who circumcise their hearts who will pass not only one gate, but many gates, and they will eventually enter the 3rd kingdom of Heaven, or best of all, New Jerusalem (Revelation 22:14).

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Romans 5:8 reads, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

When we didn't know the Lord, He loved us first, and He bought us with His precious blood. Instead of the punishment of being burned in the fire and sulfur of hell, He prepared the eternal Heaven. And when we pray in the name of the Lord, He answers our wishes and hearts' desires. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will always remember the love that the Father and the Love gave to us, and surely come forth as His precious fruit.

Every year when Christmas is around the corner, you get buoyed up by hope and happiness like a child expecting a gift. It is because God gave us His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, as a gift. He also made a promise with us that whoever accepts Jesus as his Savior will be saved.

It was love itself that the Lord was born on this earth, and everything He did on this earth was also love. Today, we will look at the kinds of love our Lord gave us in three aspects.

1. The Lord of love completely sacrificed Himself for us.

The fact that the Word became flesh and came to this earth in itself was already a great sacrifice. He locked His omnipotent and divine natures into the form of a low and obscure creature, and He lived on this earth just like men. For us, He lived such a harsh and poor life of hunger and thirst and often without sleep or rest.

Finally when the time came He took the cross. He managed all sacrifices in silence. People spat on Him and insulted Him. The thorns of the crown pierced into His head. Scourging caused His flesh to be torn apart revealing His bones. He was nailed through His hands and feet. But still Jesus did not try to avoid or elude the punishment. He didn't even care about the insult of being hung

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 Meaning of the Name of 'Jesus Christ'

Jesus came to the earth to redeem us from our sins. When He was crucified with love for us, overcame death, and resurrected, He became the Savior Jesus Christ. Let's lead a more powerful and rewarding Christian life by delving into the meaning of the name of 'Jesus Christ'.

The difference between 'Jesus' and 'Christ'

Matthew 1:21 reads, "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." The name of 'Jesus' means 'He will save His people from their sins'. This sentence is not in the past form but in the future form, while 'Christ' means 'the One who has been anointed' and refers to the Savior as a Peacemaker and Mediator between God and mankind. That is to say it carries the meaning of 'a being who meets the qualifications of the Savior'. In Greek He is called 'Christ' and is called 'Messiah' in Hebrew.

'Jesus' is His name, and 'Christ' is a title given when one has met the qualifications to receive it. For instance, just because a student wants to be a great doctor, he is not called 'Doctor'. He has to study hard, pass tests, and take necessary courses to gain the title

of 'Doctor'. In the same manner, Jesus went through special processes to become qualified as the 'Christ'.

From birth, He prepared for His ministry for 30 years, and performed His public ministry for three years. After the suffering of crucifixion, He resurrected on the third day and became the Christ. He fulfilled His duty as the Savior.

As explained above, the names 'Jesus' and 'Jesus Christ' are very different; one means the One who *will save us* and the other means the One who *has saved us*.

Therefore, before He resurrected, He is called 'Jesus' but after He resurrected He is 'Jesus Christ,' 'Lord Jesus,' or 'Lord.' The biblical records show that He is called Lord Jesus or Jesus Christ after His resurrection and ascension.

The reason we have to pray in the name of Jesus Christ

The Bible tells us Jesus is our only Savior. John 14:6 reads, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.'" Acts 4:12 says, "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."

After the first man Adam sinned, all mankind were destined to Hell according to the Word in Romans 6:23 which says, "The wages of sin is death." Only when we solve the problem of sin can we be saved and enter Heaven. To solve this problem for us, Jesus came to the earth, shed blood and died on the cross. By the precious blood of Jesus Christ, we were redeemed from our sins and the way of salvation opened to us.

Jesus, the Son of God, died on the cross, overcame death, and resurrected. It was then that He became our Savior. Therefore, it is proper to call Him 'Jesus' before His crucifixion, and to call Him 'Jesus Christ' after His crucifixion and resurrection. The name of Jesus Christ carries the same meaning of 'the Savior' and 'the Lord'.

Preaching the message and praying after the Lord's resurrection and ascension, the Lord's disciples and

apostles called Him not just 'Jesus' but they added 'the Lord' or 'Christ' to the name of Jesus (Acts 3:6). Therefore, we must not conclude our prayers with "In the name of Jesus, I pray" but we must say "In the name of Jesus Christ, I pray."

If you pray in the name of Jesus Christ knowing the providence of salvation exactly, you can have a completely different power of prayer than just to pray in the name of 'Jesus'.

While the name of 'Jesus' is the name before He completed the providence of salvation, the name of 'Jesus Christ' involves the meanings of the saving power of His blood, overcoming death and resurrecting, and becoming the Savior. Therefore, when we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the enemy devil and Satan are afraid and tremble, and we can receive the answer although it seems to be impossible with human power.

Today without knowing this spiritual meaning many people pray in the name of Jesus. Thus, we should understand the difference between the meanings of the names 'Jesus' and 'Jesus Christ' and pray in the name of Jesus Christ, thereby we can lead a more powerful Christian life.

Tip Secret Hidden in Calendars

A calendar used all around the world has an amazing secret. When the calendar was made, the time was divided into A.D. and B.C. with the birth year of

Jesus as the first year A.D. The 'A.D.' stands for Anno Domini in Latin which means 'the year of our Lord'. It means a year after the Lord's birth. The abbreviation 'B.C.' represents 'Before Christ', which means before the Christ.

To set the human history with Jesus' birth as the standard transcending nations, people,

religions, and culture, it means that Jesus is the center of human history.

Jesus, who is the Son of God the Creator, came to the earth as the King of kings. He solved the problem of all mankind with the love of the cross and gave us the blessings of salvation and eternal life.



“Binu! Get Up, Get Up!” After the Mysterious Dream I Was Healed of Tuberculosis



Sister Binu Kumari, age 24,
with her husband and son,
Delhi Manmin Church, India

I was guided to Delhi Manmin Church by my husband in January 2013. It was my very first time to get into a church, so without understanding of the sermon, I was just a churchgoer.

In the meantime, I experienced an amazing work; my father was on the doorstep of death due to asthma and heart disease but was healed when he received the prayer of handkerchief on which Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12) through Pastor John Kim. I experienced the living God and felt so thankful to Senior Pastor who prayed for him. I came to feel the love of the shepherd and shed many tears. I enjoyed volunteering in church and longed to pray.

In May 2014, my mother-in-law passed away, and I had to go to her house that was far from my place and take care of my sister-in-law and brother-in-law. I could not attend church. A month and a half later, I became weak and had a difficulty in breathing. The X-ray result showed that I had tuberculosis.

It was getting worse, and finally I could not walk, eat, and drink. I even had a headache, so I could not sleep. I lied on the bed all day, and cried a lot due to pain. I took medicine for a month but I wanted to stop taking it and to

receive Senior Pastor's prayer.

Seeing me in so much pain, my husband took all the blame on himself and repented to God. He also sent a prayer request to Seoul and on October 26, he received Senior Pastor's prayer on behalf of me. I did not know this. At that time, I slept and had a dream. In the dream, Senior Pastor, who was preaching, suddenly called my name and told me to get up.

“Binu! Wuto (Get up), Wuto (Get up)!”

I cried and said I can't. He said, “You can. Just get up.” Then, I woke up from the dream and thought it was very mysterious. At the moment, I noticed that I had no difficulty in breathing and no headache. I was strengthened when I walked, which amazed me. I shed tears and offered up prayers of thanksgiving.

In January 2015, I had a medical check-up again and it showed that there was no more symptoms of tuberculosis. I was so delighted. Hallelujah!

Since then, my husband and I have diligently evangelized people with thanks to God who healed me and Senior Pastor who prayed for me. About 20 acquaintances of mine were evangelized. I am also volunteering for the church and live in Lord-given joy. I give all thanks and glory to God.

Four years ago, my cartilage wore away due to degenerative arthritis. I could not walk well, so I had to rely on others or a cane. I had attended only a catholic church, but by the guidance of my eldest son, Deacon Young Ju, I participated in Manmin Summer Retreat 2015.

Then an astounding work happened to me. When we went to the place of the retreat, my husband had to help me walk. However, after I received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick, I was able to walk by myself.

I felt so good because I had no pain in my knees. But on September 22, my regular check-up revealed that I had third stage stomach cancer. My doctor told me that tumor was in my esophagus, so quite a big part of my stomach needed to be cut off. By my son's pleading, I registered in Western Busan Manmin Church and I repeatedly listened to the sermon “The Message of the Cross” that includes the providence of salvation through Jesus Christ. And I received the prayer after the sermon.

On October 1, the surgery was successful. I was told that it would take five or six hours but it ended in three hours. I recovered quickly and was discharged from hospital in six days. Nothing is impossible

“Joy of Meeting God the Creator, I Want to Spread It”

for God but with my weak faith I had not thought about being healed of stomach cancer. But my faith increased because the surgery went well.

Afterwards, my husband and I left

Busan and stayed in my son's place in Incheon. I decided to rely on God instead of recurrence prevention treatment the doctor had urged me to take. I listened to Dr. Lee's sermons day and night and watched GCN,

so full of testimonies, sermons, and praises! I received a lot of grace. Whenever I received Dr. Lee's prayer for the sick after the sermons, I received it with faith. As a result, I came to eat well and digest well. And there was no after-effect. Hallelujah!

Since we started leading Christian lives in Manmin Central Church, many amazing changes have happened. When I applied Muan Sweet Water (Exodus 15:25), double-eyelids formed and I came to have pretty eyes. My husband also got inner double-eyelids through Muan Sweet Water. My husband walked with limp due to lumbar canal stenosis but he is now able to walk normally and has sensation in his legs.

Above all, I felt troubled when I attended a catholic church for 55 years. Now through Dr. Lee's sermons, I learn how to live by the Word of God and I am so happy. His sermons made me realize that I had not lived by the truth and had not served my husband well. I repented of all of it and now I feel very good as if dirt on my body that stayed for 70 years was gone.

I couldn't be happier in my whole life time. I want to deliver this good news to many people. I give all thanks and glory to God who allowed me to meet the true shepherd.



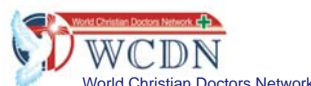
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