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Extraordinary Rainbows Beautify the Sky!

Rare Occurrences of Beautiful Rainbows Remind Us of God's Love and Promise



On January 27, 2011 complex multiple rainbows of various forms appeared from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM in the sky over the Site of Muan Sweet Water located at #153 San, Cheonjang-ri, Haeje-myeon, Muan-gun, Jeollanam-do. [Photographed by Sister Sarem Kim with D80, Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/500, f/11, ISO 200, 20110127_093433]

On January 27th 2011, at 9:30 AM, an extraordinary complex rainbow (meteorologically speaking, a 'coronal phenomena') appeared in the sky over Muan Sweet Water Site where a miracle similar to the turning of bitter water of Marah into sweet water, as recorded in Exodus 15, took place. The rainbow was observed for over an hour. It was a complex multiple rainbow. The first is a circular rainbow surrounding the sun with two bright rays of light emanating from points on both the sides of the circular rainbow like diamonds cut and set on a ring. A second circular rainbow intersected the first connecting the two diamond-shaped rays; two bilateral symmetrically curved rainbows like wings of a dove took shape to the right on the first rainbow. A semicircular shaped half rainbow surrounded all of them. There was also a fan-shaped rainbow symmetrically

positioned to the half-circular rainbow.

In general, rainbows appear due to the reflection, refraction, diffusion or interference of the sun's rays when they shine through raindrops or snow crystals in the atmosphere. We also know that the rainbows stand as a sign of God's love and promise as recorded in the Bible (Genesis 9:13; Revelation 4:4) and we have often seen rainbows appear around Manmin Central Church on special occasions of the church.

These rainbows have appeared not only in the sky over Manmin Central Church, but also in the sky over its branch churches on special occasions and other occasions of the church including overseas crusades, pastors' conference, and handkerchief healing meetings. Such extraordinary rainbows appear time and again at the God-pleasing events.

Revelation 4:3 tells us, "And He who

was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance." Like people exchanging rings as a sign of a significant promise, God has shown us the rainbow which surrounds His throne like an engagement ring and a wedding ring as a sign of His covenant.

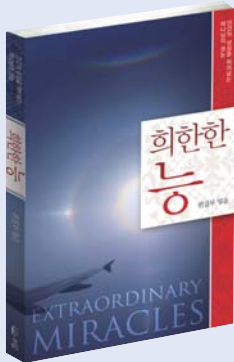
Since a circular rainbow appeared around the sun in the sky over Manmin Central Church on May 15th, 1998, members of the church have often seen rainbows for the last 13 years. During the mission trips for the overseas crusades beginning in 2000, double, triple, and fourfold

circular rainbows surrounding the shadow of the plane have been viewed from the plane, and sometimes other various forms of rainbows including linear, symmetric, asymmetric, and K-shaped rainbows

have appeared. Through the appearances of those spiritual rainbows, members of Manmin Central Church have come to stand firm in the faith, understand the spiritual realm, and have more fervently longing hearts for New Jerusalem.



Extraordinary Miracles Recorded in the Bible



"God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out" (Acts 19:11-12).

The city of Ephesus was one of the centers of politics and culture of the Roman Empire. Evangelizing the city would have great influence and it became imminently necessary to manifest amazing miracles that could confirm the gospel of the Lord in the city. Many Ephesians worshiped all kinds of idols including the goddess Artemis. Rituals of idol-worshiping were rampant in that city. As recorded in Romans 15:18-19, Paul states, "For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed, in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." It was for this reason the apostle Paul had to manifest an even higher level of powerful miracles than sorcery, trickery and deceits by the works of evil spirits.

During his third missionary journey, the apostle Paul preached the gospel at a synagogue of Jews in Ephesus for 3 months. But because some were hardened in their hearts and spoke ill of the teachings of the Lord that he was spreading, Paul went to Tyrannus and taught the Word of the Lord in the school of Tyrannus for 2 years. While performing his ministry there, God performed extraordinary miracles through him. When handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out. Those extraordinary miracles and many other powerful works took place not only in Ephesus but also in other areas of Asia, and then many Jews and Greeks came to believe in Jesus Christ.

How Could the Apostle Paul Manifest Those Extraordinary Miracles?

Among the many verses the Bible tells us in Leviticus 11:45, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, and

Matthew 5:48 that sanctification is the will of God for us in Christ. Those true children of God who have become sanctified receive a gift of love, the gift of the power of God.

As recorded in Psalm 62:11, "Once God has spoken; twice I have heard this: that power belongs to God." God's powerful miracles are never performed by the enemy devil. Manifestations of powerful works belong only to God. When those miraculous works take place through God-loving men, many souls can gain salvation and God's name is magnified.

As stated in Acts 2:22, the reason for Jesus' manifestation of great power, wonders and signs was to testify Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior. Many people will be lead to reach salvation by believing in Him. As prophesied in Deuteronomy 18:17-19, God appointed such proper servants as Moses in order to proclaim the will of God, reveal the love and power of God and to testify to the existence of the living God. The servants of God who are worthy to receive God's power must have no evil in their heart at all and they must also be obedient to the Word of God saying "Amen."

Even such deacons as Philip and Stephen received the power of God because they had sanctified their hearts and prepared proper vessels of the heart. In New Testament times, the apostle Paul was the foremost man of God after Jesus. He performed wonders and signs with great power. In the same way, anyone who becomes sanctified and obeys the Word only with saying "Amen" will be accompanied with miraculous signs, wonders and extraordinary miracles demonstrating that God confirms him.

To manifest the greatest powers of God requires the possession of the faith of Christ. This is the faith that pleases God exceedingly. Among those who have accomplished sanctification but are yet to attain to that very level of spirit, those who have unchanging hearts, they are the ones who can receive the power of God. Those servants of God who have already received God's power can manifest greater works to the extent they build on the amount of their fervent prayers.

The Same Wonders, Miraculous Signs and Extraordinary Miracles Are Happening even Today!

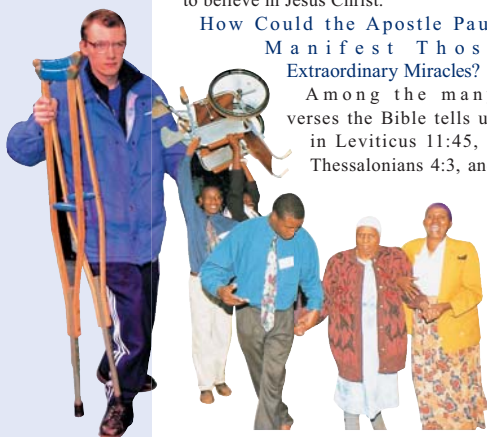
We can receive higher levels of power to the extent to which we become

united with God in heart and the level of manifestations of God's power becomes different according to the level of power we have received. The first level of power is best explained as the power of healing. This level scorches all kinds of infectious diseases caused by germs, viruses and bacteria by the fire of the Holy Spirit. The second level of power drives out forces of darkness and brings those souls who have just left their body back to life according to the providence of God. The third level of power performs all sorts of signs, and also the power to manifest works of God's creative power. The fourth level of power controls wonders, such as atmospheric phenomena including change of weather, and it also subjects nonliving entities to the obedience of the commands of those who have the power.

Thus, we can receive a higher level of power to the extent that we have prepared the vessels of our hearts. However, we can manifest greater works only according to the measure of our spirit and within the limitations of our spiritual preparation. Higher than the four levels of power is the level of the Original Power of Creation in which there is no limitation in performing miracles at all and amazing works that transcend the abilities and knowledge of men. For example, when we pray for the sick from the pulpit without laying the hand on each of them, thousands of or tens of thousands of people can receive healing. Besides, numerous wonders can take place and many people can be healed of their diseases when we lay our hand on their pictures and pray for them transcending space and time.

Christian Medical Doctors Who Believe in God the Almighty Healer and Proclamation of Miraculous Healings

In our time, even among Christians there are not many who believe that miraculous healing works still are occurring. Medical doctors seldom believe or accept the fact that divine healing of diseases can happen by the power of God, because they tend to rely on medicinal knowledge and experience more than divine healing and testimony. Despite this trend of the world, Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee, Founder & Board Chairman of The World Christian Doctors' Network (WCDN), is proclaiming God is the almighty Healer and emphasizing the significance of the



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

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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God performed extraordinary miracles through the apostle Paul. Through the manifestations of those extraordinary miracles people were healed of their various diseases and evil spirits were driven from them so that Paul could boldly testify to the living God and the Savior Jesus Christ. In the same way, God gives His power to proper servants of God and enables them to manifest signs and wonders, and also lets them perform extraordinary miracles and marvelous works. In order to receive the power of God and manifest those amazing works, they have to cast off all forms of evils, accomplish complete sanctification, and pile up countless and fervent prayers.



The annual international Christian medical conference hosted by WCDN has been held in Seoul of Korea, Chennai of India, Cebu of the Philippines, Miami of USA, Trondheim of Norway, Kiev of Ukraine, and Rome of Italy and attended by many doctors and medical professionals from more than 40 nations.

ministry of divine healing.

He is always proclaiming, "God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow and He still works for those who are asking for His healing works by faith. By the power of God, everything impossible can be made possible transcending human limitations." Just as he has proclaimed, countless divine healing works and amazing miracles have occurred at his crusades and in individual homes both in Korea and worldwide. Countless people have been released from afflictions and healed of various diseases in spirit and body through Dr. Lee's prayer in the name of Jesus Christ and they glorified God.

He has performed a very influential ministry of divine healing with the great power of God he received and many fruits have been borne through WCDN. The organization was developed by Christian medical doctors and medical professionals who had the desire to confirm and proclaim that God the Creator is alive and still manifesting amazing miracles. It was

founded in 2004 through the fervent prayer and enthusiastic support of Dr. Jaerock Lee. The ministry of WCDN is aimed to collect, analyze and confirm various divine healing cases taking place through prayers in the name of Jesus Christ and to testify to the living God.

WCDN has hosted many international Christian medical conferences and its members made presentations of various divine healing cases that have taken place all over the world. Many of the doctors and medical professionals have been touched by the presentations of God's powerful healing works supported by medical documentation and scientific data. They glorified God with adoration and acclamations of surprise at the medical and scientific data attesting to the power of God the Creator in the cases of divine healing. Hundreds of doctors in attendance have professed openly that God is the Healer and they are merely instruments of God's healing.

The Enemy Devil Cannot Imitate God's Powerful Works

If anyone is able to perform miracles and manifest God's powerful works, then that person evidently demonstrates that he is a man of God. There are some people who may show similar appearing miracles through trickery, deception or sorcery. But, eventually the truth is revealed. Those miracles performed in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of God bring fruits of goodness and enable people to gain salvation and glorify God. However, those who performed what appeared to be miracles through trickery and sorcery deceive people and it will lead them to eternal death because of the selfish desire for personal benefits and self-glory.

Some believers say the enemy devil performs miracles, signs and wonders and some verses of the Bible record it. For example, they quote the recording of Matthew 23:24, "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect." In this verse, 'great signs and wonders' refer to the works forfeited in sorcery and trickery through the works of the evil spirits. They never refer to real miracles that can heal people of their diseases. The devil is a spiritual being, and his level of authority and power is even higher than that of men. With that spiritual power and authority, the devil can tempt men and cause them stand against God and commit sins. However, the devil can never imitate the same works as God. The devil does not rule over the death, life, we and the blessings of mankind and is not able to create anything out of nothing.

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The site of occurrence of the same kind of miracle recorded in the Bible

In March of 2000, the same biblical miracle as the bitter water of Marah being turned into sweet water occurred at Muan Manmin Church. Through Dr. Jaerock Lee's space-and-time-transcending prayer, the salty seawater was transformed into sweet water. Seven years later, in October, 2007 a sample of Muan sweet water was sent to the FDA (Food and Drug Administration), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for analytical testing. The organization confirmed it as good quality water abounding in minerals. What is more amazing is that those who have drunk and sprayed Muan sweet water by faith have been healed of their diseases, dead trees and plants have been revived, and many believers fulfill their heart's desires.



Biblical Terminology

Wonder: When atmospheric/meteorological phenomena are controlled and the weather changes by the power of God, it is referred to as 'wonders.' For example, God's power makes clouds move to another spaces and precipitation start or stop. By His power, a typhoon changes its course or dies out in the middle, and a rainbow appears on a clear sky.

Sign: When the blind come to see, the mute speak, the deaf hear, the lame walk, and one leg that is shorter is lengthened, and people make full recoveries from polio, cerebral palsy, deformity, and disability, we call such amazing works of God 'signs'. Additionally, when, by God's power, deformed, disabled, and degenerated parts of the body are made whole, the pieces of a shattered bone are set as normal, missing bones are created, and severed tendons are reconnected, it is called a 'sign'

Extraordinary Miracles: When the handkerchiefs or the

aprons were carried from the body of Paul to the sick, diseases left them and the evil spirits departed from them. This is an extraordinary miracle God performed through the apostle Paul (Acts 19:11-12).

Marvelous Things: By Elijah's prayer a three and one half year's drought stopped and it began to rain as recorded in 1 Kings 18:41-45, and when Moses struck a rock with his staff, water came forth. These works are examples of 'marvelous things'.

Works of Creation: Jesus changed water into wine (John 2), a widow in Zarephath received amazing blessing by obeying Elijah's word (1 Kings 17), and the bitter water of Marah turned into sweet water by Moses' faith and obedience (Exodus 15:22-25). All these works are 'works of creation'.

Works Ruling over Life and Death: Those who are dying of infectious diseases caused by germs, viruses, or bacteria including cancers, tuberculosis and AIDS can be healed by the

scorching fire of the Holy Spirit. Paralyzed nerves, damaged tissues, and destroyed cells due to accidents or disease can be regenerated by the power of God.

Works Transcending Space and Time: A record in the 8th chapter of Matthew describes the faith of a centurion who received a marvelous answer after making the profession of faith saying that just 'the command alone of Jesus would be able to heal one of his servants who was lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented'. Because the centurion showed Jesus his complete faith, the servant was completely healed transcending space and time at that very moment Jesus had commanded.

Works through Spiritual Spaces: God can extend, shorten, or stop the passage of time as He harbors anything. In the spiritual spaces where those differences of the passage of time happen, the weather conditions can be changed and natural disasters such as droughts, floods, volcanic eruption, and earthquakes can be prevented.



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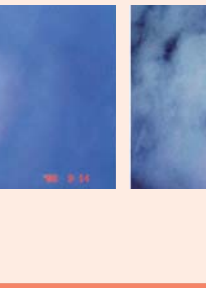
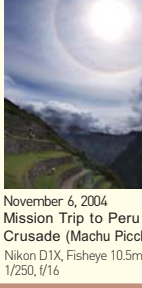












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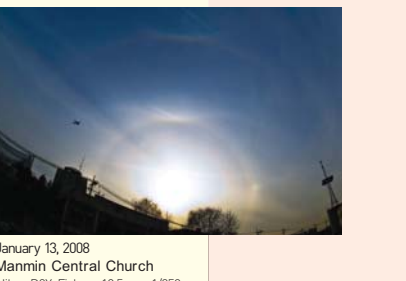






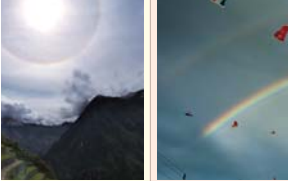



















A Rainbow History

“And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around him like a rainbow in the clouds.”
 “A seven-color rainbow reminds us of the rainbow around God’s throne.”

 <p>May 15, 1998. Manmin Central Church</p>	 <p>April 11, 1999. Manmin Central Church</p>	 <p>May 28, 2000 Manmin Central Church Fuji SP-2000</p>	 <p>June 15, 2001 Muan Manmin Church</p>	 <p>October 1, 2001 From the plane during Philippines Crusade mission trip</p>	 <p>March 31, 2003 From the plane during the mission trip to Dubai Fuji SLP800</p>	 <p>October 1, 2004 From the hotel where the team stayed during Ger Miracle Healing Festival Nikon D1X, Fisheye 10.5mm</p>
 <p>July 20, 1998. Suanbo, Chungju Chungcheongbuk-do (The 16th Pastors' Conference) Fuji SP-2000</p>	 <p>September 8, 1998 Pakistan Ministry (Pastors' Seminar and Revival Meeting in Lahore and Karachi)</p>	 <p>September 14, 2000 From the plane during the Japan Miracle Convention mission trip</p>	 <p>December 7, 2001 Manmin Central Church Sony DCR-VX2000</p>	 <p>July 29, 2002 From the plane during the Honduras Crusade mission trip Fuji SLP800</p>	 <p>May 14, 2003 Manmin Central Church (Two- week Special Revival Meeting) Fuji SP-2000</p>	 <p>November 10, 2003 From the plane during Russia Miracle Festival mission trip Nikon E3100, 1/350, f/4.9, ISO 100</p>
 <p>September 8, 1998 Pakistan Ministry (Pastors' Seminar and Revival Meeting in Lahore and Karachi)</p>	 <p>September 14, 2000 From the plane during the Japan Miracle Convention mission trip</p>	 <p>October 8, 2002 From the plane during the India Crusade mission trip Fuji SP-2000</p>	 <p>November 10, 2003 From the plane during Russia Miracle Festival mission trip Nikon E3100, 1/350, f/4.9, ISO 100</p>	 <p>November 6, 2004 Mission Trip to Peru Crusade (Machu Picch Nikon D1X, Fisheye 10.5mm 1/250, f/16</p>		
<p>1998</p>  <p>January 1998 Public recording of 'Renew Us' program of CBS</p>	<p>1999</p>  <p>July 2000 Uganda Holy Gospel Crusade</p>	<p>2000</p>  <p>June 2001 Kenya Holy Gospel Crusade</p>	<p>2001</p>  <p>September 2001 Philippines Crusade</p>	<p>2002</p>  <p>July 2002 Honduras Miracle Healing Crusade</p>	<p>2003</p>  <p>April 2003 Dubai Mission Trip</p>	<p>2004</p>  <p>October 2004 Germany Miracle Hea Festival</p>
 <p>May 1998 The 8th Two-week Special Revival Meeting</p>	 <p>October 1999 The 17th Anniversary Celebration Performance</p>	 <p>July 2000 Uganda Crusade broadcasted on CNN</p>	 <p>July 2000 Uganda Holy Gospel Crusade</p>	 <p>October 2002 India Miracle Healing Prayer Festival</p>	 <p>November 2003 Russia Crusade</p>	 <p>December 2004 Peru Healing Crusade</p>
 <p>October 2000 Pakistan United Crusade</p>						 <p>December 2004 Sharing friendly talks President of Peru</p>

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there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.” (Revelation 4:3)
 and let us become more full of our hope for Heaven!”

 <p>August 20, 2005 Manmin Central Church Nikon D2X, 1/160, ISO 100</p>	 <p>February 21, 2006 From the plane during DR Congo Miracle Healing Festival mission trip Nikon D2X, Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/250, f/11, ISO 100</p>	 <p>May 21, 2007 Manmin Central Church Nikon D2X, Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/1000, f/14, ISO 100</p>	 <p>January 13, 2008 Manmin Central Church Nikon D2X, Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/250, f/8, ISO 100</p>	 <p>April 14, 2010 Manmin Central Church Nikon D2X, Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/1000, f/13, ISO 200</p>
 <p>2004 Hotel where the mission started during Germany Healing Festival Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/60, f/3.5</p>	 <p>November 7, 2006 In Japan during the trip for the installation of GCN satellite receivers Nikon D2X, Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/250, f/11, ISO 100</p>	 <p>February 19, 2008 The 4th Israeli Ministry in Tel Aviv Nikon D2X, Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/160, f/7.1, ISO 100</p>	 <p>May 14, 2009 Manmin Central Church Nikon D2X, Fisheye 10.5mm, 1/1600, f/10, ISO 100</p>	 <p>September 12, 2010 Chiang Lai Manmin Church in Thailand Samsung Digimax i6 PMP, 1/250, f/3.5, ISO 50</p>
 <p>6, 2004 Trip to Peru Healing (Machu Picchu) Fisheye 10.5mm,</p>	 <p>November 10, 2006 Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church in Kenya (The 6th Anniversary Service) Nikon D70, 15-31mm, 1/200, f/7.1, ISO 200</p>	 <p>September 3, 2007 Delhi Manmin Mission Center in Northern India Canon EOS Kiss Digital X, 17-50mm, 1/1000, f/16, ISO 100</p>	 <p>April 8, 2008 Tanzania Ministry (Pastors' Seminar) Nikon D80, 18-70mm, 1/1000, f/4.5, ISO 400</p>	 <p>December 7, 2010 Manmin Central Church Canon EOS 5D Mark II, Sigma 12-24mm, 1/800, f/16, ISO 200</p>
<p>2005</p>	<p>2006</p>	<p>2007</p>	<p>2008</p>	<p>2009</p>
 <p>2004 Miracle Healing</p>	 <p>February 2005 Manmin TV's attendance at NRB Conference</p>	 <p>December 2007 Israeli Ministry (Bethlehem)</p>	 <p>July 2008 Israeli Ministry (Tel-Aviv)</p>	 <p>April 2009 Israel Ministry (Nazareth)</p>
 <p>2004 Healing Crusade</p>	 <p>October 2005 Launch of GCN</p>	 <p>February 2006 Having friendly talks with the President of DR Congo</p>	 <p>October 2007 Handkerchief Healing Crusade in Sudan, Africa</p>	 <p>October 2010 Estonia Miracle Healing Crusade</p>
 <p>2004 Friendly talks with the of Peru</p>	 <p>October 2005 The first broadcasting of GCN</p>	 <p>July 2006 New York Crusade at Madison Square Garden</p>	 <p>September 2009 Israel United Crusade in Jerusalem</p>	 <p>October 2010 Manmin Performing Arts Team at Estonia Crusade</p>

Teachings on the Seven Churches



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- Founder & Board Chairman, World Christian Doctors Network
- Founder & Board Chairman, Manmin International Seminary
- Founder & Board Chairman, The United Holiness Theological Seminary
- Senior Pastor, Manmin Central Church
- Doctorate of Ministry, and Honorary Doctorate of Divinity
- His sermon was broadcast on the Far East Broadcasting Company and the Asia Broadcast Station
- His Christian columns appear on *The Hankook Ilbo*, *The JoongAng Daily*, *The Dong-A Ilbo*, *The Munhwa Ilbo*, *The Seoul Shinmun*, *The Kyunghyang Shinmun*, *The Hankyoreh Shinmun*, *The Korea Economic Daily*, *The Korea Herald*, *The Shisa News*, and *The Christian Press*.
- He conducted crusades in Tanzania; Argentina; Los Angeles, Baltimore, Hawaii, and New York City of the USA; Uganda; Japan; Pakistan; Kenya; the Philippines; Honduras; India; Russia; Germany; Peru; Democratic Republic of the Congo; Israel; and Estonia.

After Jesus Christ's ascension into Heaven, His apostles and disciples stayed in Jerusalem and concentrated on prayer while waiting for the Promise of God. Not many days later the Holy Spirit descended upon them and they became filled with grace and power. Afterwards the foundation of the church was laid in Jerusalem through His apostles. Later, the apostle Paul and other disciples set up churches in the city of Antioch, which was the foundation of the ministry for the Gentiles. This was the way of the fulfillment of the Lord's promise recorded in Acts 1:8, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

These churches are called the 'Early Churches'. As time passed, however, some of the early churches began to become corrupt. In our time how many believers in Christ are there who have lost their first love for the Lord, backslid in faith, stayed at the same level of faith, or have lukewarm faith? The number of Christians who neither believe in God completely nor acknowledge the Savior Jesus Christ, nor accept tangible works of the Holy Spirit is continually increasing. The letters of the Lord recorded in the second and third chapters of the Book of Revelation also apply to the modern churches of today as well.

1. Spiritual Significance of the Seven Churches

The Book of Revelation was recorded by the apostle John, one of Jesus' twelve disciples. He was persecuted and even cast into a pot of boiling oil, but he did not meet with death in the providence and protection of God. He was then exiled to the island of Patmos where he recorded the Book of Revelation by the revelation of the Lord.

The number 7 spiritually refers to 'completion,' so the seven churches refer to all the churches set up in the name of the Lord. In this sense, the seven churches recorded in the second and third chapters of Revelation refer to not only the seven churches located in the seven areas of Asia Minor—Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea, but they are also representative of all the churches that have been established by the Lord in the era of the Holy Spirit.

The message on the seven churches is a perfect milestone that helps the believers in the Lord examine their faith and the churches lay the firm foundation in the Lord. It is also considered as the composite summarization of all the words of

God recorded in the Old and New Testaments. That's why it presents important teachings of the exact milestones for the God-pleasing churches.

2. The Messages of the Lord on the Seven Churches

1) The Church in Ephesus that was Reproached for Forsaking Their First Love (Revelation 2:1-7)

The Lord first commends the church in Ephesus for their deeds, toil and perseverance. He commends them for the obedience to the Word of God. He complimented them because they had not tolerated evil men, but had put to the test those who called themselves apostles. But, they were not, and they found them to be false. He also acknowledged that they had endured for His name's sake without growing weary (Revelation 2:2-3).

As time passed, however, they left their first love of the Lord. They distanced themselves from the truth and befriended the world. The Lord rebuked them for this wrongdoing and then asked them to examine where they had fallen, repent and 'do the first deeds'. This church also refers to the churches that had fervor for the Lord in their early days of the church ministry, but become arrogant and their love and fervor for Him cooled down after accomplishing revival.

"But I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God." (Revelation 2:4-7)

2) The Church in Smyrna that Overcame the Trials of Faith (Revelation 2:8-11)

The church in Smyrna suffered many afflictions and trials including the martyrdom of Polycarp, and the Lord neither praised nor rebuked them but just gave them advice. He also promised them that they would receive the crown of life if they could be faithful until death. This church refers to the churches that are suffering from afflictions for the Lord's name's sake and overcoming them.

"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let

him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death." (Revelation 2:10-11)

3) The Church in Pergamum Was Imbued with Heretical Teachings (Revelation 2:12-17)

The Lord praised the church in Pergamum because they kept their faith under many persecutions and afflictions, but He rebuked them severely because there were some believers who followed the teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans. This spiritual corruption is more crucial to a church than outward persecutions. The Lord warns us of the teaching of Balaam who compromised with the world due to a desire to seek selfish benefits and also of the teaching of the Nicolaitans who deceived many believers saying that though they sinned, they would still be able to receive salvation because their spirits are pure despite many sins in flesh. This church refers to the churches that compromise with the world and grow imbued with the heretical teachings.

"But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality. So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it." (Revelation 2:14-16)

4) The Church in Thyatira that Ate Things Sacrificed to Idols (Revelation 2:18-29)

Prior to rebuking them, the Lord first praised the church in Thyatira for their deeds, love, faith, service, and perseverance saying that their deeds of late were greater than at first. Then, He rebuked them because they accepted the woman Jezebel who called herself a prophetess and tempted the believers to commit acts of sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. This church refers to the churches that follow the external forms of faith, but are then found to compromise with untruths and stand against God.

"But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent,

The teachings on the seven churches that are recorded in the Book of Revelation by the apostle John are the epistles of the Lord. The records on the seven churches give very important lessons to the churches set up by the name of the Lord, the believers in Him, and they present to the readers the very type that is of the most ideal church. The seven churches recorded in the Book of Revelation—the church in Ephesus, the church in Smyrna, the church in Pergamum, the church in Thyatira, the church in Sardis, the church in Philadelphia, and the church in Laodicea represent all the churches established in the gospel of the Lord.

and she does not want to repent of her immorality. Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.” (Revelation 2:20-25)

5) The Church in Sardis that Had a Name that They Were Alive, but Dead (Revelation 3:1-6)

The church in Sardis was rebuked by the Lord because they said they believed in God and the Lord, but they had dead faith that was not accompanied with the deeds of obeying the Word of God. But there were a few believers in the church who endeavored to keep their faith. This church refers to many churches that have a few members of which are trying their best to act by the Word and pray, but the majority have ‘dead faith’ and they must turn their faith into living faith accompanied with the deeds of obeying the Word.

“But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” (Revelation 3:4-6)

6) The Church in Philadelphia that Was Only Praised for Their

Faith (Revelation 3:7-14)

The church in Philadelphia was praised by the Lord for they had only a little power, but they kept their faith. ‘A little power’ here refers to the faith as small as a mustard seed given to new believers in the Lord. Because they kept the Word of God even with such a little bit of faith, they were given the key of David with which the doors to all blessings are opened and they gained the proofs of God’s love for them. In addition, they received the promise of the Lord that He would make them pillars in the Temple of God in the city of New Jerusalem. This church refers to the churches that are following the same example of the church of Philadelphia and keeping the Word of God even with but a little power, and thereby being accompanied with God’s powerful works including miraculous signs and wonders in the name of Jesus Christ.

“I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. ... I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown. He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he will not go out from it anymore; and I will write on him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God, and My new name. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” (Revelation 3:8, 11-12)

7) The Church in Laodicea that Was neither Cold nor Hot (Revelation 3:14-22)

The church in Laodicea was rich in economics and abounded in many things, but they were wretched,

miserable, poor, blind, and naked in spirit. The Lord reproved this church because their faith was neither cold nor hot, and then eagerly urged them to repent and be zealous. This church refers to the churches that say they are rich and lack nothing and neither have zeal for the Lord nor endeavor to be transformed in the Lord anymore.

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says this: I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,’ and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.” (Revelation 3:14-19)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Today there are many churches that are the same types as the seven churches, so it is really a requirement that believers in Christ should examine their faith with the messages on the “seven churches” and choose to follow the teachings of the Lord in wisdom from above. May you be the imitators of the believers of the church in Philadelphia and be praised for keeping the Word of God with a little power, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray!



The church in Ephesus



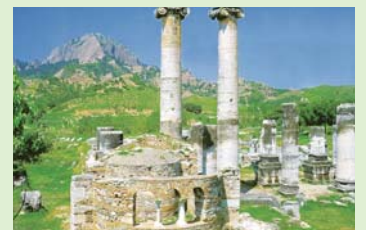
The church in Smyrna



The church in Pergamum



The church in Thyatira



The church in Sardis



The church in Philadelphia



The church in Laodicea

Biblical Terminology

• Deeds of the Nicolaitans

The Nicolaitans refer to the gathering of the followers of Nicolas. Nicolas had been chosen as one of the seven deacons of the early church but he later betrayed his faith and formed a heretical sect. He claimed men can go to heaven no matter how many sins they commit in flesh, because their spirit is pure. The deeds of the Nicolaitans include everything that craftily changes the truths and tempts believers to commit sins.

• The Synagogue of Satan

The synagogue of Satan refers to the gathering of those who consider themselves as believers in God but oppose the works of God that are not related to their benefit and thoughts. When two or more believers gather in the church and cause problems of complaints, grumbling, passing judgment and condemnation on others and then form a faction, it is a synagogue of Satan. If a synagogue of Satan is formed in the church, the love between believers grows cold and God’s works stop.

• Deeds of Balaam

Balaam had the knowledge of the will of God, but when Balak king of the Moabites bribed him with riches and honor, Balaam fell into the temptation and caused Israelites to commit acts of immorality before God (Numbers 31:16; 2 Peter 2:15). In this sense, the deeds of Balaam

apply to those who say they love and serve God but are found to be double-minded and compromise with unrighteousness for the love of money and desires to gain fame and honor.

• Believers Compromising with Untruths and the World

Some believers think they lead a Christian life that is appropriate, but they compromise with untruths and befriend the world like Balaam did. They have friendship with the world because of the love for money (1 Timothy 6:10), and also break the Sabbath day and rob God of tithes and offerings because of the desire for money (Malachi 3:8). Because they lead a Christian life they think fit, some pastors are covetous of money and fame and seek worldly power, even though they have to concentrate on the Word of God and prayer.

• Heretical Sects

Heretics deny the Lord Jesus Christ who bought them with His blood (2 Peter 2:1; 2 John 1:7). They may have a semblance to believing in the Lord, but are totally different from evangelical Christians because they do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Savior. They say they believe in God and have the same organization as Christian churches, so that Christians may fall into their temptations. Heretical sects are eventually found to have wrong or false doctrines that have nothing to do with salvation. Those heretical doctrines are fundamentally different from the gospel of Jesus Christ, and anyone who spreads and accepts the false gospel is to be accursed and led to destruction (Galatians 1:8).

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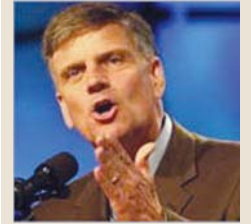
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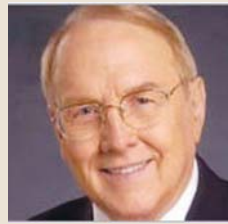
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The popular Christian magazine IN VICTORY (<http://news.invictory.org/issue32289.html>) and new agency Christian Telegraph (<http://www.christiantelegraph.com/issue11870.html>) have named their 2010 ministers of the year on January 4 and January 15, 2011 respectively. They have been selected because of their vast influence on Christianity. IN VICTORY's main editor Sergey Sergienko says, "What influenced the choices were their accomplishments in 2010, polling data and frequency of mention in the press."

Dr. Jaerock Lee, Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church was announced as the 'Missionary of the Year' among the top 10 most influential Christian leaders of 2010. He was also listed as the 'TV Evangelist of the Year' of 2009 last year. Among the most influential ministers of the year 2010 are:

► Evangelist of the year [Reinhard Bonnke]

The legendary evangelist has brought millions of people in Africa to the Lord. Even though Reinhard is in his 70's, his passion for Jesus is still going strong and he desires to awaken spiritually slumbering Europe to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. In addition to massive crusades, he views the internet as a great tool for evangelism and updates his Facebook page every day. Reinhard has also prepared a successor for himself.

► Writer of the year [Lisa Bevere]

Being an international speaker, author of many bestsellers and TV show hostess, Lisa Bevere is one of the few who encourage women all around the world to raise their voices and change this world for the better. In 2010 Lisa wrote the book "Lioness Arising: Wake Up and Change Your World," in which she shared a prophetic message for women.

► Missionary of the year [Jaerock Lee]

This pastor knows that

Christians' lives are to be holy and should be empowered by the Holy Spirit. He founded the mega-mega-church of Manmin in Seoul, South Korea and works to bring revival and the Gospel to the most remote corners of the world. Just a few of the countries he has impacted are Israel, Peru, Estonia, the United States of America, India, and countries of Africa.

► Diplomat of the year [Rick Warren]

The pastor of the mega-church Saddleback was named one of the most popular and influential users of Twitter. Rick Warren is one of the few pastors who publicly speaks with influential governmental officials. In 2010 he interviewed former United States of America president George W. Bush in his church.

► Philanthropist of the year [Franklin Graham]

Franklin Graham has dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel and to helping those who are in desperate situations, including economic and medical assistance. He is the President of the world-wide relief organization Samaritan's Purse and the President of

the Billy Graham Evangelical Association. Samaritan's Purse is working in more than 100 countries.

► Pastor of the year [Paul Melnichuk]

Being the son of Ukrainian immigrants, Paul Melnichuk built a multi-national mega-church called 'The Prayer Palace' in Toronto, Canada. Despite the very liberal society around him, Paul preaches the uncompromised Gospel. The Prayer Palace unites Christians of more than 50 nationalities.

► Leader of the year [James Davis]

James Davis is the co-founder of the growing coalition of ministries and denominations called Billion Soul Network. It includes more than 350,000 churches. James is a gifted leader and his goal is to strengthen relations between pastors in order to plant five million churches and bring one billion people to Christ.

► Reformer of the year [Mark Driscoll]

He is the Pastor of Mars Hill Church in Seattle, Washington. He is working to reform the

approach of having a church and being a community of believers. He is using the latest technologies to do that. Mars Hill Church has created its own internet network, which is a virtual community that helps church members build strong relationships.

► Broadcaster of the year [James Dobson]

After more than 30 years of ministry and as the leader of one of the most influential pro-family organizations in the U.S.A., 'Focus on the Family,' James Dobson left the ministry that he founded and started a new radio program called 'Family Talk'. The focus of the new program is to strengthen the institution of family, which James says is the foundation of a strong society.

► Strategist of the year [Leonard Sweet]

Leonard Sweet is a historian of American culture, a futurist who sees the trends in the society that are unnoticed by others, and a writer. Leonard is also a consultant to many churches and develops strategies to fulfill the Great Commission in the digital age of the 21st century.