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When I was a young girl I learned the words of the Bible from my mother. However, I couldn't keep going to church because of my alcoholic father. I always had the desire to go back to church during my teens.

One day, I heard the voice within my heart saying to me, “Your current life is not the life that I prepared for you,” and I began going to church again. I had many questions regarding the words of the Bible. When I asked my pastor what it meant by ‘being born again by water and the Spirit’, he couldn't give me a clear answer. My heart became increasingly thirstier and I earnestly prayed to meet a pastor who would teach the word of God properly.

In February 2014, I was doing house chores with the TV on channel 17 and I stopped working to listen to the sermon. It was toward the end of the message titled ‘Faith’. I jotted down the name of the preacher and the contact info. I searched for the preacher, Rev. Jaerock Lee, on the Internet, and I listened to his messages on the Ten Commandments. I was very shocked. My heart increasingly felt like it was going to burst as I listened to more of his sermons.

He was the pastor whom I had been praying to meet so desperately. Since then, I gathered some of my acquaintances to pray and listen to the sermons on the Ten Commandments together with me. His teachings were very closely related to our daily lives. I searched for a branch church of Manmin on the Internet, and I visited Alta Vista Manmin Church.

The pastor of El Salvador Manmin church gave me Rev. Lee's books

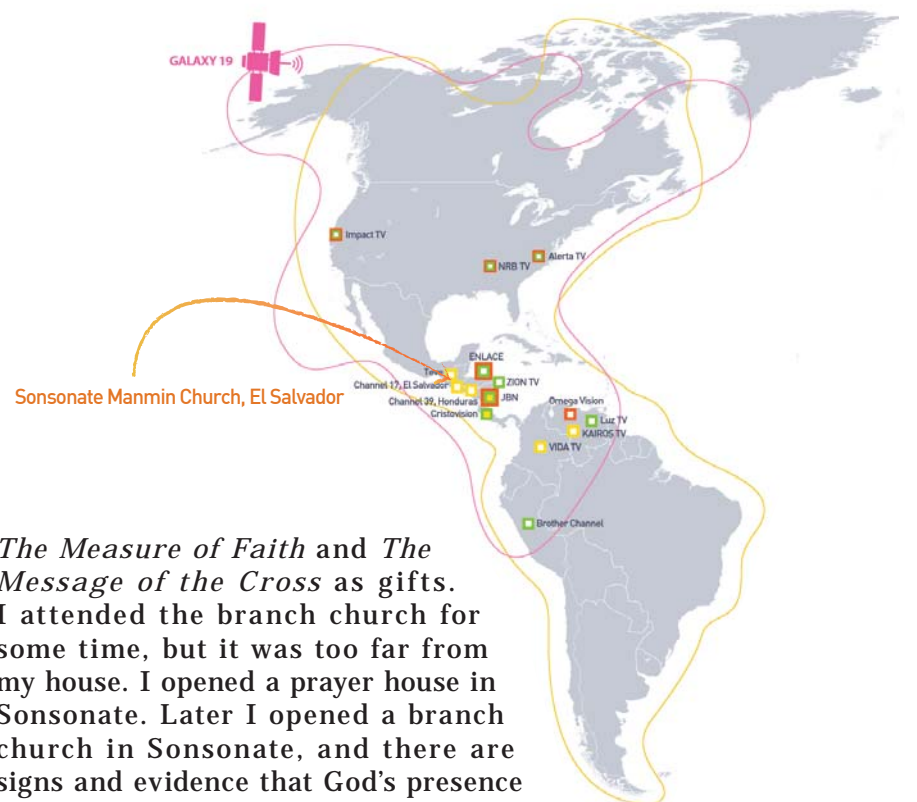
One day, I thought, “I have been forgiven of my sins and saved. I am justified, so I don't have to try any longer.” I didn't feel any need for change. However, when I realized I was getting angry and became jealous just like unbelievers, I began to have questions about why I had to live the way I was living.

I learned all things would go well if I worked hard for God's kingdom. However, my husband kept right on drinking even while he was doing church duties. My Christian life was hard because I couldn't feel any change in my heart and in addition there were mounting problems at home. I felt I was at a dead end with no escape and cried out to God to save me from my miserable life.

One day in 2014, I was taking a walk at a park. A young man approached me and asked me, “Do you know why Jesus had to be nailed through His hands and feet and wear the crown of thorns?” I said, “I have already accepted the Lord and been saved. Do I need to know more specifically?” He then explained about the subject in detail and introduced to me Manmin Central Church and Rev. Jaerock Lee in South Korea.

It interested me, and I searched for Rev. Jaerock Lee on the Internet. I found his autobiography *My Life My Faith* and started reading it right away. I couldn't stop reading the book and finished the whole book at the spot. Since then, I went to Moldova Manmin Church. I attended all worship services, meetings and Daniel Prayer Meetings. I recovered my first love in faith and my thirst for the truth was being quenched.

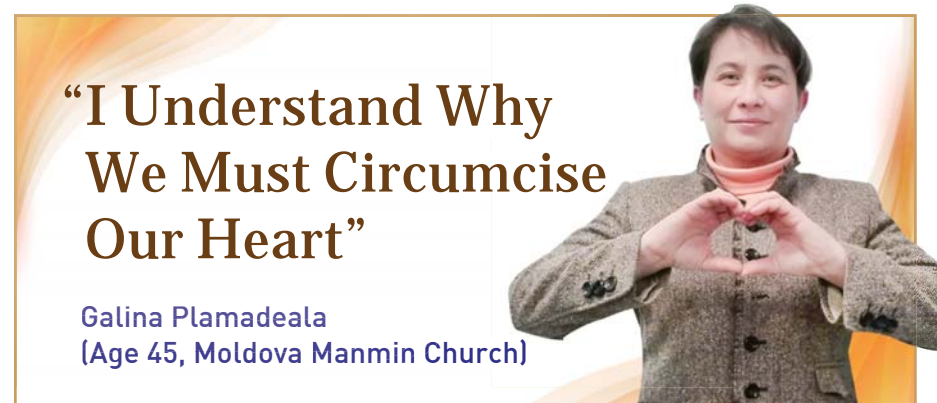
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*The Measure of Faith and The Message of the Cross* as gifts. I attended the branch church for some time, but it was too far from my house. I opened a prayer house in Sonsonate. Later I opened a branch church in Sonsonate, and there are signs and evidence that God's presence is with us.

In October 2018, there was a flood in the area that destroyed many houses and caused several deaths, but all the church members were protected by God. There was also forecast to have continuing heavy rain with lightning, but when we received the audio file of the Senior Pastor's prayer, it only drizzled next day, Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>, and all the weather warnings of heavy rain all over El Salvador were lifted on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Senior Pastor gave us so much spiritually. Manmin Central Church is a very good example that shows us how we're supposed to love God. I hope to visit Manmin Central Church one day and worship with the members there. Hallelujah!



I understood the core meaning of life while listening to the messages about why God created human beings and what we have to do to become the kind of God's child that God wants to get. I had attended church for 10 years in the past but I couldn't even pray for 2 minutes. Now, as I pray understanding God's will, I can pray much more and much more powerfully.

I realized the importance of circumcising my heart, which is to cast away sins and evil from my heart. And as I tried to do so, I can feel that I am being changed. Sometimes, I get pangs of conscience when I hear messages about casting away sins, but I can still rejoice with the help of the Holy Spirit who guides us to resemble the image of God.

I give thanks to our Senior Pastor who dedicates all his life to lead the souls to salvation in this sinful world. I give all thanks and glory to God the Trinity.

# Love Is Not Arrogant

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous;  
love does not brag and is not arrogant,” 1 Corinthians 13:4

Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Most of those who brag feel they are superior to others, and they easily fall into arrogance. They think things are going well with them because they are very capable, so they tend to get conceited and become lazy. When we read the Bible carefully we can see one of the evils that God hates the most is arrogance.

## 1. Characteristics of those Who Are Arrogant

To be arrogant is marked by or arising from a feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others. Arrogant people consider themselves the best. They look down on others and assume the teaching attitude in all things.

Generally one is arrogant toward those who seem to be inferior, but in some serious cases a person may be arrogant toward their teachers, leaders, or those in higher positions. They might complain saying, “He doesn't know what he is doing,” or they don't listen to them saying “Well, I know that, too.”

If you talk with an arrogant person, it easily leads to arguments. In some serious cases it may develop into strife. Prov. 13:10 says, “Through insolence comes nothing but strife, But wisdom is with those who receive counsel.” 2 Tim. 2:23 says, “But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels.”

We should realize how foolish and evil it is to think only we are right. People have different consciences and knowledge because they all have learned differently and have different experiences. Most of human knowledge has many flaws. Some might have input wrong ideas. When these thoughts become set, they become self-righteousness frameworks of thoughts.

When self-righteousness is solidified, it becomes a framework. It might become a framework of personality or framework of knowledge. Frameworks are like the skeleton of a man, and thus, once it is formed, it is not easy to break. Most thoughts of men come from self-righteousness and frameworks.

Those who have inferiority complexes seem

to be sensitive about everything. When a rich man touches the collar of his shirt they think he is bragging. If a person uses more erudite terminology, they think the person is talking down to them. If you are arrogant, you can't accept the fact that you were wrong. Therefore, it only leads to arguments.

On the contrary, those who are humble do not argue at all, even if they are right and others are clearly wrong. Even if they are 100% sure, they still think they might be wrong. They don't need to win in an argument with others.

A humble mind contains spiritual love that considers others better than ourselves. Even if others are less fortunate, less educated, or have less social power, a humble minded person still considers others better than themselves.

## 2. Fleshly Arrogance and Spiritual Arrogance

Usually, we can easily realize outward arrogance, such as a person flaunting themselves or openly looking down on others. This is fleshly arrogance. Once we accept Jesus Christ and learn the truth, we try to cast away the fleshly arrogance, and it is discarded quite easily.

However, spiritual arrogance is difficult to realize, and even more difficult to throw away. What is spiritual arrogance? As we lead our Christian lives we learn the word of God. We might even have high positions in the church. Then, we mistakenly think what we know is what we have cultivated. We might think we are discerning between right and wrong while we are actually pointing fingers at others and judging them.

Some are arrogant and ignore all the procedures and the order of things that they have to go through following their own benefit. And yet, they think it's OK considering their positions. All these things tell us what spiritual arrogance is. If they say they love God while they disregard God's law and order, we can't say they love God. We can't say we have love while we pass judgment on others.

Love always sees, hears, and speaks of good things.

James 4:11 says, “Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it.”

When we see the faults of others, we should check ourselves as to whether or not we pass judgment first or we try to cover them. Then we can realize the extent to which we have cultivated humility and love.

Anyone can become arrogant before they are completely sanctified. Therefore, it is imperative we completely remove the root of its sinful nature. Unless we pull it out fully through fervent prayers, arrogance can re-emerge at any time. It is like weeds that come up again unless we pull their root out.

Therefore, like children we should always humble ourselves before the Lord, consider others better than ourselves, and keep on striving to cultivate the highest level of love.

## 3. The Arrogant Believing in Themselves

Nebuchadnezzar opened the golden era of the Babylonian Empire. One of the wonders of the ancient times, the Hanging Gardens, was built by him. He boasted of his empire and all the great works he achieved. He made an image of himself and made the people worship it as if it was a god (Dan. 4:30).

God let this arrogant Nebuchadnezzar realize who the ruler of the world really is (Dan. 4:31-32). He was driven away from the palace. He ate grass like cattle in the field. Only after seven years did he come back to his senses. He finally realized his arrogance and acknowledged God (Dan. 4:37).

Some unbelievers believe in themselves. However, we know there are so many problems that can't be resolved by human power. Even with the cutting-edge technology and science, men are helpless in the face of such natural disasters as hurricanes or earthquakes. There are also so many incurable diseases.

## 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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And yet, when they face such problems, they believe in themselves and rely on their own thoughts, experience, and knowledge rather than relying on God. If they can't solve the problem, they complain against God. They don't accept their weaknesses and they can't rely on God due to their arrogance. What is more regrettable is that even believers rely on themselves and the world more than they rely on God.

God is God of justice, and thus, He can't just intercede to help those who do not humble themselves. For those people, they can't be protected from the disturbing works of Satan, and they can't prosper. Prov. 18:12 says, "Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, But humility goes before honor."

Dear brothers and sisters,  
All men are same and equal creatures

before God the Creator. Even if they have many things to brag about, this world is only momentary, and we will soon face judgment. God will pay us back according to our deeds.

James 4:10 says, "Hear, my son, and accept my sayings and the years of your life will be many." I pray in the name of the Lord that you will humble yourself before God and obey Him so that you will be honored in the kingdom of heaven later.



FEATURE STORY

## Following the Footsteps of the Lord (2)

"...He withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:" Matt. 4:12-14

Jesus grew up in Nazareth, in the region of Galilee. After He began His ministry, He moved to Capernaum, a town near the Sea of Galilee and ministered primarily in synagogues.

The Capernaum Synagogue is the place where Jesus taught, spread the gospel of the kingdom of heaven, and healed the sick among the people.

### Galilee Region

Isaiah 9:1-2 says, "But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them."

From the time of Assyria's conquest of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, the Jews lost their control over the region of Galilee for hundreds of years. However, Jesus fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy by ministering there;

calling the disciples and showing many signs and wonders, thereby making Galilee of the Gentiles glorious.

Especially, the Sea of Galilee is the water source for the whole nation of Israel. The underground water that originates from Mount Hermon in Syria flows down southward to form the Sea of Galilee, and then it flows into the Jordan River.

The Sea of Galilee is so big that it is called 'sea'. It looks like a small Israeli harp and for this reason it was called Chinnereth in the Old Testament (Num. 34:11; Josh. 13:27), and Gennesaret in the New Testament (Luke 5:1). Also, Herod Antipas built the city called Tiberias in Galilee region. This sea has many names such as Galilee, Gennesaret, and Tiberias in the New Testament (John 6:1, 21:1).

### Capernaum and Bethsaida

In Capernaum Jesus healed the fever of Peter's mother-in-law, revived the dead daughter of a synagogue official, healed a bleeding woman, opened the eyes of blind men, and healed a shriveled hand.

Bethsaida is located north of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus manifested the miracle of the 5 loaves and 2 fish and healing a blind man.

Matthew 11 writes about Jesus's rebuke on the people in towns where He manifested miracles the most, because they did not repent. Now, Capernaum and Bethsaida are in complete ruins. It feels like the lamentation of Jesus could be heard in many corners of these towns.



### On the Boat on Galilee

One of the most memorable moments of 2004 pilgrimage was the time spent on the boat on the Sea of Galilee.

The Sea of Galilee was unusually calm, and the sky was perfectly clear. From the boat they could see all the edges of the sea clearly.

The pilgrims sang praises and prayed to God, which was followed by meditation, too on the boat. The words of Jesus written in the Bible came into their hearts and gave them peace and comfort.

### First Sunday Service on the Pilgrimage

Going around Galilee, Jesus taught in the synagogues and preached the gospel of the kingdom of heaven. He healed the sick and all infirmities, and a multitude followed Him. He couldn't sleep or eat well. He had no time to rest.

One of the pilgrims saw a film-like vision of the time of Jesus, when they were praying before the Sunday service. Peter, who was the foremost of the 12 disciples, always wanted to protect his master Jesus, and he stayed at the front when they were walking. One day, Peter took off his cloak, wiped the rock with it, and let Jesus sit on it so He could rest for a little while. Then John cleaned Jesus's tired feet and sandals with his clothes.

The pilgrims vividly felt the love of Jesus and His disciples during the Sunday service at Galilee. Then they set off to the Mount of Transfiguration at the valley of Jezreel.





# “Just Before Committing Suicide, God Healed My Body and Mind”

Seokjung Kim (Age 68, 9<sup>th</sup> Parish)



I used to drink to forget the pain in my body and mind caused by various illnesses. For 10 years I felt numb in my arms. My hands were cold. I had very sharp pain at the tip of the thumb and index finger. My cartilages on both knees had broken down and I had a surgery on the left knee first. But it didn't work and I couldn't walk normally.

Due to side effects of prostate cancer surgery, I had to go to the bathroom every 5-10 minutes. The greatest pain was insomnia. It wasn't easy to sleep just for an hour a day. I had to take many kinds of medicines and naturally it put much pressure on my stomach, too. I didn't have any children, nobody to turn to, getting close to 70 years of age.

I had no hope of living, so I came to have extreme thoughts. I sent my wife back to her family and sold my car to pay off all the tabs in restaurants and bars.

### Being Healed of Various Illnesses by God's Power

On the evening of March 11, 2016, I drank in the evening and left my house to commit suicide. I encountered someone in the neighborhood, and he suggested to me that I come to church and meet the living God. I followed him feeling like holding on to the last hope.

The church was Manmin Central Church. It was Friday and they had the Friday all-night service. The faces of the church members were shining. They were full of joy. I thought I wanted go to church, too. I returned home early in the morning and went to bed. When I woke up, I felt refreshed. I had a sound sleep, the first in a very long, long time.

The next day, Sunday, I registered in the church. I received the prayer for the sick people from the Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee in every worship service. After about a month, amazing things

began to take place in my body.

The numbness in arms and the pain in fingers were gone. I had no pain in both knees. I could walk and run freely. One day some yellow mass came out with the urine, and the complication of the prostate surgery was healed. I could urinate normally. The insomnia was also gone, so I feel refreshed and light. Hallelujah!

### Happiness in Health Being Full of the Spirit

As I recovered my health, I could go back to work in construction fields. While I was leading a life in faith with the conviction that God is really alive, I had another amazing experience.

I couldn't read books properly even with the magnifying eye-glasses, but my sight became better by the Senior Pastor's prayer. Now, I can read the small letters of the Bible even without the eye-glasses.

In June 2018, I was so surprised that I could move my left index finger freely, which I couldn't bend before. I was really moved. Before I came to the church, my left index finger was struck by industrial staples and since then I couldn't bend it. However, it was healed after I received the Senior Pastor's prayer for the sick with faith in every Sunday service.

Now, I am healthy in body and mind and I am happy. On the construction sites, even young men take a nap after lunch, but I read the Bible with my smartphone instead of taking a nap. I can work without getting tired because of the joy of salvation and fullness of the Spirit.

### My Wife Received Sight

I am even more thankful that my wife also recovered happiness in her life by experiencing amazing power and love of God.

In April 2016 my wife came to the church for the first time with me. On that very day she was healed of a severe knee arthritis due to which she had to quit her job. Later, she heard from her doctor the cysts in her breasts could be cancerous but she just decided to get healed by faith. Those cysts did actually get smaller, and about a year later, they were completely gone.

Before she came to attend church, her right eye had no sight at all. To make it worse she had last stage cataract, which was not easily operable. When she heard the news she wept for days.

However, after she came to our church, in February 2017, her right eye began to see the rays of lights. She received a diagnosis by an ophthalmologist on February 25, and she couldn't just see lights but also objects with her right eye. The doctor said the cataract was now operable, and she agreed. Since then, her visual acuity in her left eye also increased. She can go out freely and got a job, too.

What if I actually committed suicide? I'd have had to suffer in the fires of hell forever. God of love had mercy on me and let me hear the gospel. He guided me to a good church so my wife and I could be saved and be healed of various illnesses. God gave me a joyful and happy life that I couldn't dream of! I give all thanks and glory to God and our Lord Jesus Christ!

### Eye Exam Results

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### After Prayer

The optic nerves of her right eye revived. Without vision correction she can count the number of fingers at 20 cm distance. (Wife Deaconess Songrim Son)



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