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# The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Colombia Manmin Church

On April 25(Mon) 9 am(7 pm on 24<sup>th</sup> in local time), Colombia Manmin Church's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service was held with the speaker, Pastor Mikyung Lee(Chairperson of the Pastors' Association) while it was broadcast live around the world through GCN TV.

This online service was broadcast in real-time through YouTube, Facebook, and JBN TV in Honduras(President: Esteban Handal), and believers from 15 countries, including Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Ecuador, Honduras, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Panama, Spain, the United States, and Canada, participated,

The celebration service was presided by Pastor David

Jang who is in charge of the church, and after a special song by Deaconess Seungwon Seo(Performing Arts Committee), Pastor Mikyung Lee delivered a sermon entitled, 'Golden Vessel'(2 Tim. 2:20-21).

After that, Pastor Mikyung Lee led the Divine Healing Meeting and prayed with the handkerchief of power(Acts 19:11-12) on which Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed. As a result, many members recovered their eyesight and were cured of various diseases such as plantar fasciitis and arthritis.

Through this, the Latin American and Spanishspeaking believers received the Lord's grace and the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and gave glory to God who gave them healings, answers, and blessings.

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### 'Easter Egg Decorating Contest'

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the award ceremony was held in the Sunday Evening Service. Out of a total of 82 teams, the grand prize in domestic sector was awarded to the 2-2 Women's Mission group leaders, the gold prize to the Bundang local sanctuary members, the silver prize to the 1<sup>st</sup> Chinese parish members, and the bronze prize to the association of women's cell leaders. In overseas sector, the grand prize was awarded to Sogamoso sanctuary in Colombia, the gold prize to Deaconess Sophia in Malaysia, the silver prize to Isis Pas in Honduras Manmin Church, and the bronze prize to Deaconess Thian Pek Sian in Malaysia.

Domestic sector
Grand prize
Gold prize
Silver prize
Bronze prize



God is Light (7)



# The Fruit of the Light

"But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God." (Ephesians 5:8-9)

Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

"I urge you to receive reprimands with joy and thanks and thereby come to the Light. I hope that by doing so you will practice the truth, bear the fruit of the Light, and become the source of joy to God."

God, who created the heavens, the earth, and all things in them and formed man in His image, has the power to make everything beautiful.

He can turn disorder and chaos into order, give life to people on the way to death, and give peace to the place where people are in discord. That is why people come to have beautiful hearts of goodness and truth and enjoy happy and healthy lives after they meet Jesus Christ though they could not before.

As 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come," when you are in Christ, any one of you can come out of darkness and be born again as children of God who is Light. As He is Light, He wants His children to bear the fruit of the Light.

Let's then delve into the fruit of the Light written in Ephesians 5:9, and how we can perfectly bear the fruit.

#### 1. The Fruit of the Light Consists in All Goodness, Righteousness, and Truth

First of all, goodness is the beautiful heart of goodness void of evil intention. It is the heart that seeks others' benefits and not your own, even when you yourselves have some difficulties. With such a heart, you are able to act with goodness toward your neighbors in need, the sick, and the poor without doing harm to anyone. You can recall the grace of your parents and obey them. You may feel the love of God the Creator and obey Him. In addition, you will not behave rudely to anybody and try to abide by the law and order of the society and keep promises with others.

The heart of goodness also includes the heart that does not fret because of evildoers. It allows people to lower themselves and serve others, to keep peace in all situations and give up what they have for others. It prevents one from having greediness, and it is to resist temptation to boast or show off and to rejoice in the truth.

Next, 'righteousness' generally refers to the heart that is able to give up even one's life for something right without seeking his/her own benefit. But the righteousness in the truth is at an even more advanced level. It refers to the heart to believe God's promise and to obey His Word.

That is, it encompasses the casting away of sins, keeping all commandments written in the Bible, keeping oneself clean from anything unrighteous and being faithful even in being able to surrender one's life. Furthermore, seeking the righteousness and kingdom of God according to His will, acting decently and temperately, not forsaking the duty of men, and sticking to righteousness in any situation; such are the things belonging to the righteousness in the truth.

Lastly, the 'truth' can be explained in three aspects. The three are 'not lying', 'keeping promises', and 'hearts unchanging in any kind of situation'. Many people break promises they made or do not practice what they said because the fruit of the truth has not been borne in them. But truthful people keep their promises in any kind of situation and maintain their unchanging hearts when it comes to what they decided.

Now check your deeds. You must increase your love for God and love for souls day by day. You need to evangelize people more diligently and pray harder. You should throw away every form of evil, cultivate your heart into goodness, and come into brighter and brighter light of the truth over time.

When we are unchanging and truthful in doing things of goodness and righteousness, God's blessing will come upon us (Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 3:14). We also need the fruit of the truth in order to bear the fruit of goodness and righteousness.

#### 2. To Walk as Children of Light

Good people have beautiful hearts with no evil intentions and their deeds are also good. They may give money to beggars, take care of people with disabilities, and do hard work that others do not want to do. But even if they do good, if the purpose or the result does not belong to goodness, it cannot be deemed as goodness in the sight of God.

Let's say you helped those who steal others' money or those who are lazy and prodigal, they may cause bigger problems for other people. Then, you cannot say you did good. Therefore, for your good deed to be borne as the fruit of the Light, your goodness needs to involve righteousness, that is, the righteousness of God.

In other words, you must discern what is true and right in the sight of God, and do good according to the Word of God. But still it is not perfect to have only goodness and righteousness. You need the truth. It is because without the truth, both of them turn out to be not beneficial in the end.

Suppose a TV station or a news agency conducted a fund-raising campaign to help the victims of a flood. Many people joined in the campaign, but it is well known that some celebrities or business owners gave money to gain personal reputation for themselves or that of their companies and not with the desire to help the people. In this case, people might praise the celebrities or the companies but God who looks at their inner hearts may say they lacked in truth. Then, it is not the fruit of the Light.

Therefore, to walk as children of the Light and bear the fruit of the Light, we need to do good in the sight of God. And only when we show the good deeds truthfully, that is, unchangingly until the end can it be regarded true, and then we can bear the perfect fruit of the Light.

#### 3. Try to Learn What Is Pleasing to the Lord

Ephesians 5:10 states, "...trying to find out what is pleasing to the Lord." This verse means we can please the Lord by bearing the fruit of the Light. And then God will fulfill our hearts' desire and give us answers to our prayer just as Psalm 37:4 reads saying, "Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart." We will also then be able to live a blessed life that lacks nothing.

Cornelius, who appears in Acts 10, bore the fruit of goodness and mercy by helping many poor people. He had the fruit of goodness in his heart. Although he was not a Jew but a Gentile, when he heard about God, he revered God together with all his family. This was seen as the fruit of righteousness. Moreover, he was unchanging in helping the poor and praying until his heart reached God, which was the fruit of the truth he had borne.

Since he had borne such beautiful fruit of the Light in his heart, God took delight in him and allowed him the amazing blessing of being the first Gentile to receive baptism from Apostle Peter and reach salvation.

The life of Abraham the father of faith was full of the fruit of the Light itself. He gave a better land to his nephew Lot pursuing peace and unwittingly served angels because he always served other people. He did not take even a thread or sandal thong or anything that was not his. He had such a good and clean heart.

In addition to such goodness, he also pleased God

with his righteous deeds. When God told him to 'go forth from his country, from his relatives, and from his father's house to the land which He would show him' as recorded in Genesis 12:1, he obeyed and left even though he did not know where to go because he completely believed God. He believed the Word of God so completely he left without the slightest doubt though it seemed impossible in reality. Though he and his wife were already too old to have a baby, he believed God when He showed him the countless stars in the sky and said that his descendants would be as many as the stars.

God reckoned it to him as righteousness (Genesis 15:5-6). It was what was unbelievable in human thought, but since it was the Word of God, Abraham believed it. It was true faith. And believing the Word of God without looking at the reality was viewed as righteousness in the sight of God.

His faith and deeds towards God never changed nor swayed in any kind of situation, which was an attribute of the truth. When he was told to offer up his only son who he had gained at the age of 100 as a burnt offering, he did not have grudge against God and did not even hesitate. He just obeyed as written in Genesis 22. When he stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son, the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God." Abraham had not known that God prepared a ram for the burnt offering instead of his son Isaac. This incident shows how truthful his heart was.

Since Abraham had such fruit of goodness, righteousness, and truth abundantly in his heart, God set him as the father of faith and recognized him as the friend of God.

God also walked with him everywhere he went and blessed him in everything he did so that he lacked nothing. As in his case, when we walk in the Light perfectly, we can bear the fruit of the Light and be followed by the evidence that God is pleased with us in our lives.

## 4. To Bear the Fruit of the Light, the Unfruitful Deeds of Darkness Must Be Exposed

Ephesians 5:11-13 says, "Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light."

Here, 'exposing the unfruitful deeds of darkness' means reprimanding for wrongdoings. But the ultimate purpose of it should be in having people come into the Light through the reprimand. In order to bear the fruit of the Light, we should find darkness in our hearts first through reprimands. And then by casting it away, we can come to the Light.

God reprimanded David for his transgression and gave him trials to perfect him. In the same manner, we should decisively rebuke our beloved ones when they did something against the truth and guide them to walk in the Light. It is true love.

Therefore, if you want to come to the Light, you must not hate to be rebuked. You must give thanks and rejoice when you are rebuked, and you must quickly turn back from your wrongdoings and come to the Light.

But we need to be careful when we rebuke others. We must rebuke in the Lord. It is because the result can be different depending on our hearts when we rebuke other people. If we reprimand someone with ill feelings, it cannot result in the fruit of the Light. It may just hurt his feelings, give him a hard time and make things even worse. Moreover, the enemy devil and Satan may work, leading to strife and fighting. Having ill feeling itself is not right in the sight of God, so this kind of reprimand brings about no benefit at all.

Thus, when we need to reprimand someone, we must do it from our love for him and a serving heart to help him throw away the sin and come to the Light even through the reprimand. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, true love is not simply about covering others' transgressions. Sometimes we need to expose them so that they can correct their wrongdoings and perfect themselves. It is true love and perfect love.

I pray in the name of the Lord that you will become the source of joy to God by receiving reprimands with joy and thanks, coming to the Light, living only by the Word and bearing the fruit of the Light.

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## **Church website renewal**

www.manmin.org

On April 17, Easter Sunday, our church website was renewed and opened.

The church's official SNS(Facebook, Church Blog, Urim Books Blog, YouTube) is placed on the front so that users can use it easily and conveniently by reorganizing it with a simple design and user-centered menu system, and it is designed for visitors to obtain information quickly and easily by rearranging frequently visited menus.



#### The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is Godbreathed 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)



Pastor Grigori Kolesov (Source of Truth Church in Estonia)

Greetings from Estonia in the name of the Lord.

Dr. Jaerock Lee and the workers of Manmin that I met were all faithful servants of God. In addition, we are always receiving grace through Manmin ministry.

Not long ago, I was appointed as a missionary for Manmin. There was a little holy burden on my heart, but I was very glad and happy. It is because I am a missionary who spreads the gospel of holiness.

Living in Europe, I am more aware of how much the gospel of holiness is necessary to those who are living in many problems and difficulties now. I hope that I will perform my duty as a missionary who spreads the holiness gospel more faithfully with my rich experience of the ministry of Manmin.

I am truly grateful for your prayer for the churches in Estonia and my family with love.

Through us, the ministry of Manmin and the holiness gospel will be proclaimed to other churches and pastors, and we will work together to expand the kingdom of God. Once the coronavirus pandemic is over, we hope that the ministry will continue as active as before, such as church meetings, seminars, and pastors' meetings.

I love you in the name of the Lord.



Pastor Mark Bazalev (World Holiness Center in USA)

Greetings from the World Holiness Center in USA in the name of the Lord.

First of all, I would like to thank the Lord for guiding me to meet Dr. Jaerock Lee and Manmin in the midst of His plan. Through this, I, my family, and my ministry received many blessings and were able to bring forth many fruits for the kingdom of God.

Now that we are spending time of refinement with Manmin, we are using it as an opportunity to serve the Lord with new strength and grace and build the kingdom of God. Also, I was appointed as Manmin's missionary to preach the holiness gospel more powerfully, so I am excited and thankful for the future ministry. I sincerely thank the Lord for giving me this precious duty.

I feel that the World Holiness Center is a part of Manmin ministry and that it is a center founded with the love of my loving and respected Dr. Jaerock Lee. I will strive to become a servant who faithfully spreads Jesus Christ and the holiness gospel to the end of the earth. I saw the life and humility of Dr. Lee, who became an example of holiness, and I used it as a model for my life.

That is why, in my prayers, I always have Dr. Jaerock Lee, Dr. Soojin Lee, and Manmin. Also, thank you for allowing Elder Ronya Son to manage Russian-speaking pastors and churches faithfully and wisely.



#### Feature Story II

"As a missionary, I will lead many souls into the arms of the Lord."

> Missionary Vitaliy Tabaranu (Moldova Manmin Church)

First of all, I would like to thank the Lord for leading my life and for leading me to change into the gospel of holiness by meeting Dr. Jaerock Lee.

Since I was little, my will was strong and I had a personality that couldn't tolerate injustice, so I often fought. As a result, my heart became hardened, and I started living after the world. I lived in darkness in a sinful world, but I didn't even know it was a bad thing.

I thought true love didn't exist. Even after receiving the Lord, if the lyrics, "Lord, I love You!" came out during praise, I couldn't not sing it properly. I thought, 'I can't feel the love for the Lord in my heart, how can I praise that I love Him? I can't lie like that.'

One day, my brother Alexander Tabaranu called me and talked seriously about God. It was the first time I saw him like this and I was very angry with him. He was also stubborn like me, but when he spoke about God in a humble manner, I felt something strange.

As time passed, I saw the sincerity from him, and I felt that I should check what he was saying. I started praying to God because I didn't want to go to the church and say I believe in God without certainty.

Then my brother asked me to listen to Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermon. I was able to get answers to many of the questions I was curious about while listening to Dr. Lee's sermon. In the meantime, I have listened to many pastors' sermons, but I could not get the answers I was looking for. Dr. Lee's sermons led my faith, which was like a cloud of smoke, to a clear light. I was so happy. Day and night, I listened to Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons several times a day and began to summarize them.

As I got clear answers about salvation and sin, I gained the strength to cast off sins and overcome them. If I had not known the gospel of holiness, I would have been living in sin and going to hell.

I sincerely thank Dr. Lee for making me realize the sure providence of salvation and the purpose of life.

I started to evangelizing with the gospel of holiness. My brother and I had a dream of having a Manmin Church in Moldova, and God worked to make that dream come true. Moldova Manmin Church was established with the believers who received grace, and a branch church was also opened in Regina, another city.

The younger brother of a co-worker of Julia, a member of our church, was hospitalized, so we copied and delivered to him a copy of Dr. Jaerock Lee's book, 'The Message of the Cross'. After his discharge, he returned to Regina where he lived and put the book at home, when a woman living next door came to his house and found that book.

She was so amazed that she had seen that book in a dream and remembered it vividly. And after reading the book, 'The Message of the Cross', she received grace and contacted us. Since then, we have visited Regina City once a week to share the Word and pray. Since then, the group meeting has been active and the number of people has increased, so I go there every Sunday to worship and pray together.

In order to systematically learn the gospel of holiness, I completed the MIS(Manmin



International Seminary) course for two years, and I went to Romania and Lithuania for work. There, I met local pastors and believers, preached the holiness gospel, and delivered Dr. Lee's books 'The Message of the Cross' and 'The Seven Churches'. I had fellowship with pastors and shared the various words such as 'The measures of faith' and 'Heaven' with them.

It was when I had a meeting with 6 Lithuanian pastors. The topic of the conversation was, 'Why did God give Job a refinement?' They shared their opinions, but in the end, they did not get an answer, and they said that the answer would only be known after going to heaven.

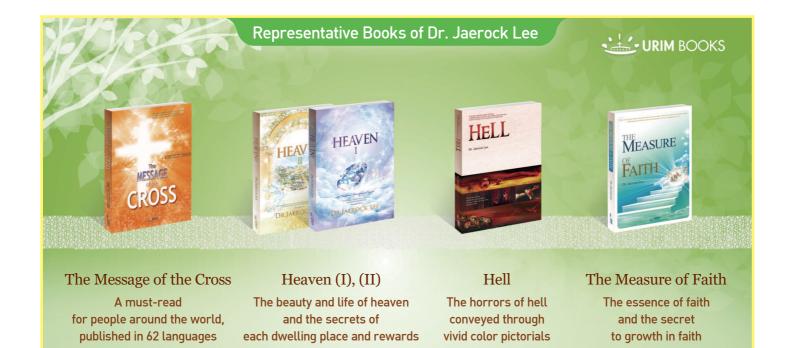
When it was my turn, I explained Job's refinement, God's providence of human cultivation, and the reason for putting the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Pastors were very happy that it was a great awakening, and I had a burning heart to preach this gospel more diligently.

We are translating the gospel of holiness into Romanian, and we are continuing to meet and deliver the book, 'The Message of the Cross' to Romanian pastors. We are also having fellowship with Italian pastors through the Word.

We can easily hear and see the gospel of holiness, which Dr. Jaerock Lee received through countless fasting and prayers. Preaching the gospel of holiness is my duty as a member of Manmin. The souls who hear it and

realize the truth can have the hope of New Jerusalem, the most beautiful heaven.

Now, as a missionary of Manmin, I will do my best to spread the gospel of holiness to save many souls and lead them to New Jerusalem.



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