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“By the Grace of God, Abundant Fruit Has Been Borne!” November 20, 2016, it was Thanksgiving Sunday. With a grateful heart to God for setting them free from poverty, diseases, and disasters and allowing them to achieve the heart of spirit, Manmin Central Church decorated the altar with 297 varieties of the best of grains, vegetables, and fruit. The Women’s Mission arranged them with beautiful ornaments. The Maintenance Bureau, Church Vehicle Bureau, and Levite and Manmin Volunteer Group helped with it.

2016 Second Special Daniel Prayer Meeting



Manmin’s 42-day prayer ‘festival’ was held by the Manmin Prayer Center, and it ended with an award ceremony on November 20, 2016.

This session started on October 10, the church’s 34th anniversary

and ended on November 20, Thanksgiving Sunday. The members prayed from 9 to 11:40 P.M. during weekdays, and until 11 P.M. on weekends. On Fridays they offered up the Friday All-night Service. The prayer meeting was broadcast on GCN (www.gcntv.org) and branch churches in and out of Korea prayed together.

The ceremony was led by Rev. Soojin Lee, President of the Pastors’ Association and Pastor Dongcho Shin, Director of Theological Research Center.

Manmin Prayer Center Praise Team, Serem Korean Traditional Music Team, Glory Worship Dance Team, and Deaconess Seongkyul Joo and Sister Jungeun Kim Duet gave special performances. Between the performances 100 members were chosen at random by drawings to receive gift vouchers.

Manmin Prayer Center gave tumblers to all who attended for 42 days without missing a single night, and Deaconess Soonok Baek (Parish 3) received the Grand Prize given by Senior Pastor Dr.

Jaerock Lee.

At the end of the ceremony, Dr. Lee prayed for the members on the phone from his mountain prayer house. In the prayer, he extended his thanks to God for leading the members not to be stained with sins and evil at this sin-filled generation and for helping them have hope for Heaven and change through the truth. He also prayed so that they would see the following year 2017 with the eyes of faith and receive answers to their prayer.



GCN Participated in the Fellowship of European Broadcasters Conference 2016

GCN, whose Board Chairman is Dr. Jaerock Lee, took part in Fellowship of European Broadcasters Conference 2016 held in Soesterberg, Netherlands from November 17 to 20.

This conference was attended by people from eighteen countries from Europe, North America, Australia, and Asia. They made speeches concerning the present and future of European Christian broadcasters and the challenges

they are facing. They also had discussion sessions and Bible study. Elder Boaz J. Lee, President of GCN introduced Manmin Central Church’s broadcast ministry and discussed cooperation with other broadcasters.

GCN has produced various programs with the Word of Life, testimonies and evidences of God’s powerful works and broadcast them in more than 170 countries over the world.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

If You Believe, You Will See the Glory of God

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?’”
(John 11:40)

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We can receive answers from God if we have true faith and love. As written in John 11:1-2, Lazarus had two sisters. Their names were Mary and Martha. They lived in a town called Bethany near Jerusalem. It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and wiped His feet with her hair. It was her brother, Lazarus, who was sick and died. How could the family of Lazarus, who had been dead for four days, see the glory of God?

First, they believed in the almighty God and in Jesus, whom God was with.

When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was. Then after this He said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again” (John 11:6-7). When He came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days (John 11:17).

When Jesus came, according to John 11:21-22 Martha said to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” Of course, Martha did not say what she had said because she thought Lazarus could be revived. We can see this from the fact that she said, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day,” in a response to Jesus’ remarks

saying, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha had never heard that since the creation a dead man with foul smell rose again. Because she did not have knowledge or experience about it, she couldn’t think Lazarus could come back to life. But Martha believed in Jesus from her heart. In order for her to receive the answer, Jesus still guided her to transform her fleshly faith into spiritual faith. He asked in John 11:25-27, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Then, she said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.”

It was such a profession of faith as this that led her to receive the answer. Furthermore, through this experience of Lazarus coming forth alive from the grave, Martha came to have firm faith in Jesus, the Son of God, who is the resurrection and life.

Our Lord has been guiding us unceasingly to have such faith. Since 1982, the church opening year, God has continually shown signs, wonders and other works of power in this church. And, because the level of power is increasing all the time, many people received answers to their problems and glorified God.

The second reason was because they loved God and the One who was sent by God.

In John 11:3 we find the sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus. They only said, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.” Just by considering this short message, we can see how close Jesus and the family were. We also see that Jesus

was like a family member to them.

The two sisters did not explain in detail about the messenger, the current situation, or what their request was. The closer friends are and the deeper the trust shared between them, they understand each other more deeply even though they don’t explain everything.

Lazarus’ family had this kind of relationship with Jesus. And the basis of this trust was love. Namely, the love they stored up became the basis of trust, and thanks to this love and trust, they could get an answer even to the problem of death.

Then, how did Lazarus and his family love Jesus in their lives? One of the best examples is that Lazarus’ sister, Mary, anointed Jesus with perfumed oil. Pouring the oil on Jesus’ head and feet and wiping His feet with her hair was not only an act of deep emotion, it was also the greatest expression of her love. Such an act did not just come out overnight. It was carried out because she loved Him passionately and served Him with her utmost all the time.

Mary and her family wanted to do anything for Jesus for they were blessed by Him. Jesus could not sleep or eat well doing His ministry. Even at night, He went to solitary places to pray alone (Matthew 8:20). It was a very physically demanding life.

Knowing this very well, Mary and her family always and desperately thought about the ways to provide Him with comfort and to please Him. Whenever Jesus came near their place, they invited Him into their house and served Him.

Luke 10:38 says, “Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her

home.” They didn’t do so expecting something in return. They just served Jesus because they loved Him so much. They believed that Jesus was a man sent by God, and at the same time, they served Him with warm love as if He were their own family. This gentle aroma of heart of Mary and her family was delivered to Jesus, and Jesus also loved this family.

Even people of flesh would want to do anything for somebody if that person is so lovely. Now, how about God, who is Love itself? How much would He want to give to those whom He loves? In John 15:7, the Lord says to those who have become united with Him in love, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.”

I can boldly testify about one thing. It’s that I have received so many answers and so much blessing by having a close tie of love with God and communicating in heart with Him. As my heart became one with God in love, I see all the time that He gives me everything I need even though I don’t ask, or even if I just harbor it in my heart, or even if I don’t even know I need it myself. How wonderful would it be, if you could also be one with God in love? Psalm 37:4 says, “Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.” I pray in the name of the Lord that this verse will be fulfilled in your life, too.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the reason this sign was made possible is because of the great power of Jesus and because the family of Lazarus showed their deeds of faith. Mary and Martha’s love and faith were not shaken even when Lazarus died.

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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As We Cast Away Sinful Natures and Resemble the Lord

In heart of man are sinful natures. Hatred, anger, adulterous mind, and jealousy are the examples.

The desire to act upon these natures and commit sins is 'the lust of the flesh'.

When the lust of the flesh is activated, people commit sins through words and deeds (1 John 2:16).

Now we will look into how to find out these sinful natures, throw them away, and thereby resemble the Lord.

When it comes to understanding the lust of flesh, 'feeling' is a major factor that contributes to its formation.

Today let us delve into the 'feeling' and how to change it.

'Sinful Nature' Planted in Heart with 'Feeling'

Today many people fail to cut themselves off from drugs, pornography, and violent games. They become addicted to them. One of the reasons is that 'feeling' was planted in their hearts when they experienced such bad things for the first time. The feeling is new and tempting, so they want to feel it again and more strongly next time, which leads to addiction.

This is similar to a seedling of rice in a

rice paddy. When it is planted deep, it is hard to pull it out; but it is easy to be picked out otherwise. The same principle can be applied to sinful natures.

Suppose one watches an obscene movie. While its scenes are entered and saved in the memory device in the brain, its sinful nature is planted in heart with a certain degree of feeling. If a person sees another obscene scene, the feeling previously planted is retrieved. It is not easy to remove improper feelings that were firmly planted, and even more difficult to delete feelings that are planted with strong

emotions.

When a sinful nature is planted in the heart, a follow-on feeling is planted; the opposite is also true. When the nature is activated, the feeling is retrieved. With anger, people may feel like something is boiling over in them and running over and out of them. In jealousy, they might find freezing coldness in them. When they are arrogant, they might feel they are superior to everything. With adulterous mind, they feel something moving in them. When these feelings are brought back up, it may lead you to commit sins.

Sinful Natures Must Not Be Planted

You may know what anger and hatred are like. If you do not have anger in your heart, however, no feeling related to it is recalled. You cannot burst into anger. If you have no hatred, you do not have any hatred-related feelings, and you cannot hate anybody. It shows how important it is for sinful natures and following feelings not to be planted in your heart. In addition, you should try to plant 'good feelings'.

Let's suppose you felt sorrow and pain when you saw somebody get what you wanted to

have. Such feelings lead in causing you to have greed, jealousy, and hatred planted in your heart as sinful natures. Then, when you see anybody who has more than you do, the feeling may be brought back and you may hate and envy him or her.

On the other hand, say you were taught by your parents to feel joy and happiness for others when others had more than you. So, you planted good feelings when others were happy. Then, you may keep feeling good when you see others have better things than you, and you may even want to share what you have with others.

As said, parents should set a good example

for their children. If they argue and burst into anger every day, although they tell their child to be a 'good person', he may have fear and anger in his heart.

Only when parents joyfully live their Christian lives with hope for New Jerusalem can their child plant a good feeling about faith and Heaven. Their happiness may make him think, "New Jerusalem must be a very good place because my parents are so happy with hope to go there." If the parents seem to have hard times and feel burdened, the child may think, "It may be really hard to go to New Jerusalem." Then, the child may lose hope for New Jerusalem.

Change Negative Feelings into Good Ones

If you keep thinking, 'Why is he acting like that? I don't understand. I don't like him,' you cannot but hate him.

If you really want to throw away hatred, you should try to put yourselves in others' shoes and interpret their intention in goodness. If you continue to try, your bad feelings may become weak and finally you will not have hatred against them.

When you try to cast away hatred, greed, jealousy, judgment, and condemnation, you should substitute them with good feelings.

When it comes to certain sinful natures such as betrayal, deceitfulness, lying, adulterous mind, and hot-temper, you should hate having them.

Let's say your wife is walking and other men keep glancing at her. You must be very upset. If you were to look at a woman like they do, how dirty you'd feel! In this way, you could realize how filthy adulterous minds are. By trying to feel bad about sinful natures, you can quickly throw them away.

People would not be able to realize how filthy sinful natures in heart are if they did not experience relativity during the cultivation on the earth.

However, sins and evil are so rampant that people are used to committing sins and having feelings accompanied by them. They have become addicted to the feelings and have been caught in sinful natures. Therefore, it is very important for you to cut yourself from the worldly sins and evil in your Christian lives.

Thus, all of us should realize how evil, dirty, and filthy the feelings that come from sinful natures are through this process of human cultivation. By understanding it and trying to achieve the good and pure heart of the Lord, you can recover the image of God that has been lost due to sins.

“I Came to See and Hear!”

Deacon Yongsung Kim,
age 71, Parish 16, Manmin Central Church

In June 2015, my face was swollen and my ears were ringing, and I almost lost ability to hear. My nose was swollen as well, causing much pain and difficulty in breathing. I was diagnosed with otitis media, nasal polyps, and sinus infection. What was worse, the vision in my right eye diminished and things looked so blurred through the eye. I was told that all these were all caused by high blood pressure and diabetes.



I had surgery for otitis media and removal of nasal polyps, but it turned worse and in April 2016 I was found to have class-two disability. My right eye sight became worse and I lost vision completely, so I couldn't even see light. I went to many hospitals but they just told me that the only thing I could do for my ears was to use hearing aids and there was no way to heal my blind eye.

‘How could all these things happen to me?’ I was caught up in despair. I avoided others because I had difficulty in talking to others in person as well as on the phone. I felt so sad and depressed. I thought the only way to survive this is to rely on God with faith.

I began to listen to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons with hearing aids. As I listened carefully, I came to have faith that I would be healed of my eye and ear problems that couldn't be healed in a hospital. I ought to have relied on God from the beginning of my problem. I regretted and repented my foolishness that I had tried worldly medicine. I started to attend Daniel Prayer Meeting every night and attended all kinds of services including Wednesday Service and Friday All-night Service.



Dr. Lee said in particular that God would heal eye-related problems in Manmin Summer Retreat 2016. I thought it was an opportunity for me to receive answers.

On August 8 the first day of the retreat Divine Healing Meeting was held. When Senior Pastor prayed for the sick,

I felt clearing in my eyes. Back at home, I realized a miracle had taken place.

Light came to my right eye! Hallelujah!

I also could hear better and better in both ears, and finally I came to hear what others said without hearing aids. My eye became better and better so I was able to distinguish things I saw. Now I can listen to sermons and talk on the phone without hearing aids, and I was also healed of diabetes. My blood sugar level is now normal.

I realized I can see and hear well by the grace of God. I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me, and give thanks to Senior Pastor who prayed for me.

“I Received Blessings by Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy”

Deaconess Akase Sayuri,
age 47, Maizuru Manmin Church, Japan

When I was 24, I met a man in my workplace and was married to him. A year later his violence was revealed. He beat me for following 12 years.



In 2005, I was guided to Osaka Manmin Church. I came to have peace in heart. My husband still beat me and persecuted me more and more. I was sometimes thrown out of the house, and I also had to stay in hospital after being beaten by him. My life was a series of hardships. When he stopped me from going to church, I went to Deaconess Iwamoto Yoko who guided me to the church and offered up home services. I sought God praying in church on the way from work during weekdays.

The God of love showed me evidence of His presence and comforted my heart. My daughter was in the third grade in a primary school. She had a large corn on her finger tip. I prayed and sprayed Muan Sweet Water (Exodus 15:25) to it and prayed with her. Next day, a corn fell off and new flesh was developed. Her finger became normal. Hallelujah!

In 2008, I separated from my husband, and went to my hometown with my three children. But I still was earnest to seek God. It was a remote town but I found a church. It was Maizuru Manmin Church which was a two-hour drive away. I went to the church every week and became filled with the Holy Spirit. I got a stable job too.

In April 2016, I strained the muscle in my back when I was carrying something that weighted around 20kg. It caused a lot of pain. I could not straighten my back so I went home with my back bent. The next day I could not even move my body at all. It was so serious that I could not even go to work.

I received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's recorded prayer for the sick on the phone, and began to reflect upon why it had happened and what God wanted me to realize. I realized that I still had greed for and lingering attachments to the world. I shed endless tears. I rent my heart and thoroughly repented. Afterwards, I recovered so quickly that I could go to work in the afternoon.

I came to throw away worldly things even though they seemed trivial and I humbly served others in the workplace. I was blessed to get promoted and receive a raise in pay as well. I give thanks to the Lord who came to me and extended His hands to me. I give all thanks and glory to God.



A panoramic view of Maizuru Manmin Church, Japan.



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