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“We Are Happy with the Holy Spirit’s Fullness”

Students’ Winter Retreat 2017 Full of Works of Life and Change



From February 23 to 25 in 2017, Manmin Central Church’s Students’ Sunday School has its Winter Retreat. It was held with the goals of helping students recover their faith through worship services and powerful prayer; to help them give out the Lord’s fragrance and to keep themselves from being stained with the world; and for them to show their renewed hearts to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee whom they are expected to meet at the Gethsemane Prayer House.

On the first day, the principal, Pastor Changmin Kim, delivered the message, “Don’t Miss the Opportunity” based on James 2:22 in the opening service held at 10 A.M. He gave his testimony of his life from when he was wandering in the world during his school days until he became a pastor.

At 2:30 P.M. on the same day, Rev. Dr. Soojin Lee, President of Pastors’ Association (Photo 1) preached the message entitled “Gold Vessels” taken from Isaiah 64:8 and 2 Timothy 2:20-22. She testified

about her Christian life during her school days when she tried to accomplish the heart of the truth in obedience to the Word of God. She urged them to devote themselves to the Word and prayer, fill their hearts with the Lord’s love and study hard with hope to glorify God. The students in attendance repented with tears in praise and prayer and were determined to change.

At 9 P.M., they attended Special Daniel Prayer Meeting. Manmin Prayer Center President Boknim Lee (Photo 2) led the prayer in fullness and pastors helped them to pray. They shed a lot of tears and received the baptism of fire of the Holy Spirit. They said they felt the two hours and forty minutes was too short. And some of them said they felt relieved, joyful, and thankful.

Afterwards, many students shared their testimonies. They gained confidence to break off attachments to worldly things. They stopped watching TV and You Tube, playing games, and listening to pop songs without great effort and they listened

more attentively to the Word and read Christian books. Their attitude and ways of talking were changed as well, which makes parents happy. Some testified to their changes including healing of scoliosis and rashes.

On the second day, each mission had their own meeting at 10 A.M. They gathered in Gwanak Community Sports Field at 12 P.M. and had Sports Day. The Metrological Administration said it was around 2 degrees Celsius locally in Gwanak-gu, but at the sports field it rose to 14.8 Celsius degrees being situated on a hillside. In optimum weather, they felt God’s love and felt excited to see signs that were made with clouds.

They attended Friday All-night Service starting from 11 P.M. and the Nazareth Choir, that is made up of students, glorified God with Manmin Praise “Manmin” and even gave an ‘encore’ performance. In the second half of the service, they offered up praise and prayer in the fullness.

On Saturday, the last day of the

retreat, Rev. Heejin Lee, Chairperson of Performing Arts Committee, led Praise and Worship (Photo 3). She urged them to glorify God with their talents and advised them to make a decision on their future by praying to God. They felt joy and made up their minds to glorify God in tears while praising with their whole hearts and bodies.

Principal Pastor Changmin Kim (Photo 4) said, “Through this Winter Retreat students now are worshipping in spirit and truth. Some of them used to have a hard time praying for more than one hour but can now pray for more than two hours. Many repented and received the gift of tongue. They felt the Lord’s and shepherd’s love and were given confidence that they can make it. They cut off the worldly things while offering up fasting and vowed prayer. Their words and behaviors were changed. Their parents said they were so thankful.

Let’s give all thanks and glory to God who renewed students’ hearts through Winter Retreat 2017.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Whole Tithe and Offerings (2)

gifts from others, we also have to give the tithe for these things, too. We are supposed to give the tithe for all kinds of income to include the regular income, bonuses, cash gifts, and other gifts.

2) We have to set the tithe apart from other offerings. Some people think they deduct the amount they give to God as offerings from their income and give the tithe from the remaining amount. Also, some, when giving the tithe say, "Please use a part of this for charitable works." If we give our tithe for other purposes, it is not a part of the whole tithe.

The tithe, 10% of the total, must be given under the name 'tithe' and must be set apart from other offerings. It's because the tithe belongs to God. If we give our tithe for other purposes, it is not tithe, but an offering because we are designating the use of God's money at our own discretion.

3) We should give the tithe to the church from which you receive the spiritual bread much like you should pay the hospital at which you received your medical treatment and you pay the tuition fee to your school which you are attending. It's the same with the principle of giving tithes. Of course, you can give thanks offerings, construction offerings, or other offerings as you like and designate. But please keep in mind that you should give your tithe to the church where your spirit belongs and is nourished.

4) The tithe must be given under each individual's name. The tithe cannot be given under the family name, or the name of both husband and wife. For example, suppose the wife is only a housewife and the husband is making the money. Some of them give the tithe under both their names. But the tithe must be given under each individual's name, from each one's income. In Heaven, according to each one's deeds, the rewards are different. Therefore, when we give offerings to God, we have to give under our own individual name. Sometimes the husband and wife may have a common income. They may give the tithe under both their names, or they may split the profit into two halves or in the ratio they agreed and then give the tithe under each one's name.

5) We have to give the tithe not only on regular income but on additional income. Some people say they are jobless and they don't have the income to give tithe. But there is no one who has no tithe to give. Because they receive something to eat, clothes to wear and transportation expenses, people are able to continue to live. For example, the wife

is a housewife and receives the living expenses from her husband. There is a part of that living expense which she can spend at her disposal. If she meets with her friends for lunch or dinner or she does something in her leisure time, that kind of expenditure is her 'income'. When children receive pocket money from their parents or relatives, or they may receive some presents from their friends, they should give tithe as well.

6) We should give the tithe at least once a month. Some people give the tithe only once or twice a year. But they should determine their tithe at least once a month. Of course, there may be exceptions, too. For instance, for farmers it may be difficult to give tithe for every month. Also, some people do not have regular income. Except for such cases as these, we should give the tithe at least once a month.

7) We first have to give the tithe from our total income. It is proper to give the tithe first from our income and then spend according to expenditures from the remainder. If we take out and set apart the tithe immediately after we receive income, then, we can avoid a situation where we cannot give the tithe because we don't have any money.

2. How to Offer Up Whole Offerings

1) The Meaning of Offerings

Offerings can be all kinds of monetary and other kinds of offerings given to God other than the tithe. In the book of Leviticus, we can find many kinds of offerings: burnt offering, grain offering, peace offering, sin offering, and guilt offering. Also, the book explains in detail about the herd, flock, goat, dove, grains and fruits that are given to God. Today, we do not give sacrifices and offerings in the same way as in the Old Testament times, but we still have the spiritual meaning of them in attending worship services and giving offerings.

In the case of offerings, we have thanks, church construction, Feast, charitable, missionary, cell worship service and sin offerings. We can also offer to God rice and other kinds of things that are needed for the kingdom of God. In today's reading passage, God says it is also to rob God if we do not give offerings as well as the tithe. If we do have faith, we cannot help but give offerings to God as well as the tithe (Matthew 6:20-21).

If we give offerings with hope for Heaven, we will have the heavenly rewards stored. God will also keep our families, workplaces, and businesses while on earth. Some people may think

they are in a difficult situation and they have nothing to give. Everybody can still give a very minimal offering. The amount of the offering to God is not what really matters. It is rather the love and heart contained in the offering (Luke 21:1-4).

2) How to Offer Up Offerings

First, we have to give what is without blemish. Even between people, when we give a present to somebody important, we don't give something that has blemish or defect. We give something of the best quality in a nice wrapping (Malachi 1:8). An offering without defect means that the heart of the person who is giving the offering and the offering itself must have no defect. Therefore, when we give offerings to God, first of all we have to give with a joyful heart (2 Corinthians 9:7). If we have any sin or iniquity, we have to repent first, and then give the offerings, so that God can accept them joyfully. Not only the heart, but when you give the offerings, the offering itself must not have blemish. We should give God bills that are not dirty or torn but clean and new. Also, even for the offerings, you should not just give whatever is left after you spend for yourself, but you should set them apart just like in the case of tithes.

Secondly, we must not change our mind in giving offering. What we have to give as thanks offering, we have to give it as thanks offering. So is the case with church construction offerings (Deuteronomy 23:23). Suppose you made a vowed construction offering, and if you later give that amount as charity offering or other offerings, it is not right. Also, the amount of offering must not be changed either. Also, when you have something better, you cannot change it with the former one just because you think the latter is better. If you really want to give God something better, then you have to give both the former and the latter (Leviticus 27:9-10).

Third, what you give to God must be offered to the altar and prayed upon. Even the offerings in the Old Testament were touched by the priests and offered under their control. One of the meanings is that they are sealed as God's. That is why in the worship services today, the pastor lays his/her hand on the offerings and prays on it. It is to set apart and seal the offerings as God's so that He can accept the offerings given by the believers. Therefore, what is given to God must be given to the altar and prayed on so it can be accepted by God, and the giver can receive blessings.

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows’”
(Malachi 3:10).

Some people say giving the tithe just to receive blessings is not showing true faith. God promised that He will give us spiritual and material blessings when we believe in Him and act according to His word. He firmly promised to bless us whether we are coming in or going out; to provide for us so we can lend but not borrow; and to become the head and not the tail (Deuteronomy 28:1-14).

I hope that you will enjoy the right and blessing as God's children by keeping the Lord's Day holy and giving whole tithe and offerings which are Christian basics.

1. How to Give Whole Tithe

1) To give whole tithe, we have to take the one tenth from the total income. For example, suppose a person receives 1,000 dollars as salary, but because the tax, pensions and insurance are deducted, he receives only 800 dollars as take home income. He thinks his income is 800 dollars and gives 80 dollars as his tithe. Is this right? We can say he gives the whole tithe when he uses the total amount of his salary, namely a 1,000 dollars that is his actual income. The taxes and other payments are his personal expenses.

Also, the total income includes not only the income in cash, but other forms of income as well. Namely, if we are treated to a meal or if we receive any

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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True Love for the Lord

By delving into the true love Mary Magdalene and Apostle Paul had for the Lord, let's gain greater love for the Lord and enter the most glorious place in Heaven like the forefathers of faith.

Mary Magdalene and Apostle Paul Loved the Lord More than Their Own Lives

It says in Luke 8:2-3 that Mary Magdalene followed and served Jesus with her own means though she was very poor. She sacrificed herself and unchangingly followed Him because she had spiritual love for Him. Apostle Paul also loved the Lord more fervently than he loved himself. In any hardship or persecution, he loved the Lord to the point of giving up his own life in joy and thanksgiving (Acts 21:10-14).

The reason that the apostle Paul and Mary Magdalene loved the Lord more than their own lives was because they achieved the heart of spirit. Spiritual love naturally comes out from the heart of spirit. Although Mary Magdalene followed Jesus always, she never troubled Him and He felt peaceful in her service.

If we have fleshly thoughts, we cannot but serve in our own ways. But with the heart of spirit, we can understand the other's heart in spiritual thoughts and do what God wants. That is why Jesus could feel peace in Mary's service. Paul also loved the Lord with a spiritual heart, understood His heart, and fulfilled God-given duty well.

What should we do to accomplish such spiritual love?

First we should fully abandon our 'self'. The heart of spirit is accomplished when we remove every kind of fleshly thought and self-righteousness and avoided every form of evil. Spiritual love does not bring others suffering or pain. In the love we can give peace and joy to others by serving them with the knowledge of their hearts.

They Loved the Lord More Fervently than Anyone Else

Mary Magdalene loved the Lord to the point of feeling she could not live a day without Him. Sometimes the Lord seemed to treat her coldly and did not even turn His eye on her. She understood why the Lord treated her that way and considered it as His true love for her. So she felt joy and thankful.

While Jesus has great love in human nature, He had to show His divine nature more to fulfill His duty as the Savior. Mary even knew this heart of His and thought of everything He did as His love towards her. Suppose you devoted yourself to the Lord but nobody recognized you. If you do not want to keep doing so because no one seems to recognize you, you cannot say that you were devoted with true love for the Lord. In true love, you can dedicate everything regardless of others' recognition.

Apostle Paul was elately educated under Gamaliel and had Roman citizenship. His success seemed to be guaranteed. But he counted all things as loss for the sake of Christ, in view

of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:7-8). For the Lord he had suffered the loss of all things. His passion for the Lord had not cooled down at all even as he became a martyr. He was full of thanks and joy for the Lord's grace.

He did not turn his way or think his way was hard in spite of unbearable trials and hardships. Rather, he thought over subjects to give thanks and gave thanks. It did not matter to him whether wicked people tried to kill him or put him in deep prison cells. He had no fear or confusion when he was adrift on the sea for a day and a night three different times because of shipwreck. He gave thanks to the Lord for forgiving all his sins of having persecuted the Lord, for leading him to pile up heavenly rewards, and reaching the more glorious position in heaven. He gave thanks since he had been given many chances to repay the grace of the Lord and for humbling his heart through the persecutions and hardships.

They Never Changed Their Heats in Any Circumstances

Mary Magdalene followed Jesus onto the hill of Golgotha where He would be crucified. In that situation, she could have suffered harm for having been with Jesus. Other disciples fled and hid themselves in fear. But she did not leave Jesus up to the last moment. Her love did not change even after Jesus breathed His last. On the next day of the Sabbath she came to His tomb at dawn to anoint Him with spices. When she came to the tomb, she met the risen Lord (John 20:1-18).

The reason that she gained such great glory to see the resurrected Lord first was that she loved Him passionately more than her own life, and served Him unchangingly until the last moment. When she came to the tomb, the risen Lord told her to preach His resurrection to people and promised to let her see Him soon. After she received the promise of the Lord, she preached His resurrection to the people and His disciples until

He called her into heaven.

Apostle Paul's love for the Lord never cooled down as well under any circumstances until he was martyred. He met many severe hardships and trials, but his heart was full of the Lord. He thought hardships as fertilizer to bear more precious fruit and all pains as a whip for him to run faster. Since he had such an unchanging heart, even when he was about to martyr, his heart was overflowing with joy and expectation that he would see the Lord soon.

Apostle Paul and Mary Magdalene did not say they would do something if the Lord would strengthen them. But they said they would do everything for the Lord because they thought the love the Lord gave to them was so great. They loved the Lord unchangingly. And, as a result they finally went into the glorious place in New Jerusalem.



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“Miracle Junior” Glorifies God with Beautiful Performance

**“I can do all things through Him who strengthens me”
(Philippians 4:13)**



Manmin students have increased their God-given dream and vision, and among them was ‘Miracle Junior’ a group that belongs to the Performing Arts Committee of Manmin Central Church. It was organized in 2013, and is made up of middle and high school students who major in string and brass instruments.

The members want to get into Nissi Orchestra which is the first orchestra in the world formed only for the glory of God. They both study in school and practice playing their instruments to become outstanding players both in spirit and body. Despite their busy schedules, they have increased faith and skills relying on God by prayer.



“One should start to take lessons to major in string instruments before entering school or at least when they are elementary schools. But most of the team members made a decision about their goal quite late, even as late as when they entered middle school. It seemed to be hard in reality but as they asked for God’s strength their skills have been improved very quickly,” said Senior Deaconess Mijin Oh, their tutor.

They have experienced the grace of God who made things seemingly impossible, possible.

Sister Yerim Yim, violinist, 12th grader in Youngdeok High School, shed many tears feeling her skill had not been improved. But whenever she gave special praises, she felt that her confidence and skill was increased by God’s grace. She said that she prayed because she needed a violin for the college entrance exam and God moved her grandmother’s heart to buy it for her (Photo 3).

Sister Yaeun Kim, violinist, 9th grader in Munchang Middle School, said, “I decided to major in violin late. As I had to practice it for more than four hours a day, I had a hard time. I felt weary due to great pressure. But since I became a member of Miracle Junior, I have felt God’s grace more. I believe that my efforts

I am making will make my skill better and be offered up as a sweeter aroma to God” (Photo 4).

Sister Joeun Lee, violinist, 11th grader in Deokwon Arts High School, stated, “I practiced thinking about the word of Senior Pastor telling us to trust and rely on God. I was admitted to arts high school through Senior Pastor’s prayer, although I was quite late to start to prepare for the entrance.” When she was two years old, she vomited everything she ate even after drinking water. She was in danger due to severe dehydration but she was healed quickly after she received Senior Pastor’s prayer. She was also healed of atopic dermatitis (Photo 6).

Sister Jiwon Park, flutist, 11th grader in Deokwon Arts High School said, “I did not have much time to prepare for the arts high school entrance exam because I had not thought about entering the school. I thought if it was in God’s will I would be able to be accepted. On the list of successful applicants was my name! It was God’s miracle” (Photo 8).



Brother Jueon Yim, violist, 8th grader in Cheonwang Middle School, said, “When I listened to Senior Pastor’s Lectures on Genesis, I came to have a hope to console the heart of God through my performance.” In the middle, he couldn’t help stop studying music because of financial problems but he has held the dream thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee’s support. Before he was born, chances were high that his mother would have a miscarriage with him, but he was born healthy after she received Dr. Lee’s prayer. He was also healed of impetigo and burns without wound or scaring (Photo 7).

Sister Hayoung Lee, violinist, 11th grader in Gyeonggi Arts High School, said, “Since I was very little, I have attended Daniel Prayer Meeting. I worship and summarize sermons with longing for the heart of spirit. I want to be a violinist with a beautiful and good heart and thereby become a source of strength to the church and the shepherd” (Photo 1).

Sister Dayoung Kim, trumpeter, 7th grader in Yewon Middle School, said, “I want to study a wide range of music with faith in God who always leads me to good ways.” Within two years after she started to play the trumpet, she was ranked first in Woohyun Competition, Music Association Competition, and Seoul Nat’l University Gwanak Competition. In 2017 she was blessed to be admitted to Gifted Program Center in Korea National University Of Arts (Photo 2).

Sister Hankyul Jang, violist, 12th grader in Sillim High School, said, “I feel grateful for letting me play God-given song ‘Manmin Praise’ with my viola. I want to give priority to offer up God-pleasing performance” (Photo 5).



It is also interesting to note that Sister Hayoung Lee, the leader is a daughter of Senior Deaconess Mijin Oh, violinist of Nissi Orchestra; Sister Yaeun Kim of Deaconess Sukkyung Kim, oboist; Sister Jueun Lee of Senior Deaconess Seunghye Oh, flutist; and Sister Dayoung Kim, of Deaconess Hyumi Lee, pianist. They are glorifying God from mother to daughter with instrumental performance.

Their one ultimate goal is to perform in front of the throne of God in New Jerusalem the most beautiful place of all Heaven. They came to have greater longing after they performed in Gesthemane Prayer House. They all said with one heart that it is all because of God’s love and the Lord’s grace for them to have a dream to be instrumentalists. They also expressed their thankful hearts with love to Dr. Lee who showed clear goals for them and has hopes for and trusts them.

