

“The Message of the Cross is My Wonderful Mentor”

Pastor Sergio Jacobi (Chukray Mission Center, Belgium)

‘I have never heard such deep messages! They must be given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.’

Nowadays, I preach the gospel with confidence. I came to have spiritual power and fervor that I could spread the gospel. Many people around me have been wondering why I changed this much.

I answer them, “I changed thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee’s book *The Message of the Cross*. I also introduced the book to them as a book which carries spiritually deep messages. My friends and pastors around me confessed as well they felt the existence of the Holy Spirit when reading the book.

I saw listeners change whenever I preached the message of the cross as written in the book. Very important messages are included in the book such as ‘Why did God put the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden?’ and ‘The providence of the cross’.

I was impressed the most by Chapter 7, ‘The Last Seven Words of Jesus on the Cross’ and Chapter 8, ‘True Faith and Eternal Life’. The Chapter 7 explains about the spiritual meaning of Jesus’ last seven words on the cross. In Chapter 8 are the subparts like ‘What a Profound Mystery It is!’, ‘False Confessions Do Not Lead to Salvation’, ‘Faith Accompanied with Action Is True Faith’, and the like.

I read the book three times. I was filled with the inspiration of the



Holy Spirit every time. I could feel spiritual power coming from a different dimension.

Since then, my ministry style has changed. I realized deep in my heart that it should be my top priority to resemble the Lord. I came to know that what it means to fear God and the power of prayer.

I received such blessings through a member of Brussels Manmin Church. He told me that amazing works written in the Bible are still taking place when he attended the Bible Study Meeting which I led.

It made me become very curious about Manmin Central Church. I finally made a visit to Brussels Manmin Church in May, 2010. I met Pastor Guy Davdits and Missionary Christina Roh who is ministering to Belgium Manmin

Center. Missionary Roh gave me *The Message of the Cross*. This was the start of blessings God had prepared for me in advance.

On March 18th to 21st of 2011, Brussels Manmin Church had its Sanctuary Relocation Service and Handkerchief Healing Meeting (Acts 19:11-12) with Pastor Heesun Lee. I myself experienced wonderful works of God there.

At the time, I had been losing eyesight dramatically because I had to work at night using computer. I could not see well even with my glasses which I bought two months prior. I prayed to God, “I still have many Bible verses which I should read and learn about, but am I really no longer able to read them?”

On March 19th, I received Dr. Lee’s prayer for the sick through video presentation during the Handkerchief Healing Meeting. Then, it was time for the sick to receive handkerchief prayer (Acts 19:11-12). At the moment, I heard the voice of the Holy Spirit who said to me, “I will show you a sign that you are on the right track.” That was such a powerful voice.

After the message from the Holy Spirit, I received the handkerchief prayer. To my surprise, my vision was improved! I came to read very small letters without my glasses. When I came home, God’s grace which could not be expressed with words came upon me. I gave Him prayer of thanksgiving with tears. The more I realize God’s will, the more I feel grateful.

Everything changes: my ways of thinking, my point of view, my faith, and so on. I give thanks to the Lord who led me to the way of blessings.



“I Was Healed of 20-Year Long Hepatitis-B through Prayer!”

Deaconess Soonrae Kim (1-2 Parish, 2-4 Women’s Mission)

I used to be a Hepatitis B carrier. Twenty years ago, I happened to know that when I went to a hospital because my stomach was upset and I had difficulties in eating. As a Hepatitis B carrier, I had faced many difficulties in my life. When I gave birth to my son, I could not breastfeed him. It was also very hard for me to get and keep a job.

Chronic Hepatitis B carriers usually have stronger possibility of getting a hepatocirrhosis or liver cancer than others. They always feel nervous even through there is no specific symptom of other diseases. They cannot but lead such a life because there is no medicine for it.

Five years ago, I had a check-up to get a job in a feeding facility. I wanted the job, but I still could not have that job because of Hepatitis B.

In December of 2010, I thoroughly repented of my past

life during which I hated my husband and did not live by the Word of God even if I said I believed in Him. After the repentance, I came to lead a happy Christian life and started to receive Dr. Lee’s prayer to be healed of Hepatitis B.

In the meantime, on April 19th, 2011, I had another check-up to get a job as a care helper. Of course, Hepatitis B carriers cannot get the job. However, I was sure that God had already healed me.

The test result was amazing! Hepatitis B was cured because no antibodies appeared. Hallelujah!

I can get a job I want now, and I do not have to be worried about hepatocirrhosis or liver cancer. I give all thanks and glory to Father God who was healed of Hepatitis B which cannot be completely cured with modern medicine.

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“Now I Can See Well without Glasses!”

The Works of the Holy Spirit Overflow in the Special Divine Healing Meeting with Many Healing Testimonies of Improved and Regained Eyesight



Special Divine Healing Meeting which was held in the main sanctuary of Manmin Central Church on June 10th ■ Photo 1: Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee was praying for the sick ■ Photo 2: Believers were waiting in line to testify to their healing ■ Photo 3: Sister Hana Kim (12 years old) and her father Elder Heungman Kim (51 years old) who came to be healed of their astigmatism and nearsightedness ■ Photo 4: Deaconess Soeob Kim (75 years old) testified that she had had difficulties in reading the Bible as her sight had grown dim but her eyesight became better ■ Photo 5: Worship and Praise filled with the Holy Spirit together with members of Performing Arts Committee

Since the church was opened 29 years ago, this marks the first time in that Manmin Central Church had such a 3-session Special Divine Healing Meeting where Dr. Lee led praise and prayer in the second half as well as the first half of Friday All-night Service. As many as 4,000 people submitted applications for receiving Dr. Lee’s prayer firsthand.

The Special Divine Healing Meeting was held three times on June 10, 17, and 24. It proved the authenticity of the Bible through powerful works and served as an opportunity to plant true faith in the hearts of attendees.

Many people waited in a line to receive his personal prayer that stretched from the altar around to the back of the main sanctuary. He laid his hand on approximately 4,000 people during the Divine Healing Meeting. Seeing it was truly

amazing.

Dr. Lee said, “God will not only let your eyesight get better, but also heal you of fundamental diseases which caused your eyesight to become bad.” During the meeting, numerous believers gave their healing testimonies at the testimonies reception desk. Many of them received improved eyesight.

This meeting lasted from 11 P.M to 4 A.M. During the first half, Dr. Lee delivered the message for one and a half hours. He preached the message with various simple examples and allegories so that it could be easy to understand even for newcomers.

He said, “A man is made up of spirit, soul, and body. When soul and body obey their master, the spirit, we can then say that ‘the spirit and soul prosper’. If we live by the Word of God written in the Bible, our spirits

and souls will be prosperous and we will enjoy good health. That is to say, everything will go well with us and we will not be faced with disastrous problems. If you suffer from diseases and various problems, you have to figure out what is wrong in your life in accordance with the Word of God and repent of such wrongdoings.”

During the second half of the meeting, Dr. Lee first prayed for the sick from the altar and then he prayed for people individually. After that, along with the Performing Arts Committee teams, he then led praise filled with inspiration of the Spirit.

For the last three years Senior Deaconess Eunsook Ko (51 years old) had depended on reading glasses for writing or reading the Bible. She happened to hear that Special Divine Healing Meeting would be held, especially for those who had poor eyesight, in Manmin Central Church.

She attended the meeting with a longing heart and prayer on June 10th. When Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed for the sick, she laid her hands on her own eyes and received his prayer. At the very moment, she saw blue, pink, and purple colored lights. Then, joy came upon her and she was assured that she had been healed. Since then, she has been able to read the Bible without her reading glasses.

Senior Deaconess Ko’s two daughters, sisters Kyungwon (21 years old) and Hanseul (15 years old), also received better eyesight. Many believers who had had eye problems were healed all at once, which was unprecedented.

Junior Deaconess Taaja Kim (Asan Manmin Church, 65 years old) stated, “I could not see anything without glasses, but my eyesight has become better since the prayer. Also, I used to walk with a short and quick

step because I trembled due to Parkinson’s disease. Now it too is getting better.” Also, Deaconess Inok Han (1-2 Parish, 55 years old) who had been diagnosed with breast cancer said, “After the prayer, I cannot feel the lumps in my breast which I had. Pain in my eyes disappeared and I came to have better eyesight as well.

Many other healing testimonies have been received such as healing of herniated lumbar disc, arthritis, facial paralysis, dermatitis, degenerative arthritis, pollakiuria, compression fracture of the lumbar vertebrae, and others.

The meeting was broadcast live through satellite and Internet. People attended the meeting not only in the main sanctuary, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th sanctuaries, but also all around the world through GCN and the Internet. Healing testimonies have been received continuously.



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The Eyes of the Blind Will Open

“Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” (John 9:32-33)

Works of opening the eyes of a person born blind are only recorded in the Four Gospels which describes Jesus' ministry. The great manifestation of power, signs, and wonders were the evidences that the Jesus the Jews crucified on the cross was indeed the Messiah whose coming had been foretold in the Old Testament. Power is a voucher that testifies to God's presence with the one who manifests power and the surest way to plant a seed of faith in the hearts of unbelievers.

1. Jesus opened the eyes of a person born blind

John chapter 9 records an amazing work which took place through Jesus. He was with His disciples on the Sabbath when Jesus came across a man born blind. The disciples asked who caused him to be born blind. He answered, “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him.” Then, He spat on the ground, made clay of the spittle, applied, and said to him, “Go wash in the pool of Siloam.”

What do you think happened at that moment? The man who had been born blind and led a life as a beggar came to see the light of the world as his eyes were opened. It took place as soon as he obeyed Jesus' words.

There were many other people whom Jesus healed in the Bible. His case was a little different from other healing cases. The blind man did not beg Jesus to heal him; instead, Jesus came to him and completely healed him. Why, then, did the man receive such amazing grace?

2. The reasons why the blind man received amazing grace from Jesus

First, he was a man of obedience

Jesus came to him, spat on the ground, made some mud with his saliva, put it on the man's eyes, and commanded him, “Go wash in the pool of Siloam.” In fact, if an ordinary person is told that a blind man came to see by applying clay of the spittle and washing with water, the person might think it does not make sense at all.

Moreover, if people hear this command without knowing who Jesus is, most other people would not believe it. They might be even become upset feeling like they are mocked.

Yet, that was not the case with this man. He washed in the pool of Siloam obeying the Word of Jesus. As a result, he came to see with the eyes which had been shut from the moment he was born.

If you think the Word of God is not compatible with man's common sense and experience, just try to obey the Word with a humble heart like that of this man born blind. Then, you will definitely experience wonderful works by God's grace just as the man's eyes were opened.

Secondly, his spiritual eyes, with which he could



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

distinguish the truth from untruth, were opened.

The Jewish leaders at that time were so ignorant in a spiritual sense that they could not recognize Jesus due to their strong frameworks from the traditions of the elders and the law. However, the person born blind thought that Jesus was a man of God because He healed him of his blindness.

We can know, by reading how he answered the Pharisees after he was healed, that he could discern between what was right and what was wrong correctly out of his goodness.

When the Pharisees asked how he was able to gain his eyesight, he boldly answered, “He applied clay of the spittle to me. Then, I washed it and came to see.” Nevertheless, they did not believe what he said and kept asking to find faults saying, “What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” And the man responded, “He is a prophet.”

Until the end the Pharisees did not believe what they had heard. They even called in the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.”

When we hear that a person born blind came to see, it is very natural to rejoice and celebrate together with him. However, the Pharisees could not recognize Jesus who came to the earth as our Savior, but they just passed condemnation on Jesus to seize and kill Him even though they saw God's good works manifested through Him. It means that they stood against God. But the blind man knew that the healing of blind eyes was possible only by God in his good conscience.

Thirdly, he made a resolution to lead a new life after receiving God's grace

There are people who recovered good health and received solutions to problems by the grace and power of Jesus Christ, but forsook the grace of God and returned to the ways of the world. When they were sick and had difficulties, they confessed, “I will live only for the Lord, once I am healed.” But after receiving healing and blessings, these people forsake the grace of God in the pursuit of their own benefits.

However, the blind man had a good heart that would not forsake the grace received, so he met Jesus

and came to see. Above all, he received the greatest blessing, that is, the blessing of salvation. Jesus asked “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” and taught him saying, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.” And the man confessed, “Lord, I believe.” He did not simply “believe”, he was receiving Jesus as the Christ. It was his confession of faith in which he resolved to follow the Lord and live for the Lord.

God wants all of us to come before Him with such a heart. He wants us to seek Him, not just because He heals us and gives us blessings, but because He wants us to accept Jesus as our Savior. He longs for us to understand the love of God who unsparingly gave His one and only Son.



News in Brief

Tabata Manmin Church in Tokyo, Japan Celebrated Their 11th Anniversary and Moving into a New Sanctuary

On June 5th the Tabata Manmin Church in Tokyo, Japan (presiding minister, Pastor Kyungtae Cheong) invited Pastor Heesun Lee, who is the Pastor at Large and National Mens' and Womens' Group Guidance Pastor, as the guest pastor for the 11th Anniversary Service and the service for the moving into their new sanctuary. Sunday morning, the service of blessing for the moving of the sanctuary was offered with Pastor Lee speaking under the title “Faith” based on Hebrews 11:6. In the evening service the 11th Anniversary service was held with the title “Spiritual Commander” based on scripture from Joshua 1:6-8. The Performing Arts Committee's Power Praise Team from our church performed after the sermon was preached. After their performance a Handkerchief Prayer Meeting was conducted in which many attendees received Healing. In particular, 35-year-old Deaconess Seona Kim was cured of bronchial asthma, 25-year-old sister Hajin recovered from severe migraines, and 29-year-old Shimizu Nami testified to improved eyesight.



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How Much Has Goodness Been Cultivated in Your Heart?

LET'S CHECK HOW MUCH GOODNESS WE HAVE CULTIVATED.

1 Do you feel sad or lose heart?

Some feel sad or lose heart when those who work less faithfully and pray less fervently than they do get recognition from others. Also, others lose heart when there are no rewards or fruit even if they work with all their time, finances, and heart. This kind of heart comes from the heart of envy and jealousy.

God said in Psalm 37:1, “Do not fret because of evildoers, be not envious toward wrongdoers.” We should realize how evil it is to feel envious and jealous when we are not recognized and praised according to what we have done.

We should not pray and perform God-given duties in order to receive rewards, recognition or praise from others. Those who believe to receive and hope for heavenly rewards never feel sad or lose heart even if there is no praise or reward. They pay no attention to others' recognition because they work with the heart of unworthy slaves only for Father God who gives them grace and blessings and leads them to the heavenly kingdom.

Of course, God lets faithful workers for His kingdom bear fruit on earth accordingly. Even when they do not receive visible blessings on the earth, they will surely receive rewards in heaven.

2 Do you have a heart of mourning?

Mourning that is acceptable in God's sight includes mourning for repentance, souls, and God's kingdom. However, some are mournful out of their own evil. In other words, they feel sorry for themselves and sad about what they do not have.

When they discover their evil, wicked people lay the blame on their parents, saying, ‘I have such an evil heart because my parents are not good and I was not raised in favorable circumstances.’ They have hearts of enviousness, jealousy, and resentment against God.

If evil is discovered in our hearts, we can change only when we mourn while thoroughly repenting with a humble heart and asking for God's help.

We have to cultivate goodness in our hearts first in order to have true hearts that God wants us to have. Let's delve into a few standards and check ourselves accordingly. We have to have goodness not in our own sight, but in God's sight.

Those Who Cannot Reach the Level of Goodness that God Wants

Unless we cultivate goodness in our heart, no matter how long we have been listening to and learning the Word of God, the knowledge on the Word could be a tool for passing judgment and condemnation on others. When we judge others with our own standards, we will naturally recognize and like only those who agree with our own standard, but ignore those who do not agree with us. We jump to the conclusion that these people are against the truth.

Such frameworks of the truth are created when we cannot understand God's heart completely. Because we look at the one side from our own point of view, we cannot look at the other side from the other person's point of view. In doing so we may insist that we are right. This means we do not know God's heart.

When we apply the Word of God to ourselves, we can discover ourselves. With fervent prayer, the framework wrongfully made with the truth will be destroyed. We will have a realization of the heart and gain the goodness of God over time.

David did not have any ill-feeling towards King Saul who tried to kill him. He rather had goodness in his heart which moved Saul's heart. Moses, Paul, Stephen, and Philip had goodness of the Lord that could give their own lives for those who caused evils too them.

The minimum level of goodness God wants us to have is not to repay others with evil for evil, but cast off even ill-feelings deep in the heart. Those who have such goodness should never be shaken in any given situation. They have no ill-feelings and evil thoughts towards those who do evil to them and give them hard time.

3 Do you give way to others?

Can you give way to others even when you have to suffer a loss? We are one body in Christ (Romans 12:5), so we cannot be united as one if we insist on our own opinion and consider ourselves the most important. To give way for others is similar to the heart of seeking others' benefit.

4 Do you seek others' benefit?

The heart of giving way for others is to give the benefit which you can have to others by giving it up. However, seeking others' benefit is beyond this level. This is the heart that helps others to receive recognition and praise and go ahead even by making sacrifice. If you have such heart in any circumstances, you will be loved and recognized by people around you.

5 Do you rejoice with the truth?

To have your heart rejoice with the truth, you have to cast away envy, jealousy, and hatred. You must not pass judgment and condemnation, judge others, and slander. Even when those who do not look better than you receive recognition and praise, you have to rejoice. Then, the heart can be called the heart that rejoices with the truth.

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. 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)