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## “Congratulations on Jesus’ Birthday! Merry Christmas!”

### 2012 Christmas Lighting Ceremony Was Broadcast Live over the World via GCN TV



Approximately 120,000 LED light bulbs brightened everything up to celebrate the birthday of Jesus the Savior who came to the earth as Light for the world. Whereas there is a growing tendency that Christmas ornaments become smaller and simpler over time, Manmin Central Church has put more and more meanings on Christmas year by year and decorated the church with various ornaments with thanks and joy and glorified God.

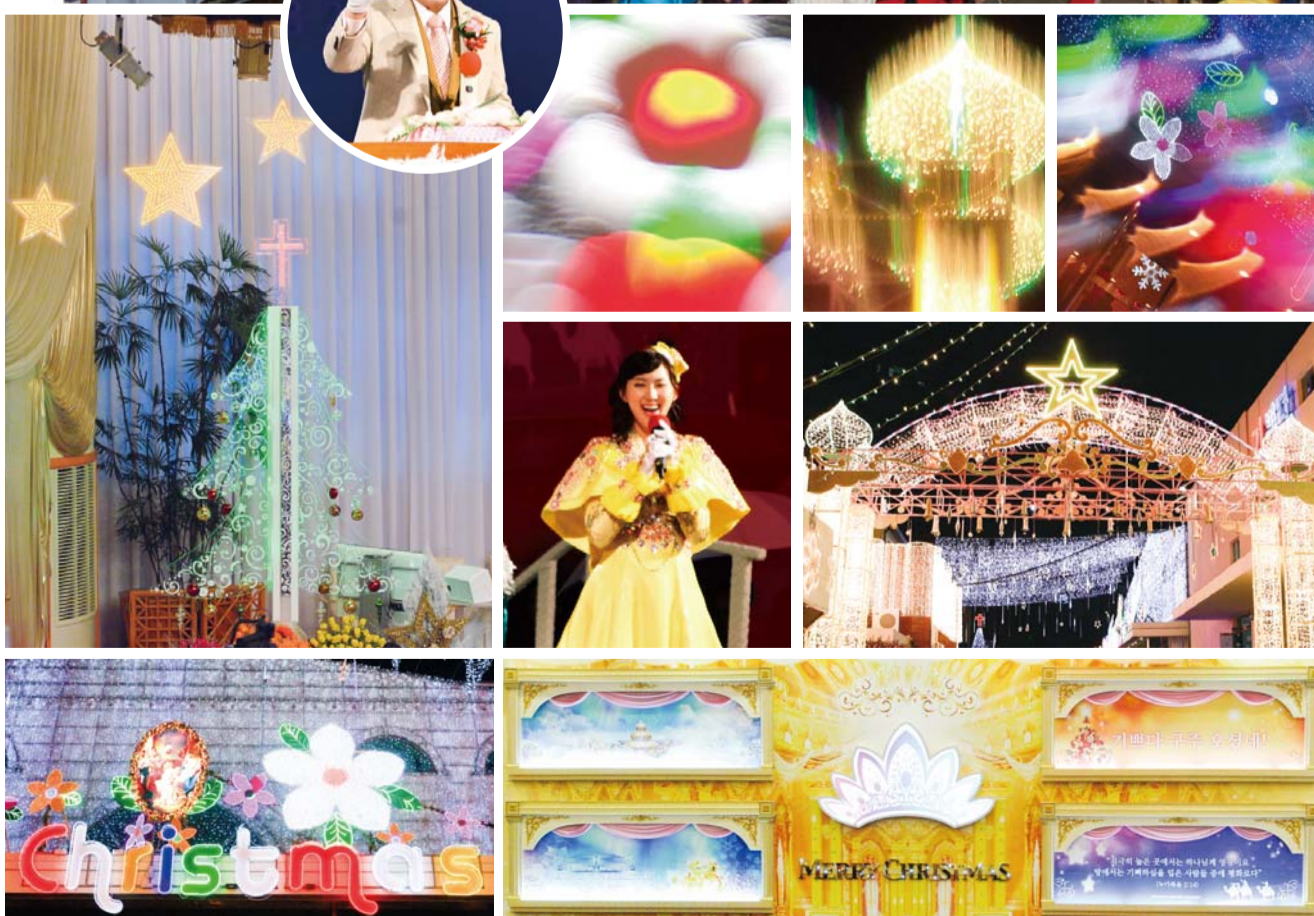
2012 Christmas Lighting Ceremony was held in the area in front of the main sanctuary at 10 P.M. on Dec. 14, 2012 and the event was broadcast live to the whole world via GCN TV.

Many members filled the church yard in favorably mild weather with a temperature above freezing. When they shouted “Faith, hope, and love!” Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee pushed the light-switch. Immediately, bright lights lit up the church and the United Choir, Nissi Orchestra, and Brass Ensemble each offered up powerful praise in the performance of “Joy to the World”. Then, Sister Jiae Kim of Heavenly Voice Chorus of Performing Arts Committee gave special praise entitled “Winter Wonderland”.

Dr. Jaerock Lee gave a Christmas congratulatory message in which he delivered the love of the Lord who came to the earth, wore the thorny crown, and took the cross to redeem us from our sins.

In 2012, the Design Mission, Sharon Mission, Facility Maintenance Bureau, Children’s Sunday School, Youth Mission, and the Canaan Mission were dedicated to the decoration work. Under the main theme “Glory in the Highest and Joy and Peace on Earth!” the main lobby was decorated with flower-shaped ornaments with five petals. At the church entrance the ‘Pearl Gate’ was established with LED bulbs. A large Christmas tree stood above the Information Office. On the exterior walls of Pastors’ Office and Reception Hall, tens of thousands of light bulbs shone brightly, which represents the members who are riding on the rapid spiritual flow.

The main sanctuary was decorated under the theme of “With the Love of the Lord”. The ornaments of trees that give out aurora-like lights, and snow crystal ornaments joined together reminding us of the heavenly banquet hall, which makes us feel the love of the Lord. Additionally, the 2nd through the 6th sanctuaries and nursery rooms were beautifully adorned. The members shared grace while having photo times and taking pictures and videos of aurora lights with their mobile phones.



# Perfect Love

“Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away...But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:8-13).

When you go to Heaven, if you could take one thing with you, what would you like to take? What do we have that is worth taking?

In Heaven, the roads you will walk on are pure gold. Also, God understands His beloved children's hearts and prepares their heavenly houses, which are made of gold and beautiful and precious jewels and gem stones that can't be compared to anything on the earth. So, you don't have to take gold or jewels with you when you go to Heaven. But there is one thing that we need to take from this earth to share love with God. It is the spiritual love that is cultivated in our hearts while we are living in this world.

## 1. The Love that is valuable forever, even in Heaven.

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 says, “Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.” Prophecy, tongues, and knowledge on God are spiritual things, but why will they be done away in Heaven?

Heaven is a spiritual realm and it is a perfect place. Even if we prophesy in this world it is completely different from understanding everything in the heavenly kingdom in the future. We will understand clearly the hearts of God and the Lord in Heaven, so we no longer need prophecy there.

It's the same with tongues. When we communicate with others who speak different languages, there are difficulties we have communicating with them. But there is only one language in Heaven. So, there is no need to worry about not understanding others. Because the good heart is conveyed as it is, there cannot be any misunderstandings or prejudice.

It's the same with knowledge. When we live on this earth we diligently learn the Word of God. We learn how we can be saved and what God's will is, but it is just the knowledge that allows for us to go to Heaven and it is only a very small part of knowledge.

As said above, prophecy, tongues, and knowledge are temporarily needed on the earth to enter Heaven although they belong to spirit. Therefore, it is important to know the word of truth and to know about Heaven, but it is more important to cultivate love. Only when we diligently circumcise our hearts and accomplish love can we go into the heavenly kingdom and live there happily and forever.

## 2. The love that will be felt perfectly in Heaven

1 Corinthians 13:11 reads, “When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.”

In Heaven is no darkness, worry, or anxiety. There is only goodness and love. So we can express our love to the fullest in Heaven. The physical world and spiritual world are totally different. Even on this earth, according to the measure of faith, each individual speaks, understands, and thinks differently.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

In 1 John chapter 2, each of the levels of faith is likened to ‘little children’, ‘children’, ‘young men’, and ‘fathers’ respectively. Those who are at the level of a child in faith are like ‘children’ in spirit. Also, their understanding is like that of children, so they cannot really understand the things that are deeply spiritual and they have little strength to practice the Word. But when they become young men and fathers, the level of feeling the love of God will be different. They will have greater ability to practice the Word of God and they will be able to win in the battles against the power of darkness.

But even though we accomplish the faith of fathers on this earth, we can say that we are still like children compared to the time when we enter into the heavenly kingdom. It's because we have physical limits on this earth. To the extent that we believe and hope for Heaven while living on the earth, we know how beautiful Heaven is. But, it's not easy to perfectly understand how beautiful and glorious Heaven is. When we reach Heaven we will realize the spiritual realm that is limitlessly spacious and mysterious and we will understand the principles of all things of the spiritual realm.

Our life on this earth is a period of preparation for the everlasting heavenly life. This world passes by quickly because it is like a shadow compared to the eternal kingdom of heaven. This life is just like a shadow and it is just what lets us begin to imagine the eternal world, but it's never eternal. After the shadow-like life on the earth is gone, the actual shadow's entity will be clearly revealed.

So, 1 Corinthians 13:12 reads, “For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.”

When the apostle Paul wrote this chapter on spiritual love, it was about 2,000 years ago. A mirror at that time was not as clear as today's mirrors because they ground and polished silver, bronze or other metals and the polished metal imperfectly reflected the light and image. When the eternal kingdom, the perfect world, comes later, we will feel the heavenly kingdom directly in the heavenly kingdom itself. We will clearly see every detail

of the kingdom and feel it directly, so the liveliness will be completely different. We will vividly feel the greatness and awesomeness of God. He is the inexpressible beauty itself.

## 3. Among faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these is love

Faith and hope are very valuable in increasing our faith. We can be saved and go to Heaven only when we have faith. We can become God's children only with faith. And, if we have faith, it is natural to have hope. With it, we can take hold of the better dwelling places in Heaven, try to become sanctified, and work faithfully for God's kingdom.

As explained, faith and hope are a must until we reach the heavenly kingdom. But why does 1 Corinthians 13:13 say, “But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love”?

Firstly, faith and hope are needed only while we are receiving ‘human cultivation’ on this earth. In Heaven, only spiritual love exists among the three.

If you have true faith and love God, your hope for Heaven will become greater and greater over time and to the extent that your faith grows up. You will miss the Lord more and more as time goes by.

Those with hope for Heaven don't say “It's way too much. I am suffering” even if they are walking on the narrow and harsh road on this earth. They don't sway at any kind of temptations. But when you arrive at the last destination, Heaven, you don't need faith, which is to believe what is unseen, and hope any longer. Only love will be there in Heaven. That's why love is said to be the greatest.

Secondly, you can possess Heaven with faith, but you can't go into the most beautiful dwelling place in Heaven that is New Jerusalem if you don't have love.

To the extent that we act with faith and hope, we can enter a better dwelling place in Heaven. Spiritual faith is given to the extent that we live according to God's Word, cast off sins, and achieve a beautiful heart. And in accordance with this measure of faith our heavenly dwelling place will be decided among Paradise, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd kingdoms of heaven, and New Jerusalem.

But New Jerusalem is given to God's children who accomplish perfect love with faith. It is the crystal of love. In order to resemble the Lord and dwell in New Jerusalem, we must follow the footsteps of the Lord. His way is love. Only when we have this love can we resemble the Lord by cultivating the nine fruits of the Spirit and the Beatitudes in our hearts.

Thus, when we have faith we can go to Heaven and when we have hope we can cast off sins. Faith and hope are definitely necessary but only when we have perfect love can we enter into New Jerusalem. That's why love is said to be the greatest.

Dear brothers and sisters. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will become blessed believers who please God by achieving spiritual love recorded in 1 Corinthians chapter 13.

## 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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# The Archangel Gabriel, Who Announced Jesus' Birth, and the Roles of Other Angels

## ◆ Countless angels

The total number of angels that God created is too numerous to count. The world of angels is organized better than any government, army or organization on earth. Its order is precisely practiced and they work according to their superior's commands.

An archangel is a leader of certain groups of angels and is equivalent to the minister of a national government department on this earth. Archangels play the role of God's hands, feet, eyes, and ears, and they search and observe various fields. They receive direct orders from God, and they report to Him. Under such archangels, there are countless angels.

The representative example is the archangel Gabriel that delivers God's messages that contain very important contents such as answers to great prayers, or revelations about the future (Luke 1:19, 26; Daniel 9:21-23). Archangel Michael is the Commanding General of the Military in Heaven. Michael has been conducting a battle against the evil spirits, and sometimes he himself destroys the forces of the darkness (Revelation 12:7-8; Daniel 10:13-14).

There are many other kinds of angels, too: angels that protect men from danger (Daniel 6:22; Acts chapter 12); angels that take the aroma of our prayer to God's throne (Revelation 8:3-4); strong angels (Revelation 10:1, 18:21); angels that carry out God's judgment (2 Samuel 24:16); heavenly hosts (Psalm 103:21; Luke 2:13); angels that minister to God's children (Hebrews 1:14); and angels that record all words and deeds of men in Heaven (Matthew 18:10).

## ◆ Archangel Gabriel that announced Jesus' birth

Luke 1:26-38 depicts that the archangel Gabriel was sent from God to the virgin Mary and announced Jesus' birth. Gabriel appeared before Mary who was living in a city in Galilee called Nazareth and said, "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus." She said, "How can this be?" because she was a virgin and she had been engaged to Joseph.

Then, Gabriel said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God." He meant that Mary would conceive a Baby with the power of God and the Holy Spirit. She obeyed the word and said, "Behold, the bondslave of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word." It is in this way that the archangel Gabriel receives instructions from God and delivers important messages to people directly by appearing before them.

## ◆ Angels that minister to believers and protect them

There are angels that perform their duties in the spiritual realm, and there are also angels that minister to God's children on this earth (Hebrews 1:14). These angels can protect their masters only when they dwell in God's Word. To the extent that

The God of love planned 'human cultivation' to enjoy true happiness and share love with His children who resemble Him in the beautiful Heaven and He created all necessary things to carry out the plan. Among what He created in the plan are spiritual beings like angels and cherubim that help in God's work. Let's delve into what angels do in human cultivation. By doing so, let's engrave the love of God the Creator towards us.

their faith grows up and they achieve the heart of spirit, bigger and more capable angels will protect them.

These angels can also show various facial expressions and attitudes according to a given mood. If their master sings praises and dances with joy, the angel also follows the master in happiness. If the master laughs at something funny, the angel also laughs following the master. If the master becomes sad, the angel also looks sad, and sits down helplessly. If the master slanders and talks ill of others, the angel can't help but become distanced from the master according to God's justice. As a result, they can't protect the master.

## ◆ Angels that deliver the incense of believers' prayer

There are angels that receive the incense of your prayers (Revelation 8:3-4). The ranking of angels who take the incense will be different according to how much incense of our hearts that God can accept is offered up. The incense of prayer is gathered in a golden censer. A higher ranked angel takes these golden censers into the air, and hands them over to an even higher ranked angel. Then, this archangel in charge brings the aroma of prayer in the huge censer to the golden altar before the throne of God.

## ◆ Angels that record men's every thought, heart, word, and action

In Heaven there is an angel assigned to each man on earth. That angel records every word and action of the person. The angels are recording your every thought, your heart, and every word and action in detail. They report to a higher ranked archangel in accordance with the order in every detail. Then, they report to other archangels according to the order. The report is then put into a golden censer at God's throne (Matthew 18:10). God can search all men because of the role of the angels.

## ◆ An angel's appearance that is almost the same with that of a man

An angel is almost the same in its form as that of a man except that it has wings (Mark 16:5; John 20:12; Acts 1:10-11). However, according to their roles, they may have the form and characteristics that are masculine or feminine. For example, if there is an angel who plays the role of an army general, it has the form of a male. The female form might be more suitable for singing and dancing. It doesn't mean that there are no masculine appearing angels that dance.

The characteristics of angels also vary according to their given duties. For example, the angels that sing or dance usually laugh with ease. Some angels are playful, and they are good at making funny faces. On the other hand, the angels that play the role of a security guard don't laugh. In the same way, there are angels that are given a unique duty in the spiritual realm, but there are other angels that minister the children of God on earth.



# “Receiving a Presidential Citation, It Was Undreamed-of”

Elder Dongrock Yang (2-18 Parish, Lieutenant of Dongjak Police Station, Seoul)

On the 67th Police Day, Elder Dongrock Yang of Dongjak Police Station received a presidential citation. It has been 26 years since he started to work as a policeman. He said it would be unimaginable to receive such an award if it were not for the Lord's grace and Dr. Lee's teaching. Let's take a look at his testimony.



After reading *The Message of the Cross*, I was born again as a true Christian

In late 1997, my neighbor led me to this church and I came to regularly attend Manmin Central Church. It was a turning point of my life. I attended church before, but it was because of vague fear of Hell. I still enjoyed the worldly things and often used foul language. I also frequently violated the traffic laws. But after reading the international steady-seller *The Message of the Cross* authored by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee, many of my questions about Christianity that I kept during my 30-year Christian life were all answered and all disbelief in God was all gone right away.

Why did God place the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? Why didn't God stop Adam from eating it? Such questions were answered and then inexpressible joy overflowed in my heart. After I realized the true love of God, my Christian life was totally transformed. I realized that to resemble the Lord is to live a life as a Christian. I started to regret how I lived my past life. I made the apostle Paul's confession "I die daily" the motto of my life and tried to live by the Word of God only.

When misunderstanding and persecution were encountered I accomplished goodness with joy

In May, 1999, there were many kinds of misunderstanding and persecutions from my fellow workers due to a broadcasting company's false report concerning my church. This incident was caused by those who were jealous of the church's revival and

growth and those who wanted to conceal their own corruption.

But I didn't sway at all because I trusted Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee who acted only with goodness and love just as he had taught us to do and God who guaranteed Dr. Lee with signs, wonders, and power.

Before long, I was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Dongjak Police Station. But misunderstanding remained here. I looked at the living God, however. I also practiced goodness all

the more according to the teaching of Dr. Lee who set a good example. I took a lead in doing unpleasant tasks. As time went by, bias against me subsided and disappeared. And the truth about our church was revealed. I was even loved by my coworkers. They said "A genuine Christian in our police station is Elder Dongrock Yang."

In many cases, policemen are supposed to work on Sunday. I wanted to keep the whole Sabbath and work faithfully for the Lord, so I received Dr. Lee's prayer. As a result, I was blessed to keep the whole Sabbath from then until now. Also, I armed myself with the Word by reading the Bible and tried to evangelize policemen as the president of Dongjak Policemen's Mission.

God remembered all my deeds and blessed me with a presidential citation

In the police station, I perform my duty considering myself a model representative of policemen. Outside, I manage my life with a pride thinking that I am an 'ambassador' of Manmin. I endeavor to become an exemplary person by looking back upon my life in prayer while praying in church every night.

I arrive at my workplace before other coworkers and clean and tidy up all the desks for them. Then, I start the day with prayer. I use honorific forms of speech and words even to my subordinates, which makes my way of speaking gentle. I fill in for my subordinates if they are overloaded with work or gotten behind on their work.

When I deal with civil complaints, I think 'What if this person was one of my family or friends?' I talk to them with a smiling face. I help people with heavy loads they carry, help citizens pulling a handcart, and I give ice cream to the elderly who rest in the shade of a tree. Such deeds which were small might have led to a presidential citation.

The blessing which I have received is given to me through God's grace, the Lord's love, and the shepherd's teaching. I give all thanks and glory to God the Trinity.

## “After Applying Muan Sweet Water, Scalp Itching and Bloody Pus Were Gone”

Sister Giovanna Pando (Peru Manmin Church)



In early 2012, a scalp inflammation affected my 5-year-old daughter Ana. She had bloody pus and it caused itching and pain. She even suffered from hair loss on the affected parts. Her doctors said they didn't know the cause of the disease. She took medication but the

symptoms of bloody pus and itching got worse.

In the meantime, a believer in the Peru Manmin Church advised me to use Muan Sweet Water. She told me that God would heal my daughter if I apply it with faith. Muan Sweet Water is the saline well water that has been made sweet and drinkable by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. It contains God's power.

I prayed earnestly and applied Muan Sweet Water on her scalp. Afterwards, the bloody pus miraculously disappeared and her scalp scabbed over. Six days after that, it was cleansed and hair is now growing in the affected areas. Hallelujah!



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