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# **Passion Week & Easter Performance**

**'The Lord is the Christ' Meditating on Jesus' love on the cross** 



Easter Sunday is a Christian festival celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ after His crucifixion. During Passion Week prior to Easter Day, Christians deeply meditate on Jesus' love on the cross and pray with deep reverence and devotion.

In addition, Manmin Central Church is now having a double session consecutive special Daniel Prayer Meeting with Manmin Prayer Center President Mrs. Boknim Lee that kicked off on March 18, 2013 under the prayer title of 'Fruits of Heaven'. Through this meeting, the church members pray, give thanks and repent reflecting on God's love in the sacrifice of His only begotten Son and on the Lord's love that redeemed us from sins through the crucifixion. During the Sunday Morning Service on March 24, 2013, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee preached a message entitled "The Lord is the Christ (1)" taken from Isaiah 53:5, commemorating Palm Sunday and the first day of Passion Week. All members participated in Jesus' suffering on the cross by giving more than a single meal fasting on Friday, the day when Jesus was crucified.

During the first half of Friday All-night Service on March 29, 2013, Dr. Lee preached the message with the title of "The Lord is the Christ (2)" based on Philippians 2:5-8. In the second half, the Performing Arts Committee, chaired by Pastor Heejin Lee, offered the Easter Performance under the title of "The Lord is the Christ". The Friday All-night Service is a twopart service with the first part from 11 P.M. until about 1 A.M., a short break of 30 minutes and then resuming until 4 A.M. every Friday.

The performance was produced with the songs God Himself has given the church just as He wrote the songs for Israelites as read in Deuteronomy 31:19 and 22. For 2013 Easter Performance, new songs have been released such as 'Song of Mary Magdalene', 'Song of Peter', and 'Song of the Apostle John'.

In Act 1, "The Confession of the Remnant", Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John who loved the Lord remind themselves of precious moments with the Lord and make beautiful confession. In Act 2, "Reminiscence, Crucifixion", they recall the Lord's hardship.

Act 3, "Reminiscence, Lord's Resurrection" shows that Mary Magdalene was a witness to the resurrected Lord and Virgin Mary and the Lord's disciples heard about the resurrection of the Lord. With Act 4, "Lord's Ascension" as the finale, the performance came to an end with the members' giving thanks to the Lord who became the first fruits of the resurrection.

Approximately 270 people took part in 2013 Easter Performance including performers, staff, the members of Immanuel choir, and Nissi Orchestra, which brought greater emotional consciousness to audiences than any other year.

# Goodness (7) Daniel's Goodness

"Then Daniel spoke to the king, 'O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime'" (Daniel 6:21-22).

A Jewish boy, Daniel was taken to Babylon as a captive. He thoroughly hated what God hates even in the Gentile country. His faith didn't change and he steadfastly followed God's good will regardless of the passing of time and change of his situations. God was pleased with him and let him gain greater power and honor.

In the world there are a few people who will give up their lives for what is deemed to be their moral duty or what is righteous in their own sight. But the righteousness lacking in goodness is not perfect and cannot bear beautiful fruits. Through the account in which Daniel and his three friends never compromised but kept their trust in God we can find how good their hearts and confessions were. Then, what is Daniel's goodness like that moved God's heart?

### 1. Daniel didn't harm people who tried to kill him because of groundless accusations

At the time of King Darius of Persia, Daniel was appointed as one of the three administrators over the whole kingdom. He found more favor in the king's eyes than any other commissioners and satraps because he possessed an extraordinary spirit, and the king planned to appoint him over the entire kingdom.

Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find some grounds for accusation against Daniel in regard to royal court affairs. But, inasmuch as he was faithful they could find no such grounds. They could find no evidence of corruption, negligence or misconduct in him. The wicked officials didn't stop there and made a plot for Daniel's praying in accordance with Jewish law.

They knew that Daniel prayed to God towards Jerusalem three times a day and consulted together that the king should establish a statute and enforce an injunction against anyone who makes a petition to any god or man besides the king. They even asked the king to establish the injunction and sign the document so that it could not be changed.

But Daniel had such an excellent spirit and understanding and wisdom from above that he was able to notice what kind of scheme they had plotted and what was happening around him. In addition, he was so greatly favored and trusted by the king that had he told the king what they had plotted and for what purpose they had done so their evil scheme would have been demolished in advance because the king trusted Daniel so much.

However, Daniel neither reported it to the king nor protested against the wicked people. He kept silent because he trusted God from his heart, and although Daniel learned that the decree had been signed and published by the king, three times a day he prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had been doing previously. That was because Daniel had a good heart in which he had no desire to bring harm to anyone.

If he had reported everything to the king, there was no doubt that they would have been harmed. But Daniel never desired harm to come to anybody because of the



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

king's favor toward him. Daniel fully believed that it is only God who governs life and death, blessing and woes of men. This kind of faith of Daniel was deemed to be goodness in the sight of God.

Even if you know your words will harm some people, if you are not careful in your words and deeds, it is a proof that you are far distanced from goodness. As much as you have accomplished goodness in your heart, whenever you say something, you will check and remove what may harm others or be offensive to them. Then, you will decide not to say something immediately or say it using an expression of goodness if you must say something.

### 2. Daniel understood and comforted others in situations where they could be embarrassed

Daniel's faith was so steadfast and unchanging that wicked people knew it well in advance. They expected that Daniel would continue to pray as he had done before although he knew the document of the decree was signed by the king. As they plotted, Daniel prayed to God three times a day as was his custom since early days. Then the wicked men immediately came to the king and accused Daniel of violating the signed decree. At that moment the king realized they had plotted to have the decree published to cause Daniel's downfall.

When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed. He was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him. Then, the king could not hesitate anymore and commanded for Daniel to be thrown into the lions' den. And he said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!" It does tell us that Daniel had let the king recognize the living God.

Now the king could not conceal the misery in his heart because he did not protect his beloved man Daniel but had let him be thrown into the lions' den. The king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep. At the first light of dawn, the king went out and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" The king expected that Daniel had already lost his life and that his body had been torn into pieces and eaten by the lions. He didn't call to Daniel because he thought Daniel was alive. But to his amazement, Daniel's voice was heard from the inside of the den.

Then Daniel spoke to the king, "O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime."

Each word that Daniel confessed comforted and pleased the heart of the king. If Daniel had felt that he had been mistreated, he probably would not have confessed with this kind of goodness. Rather he would probably have responded with complaints and ill feelings, "O King, I have never harmed the king or anybody, but why did you listen to the words of wicked people and sentence me to death? Look! My God sent His angels and shut the mouths of lions so that none of them would harm me."

Then, the king would have been at a loss and greatly embarrassed. But in fact Daniel had no complaints nor did he have any ill feelings toward the king at all. Instead he worried that the king might feel pain and sorrow after he had been thrown into the lions' den. Daniel wanted to let the king know he had survived in the terrible den as soon as he was able so that he could stop lamenting. When the king hurried to the lions' den at the break of day, Daniel said to the king, "O King, live forever!" and comforted him. And then he spoke about the work of God.

If you were in Daniel's shoes, could you confess those good words like Daniel? When your opinions had been rejected and all you had done seemed to go wrong, what would you have said? Have you encouraged other members in real-life situations to rely on God steadfastly saying, "Now, let's look for a better way? If we depend on God even past the end, God will work for the good." Or, have you pointed out others' errors, offended them and hurt their feelings, saying, "Well, you did not follow my advice, so the job we had to do has gone wrong like this because of you."

People would already feel like hiding. If you say something like this, how terrible would they feel? No matter how true your words are, if the words burden them and hurt their feelings you must abstain from it. A goodhearted person will control words like these in his heart. He will understand their place and say and act so that they might not feel so disheartened.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you serve one another in the church and act the same in your home as well, it will be like living in Heaven. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will seek to serve others first rather than to be the first to be served, and comfort them so that wherever you do, you will do it to accomplish the good heart of God.

### 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
- Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.

the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.

 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 Resurrected Body & the Heavenly Body

'Resurrection' is the quintessence of Christianity as it is called a religion with a central focus in resurrection. 'To resurrect' means to rise from the dead and to live forever without dying. Commemorating Easter Sunday, we hope you will feel the exquisite love of God by delving into 'Resurrected Body' and 'Heavenly Body'.

• Our Lord Jesus was crucified to redeem mankind from all sins but overcame death and resurrected on the third day. The resurrected Lord testified to His resurrection for 40 days and ascended into heaven while many people, including His disciples, were watching.

He will come again on the clouds of glory as two angels said in Acts 1:11, "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven." Then, what will happen to saved souls when the Lord, who resurrected and ascended into heaven, comes in the air after preparing their dwelling places in Heaven?

The bodies of the saved souls in the grave will be resurrected and put on the

imperishable and everlasting bodies. They will be caught up into the air and then they will unite there with their spirits. This body is called "the Resurrected Body." And those who are alive will put on the imperishable resurrected body in a moment and be lifted up into the air.

All these are recorded in 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, "Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality."



Resurrected Body after the Lord's coming in the air

faith in resurrected on the third day of this outilat and let this disciples know about the resurrected form, and thereby the planted the assurance of the faith in resurrection into their hearts. This resurrected body is spiritual and imperishable, so it transcends the limitations of the physical world and can go anywhere as it wants. It is tangible and also breathes, eats, and drinks. So, when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, the Lord could come and stand in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." He also showed prints of the nails in His hands to the 'doubting' Thomas, saying, "Reach here with your finger, and see My hands; and reach here your hand and put it into My side." Refer to John 20:19-29 and Luke 24:42-43 for details. The resurrected body has the form of a 33-year-old in age, and this is applied to everybody whether old or young, men or women. The hair is a little wavy and blond. Men's height will be 190cm and women's height will be a little over 170cm. The age of 33-year-old is that of Jesus when He finished His life on the earth, and it can be said that it is the peak of human life because it is the most mature and beautiful period of a human.

"Spiritual Body" refers to a unique form of the spirit. Every creature on earth including human beings, animals, and plants has its own 'form' as written in 1 Corinthians 15:39. In the same way, each spirit has its own body that makes them look different from each other. The spirit of saved people will look different according to when they have died and the measure of their sanctification. When one dies, the spirit of a child looks like that child, the spirit of a young man looks young, the spirit of an adult looks grownup, and the spirit of an old man looks old.

Heavenly Body after the Great White Throne Judgment In the spiritual form, the people who stay at the Waiting Place of Heaven are waiting for the Lord's coming in the air and the final resurrection. When our Lord Jesus Christ appears in the air, they will be able to wear the "Resurrected Body" that is imperishable and everlasting and have the Seven-year Wedding Banquet in the air and the Millennium Kingdom. Then, each of them will enter their own dwelling place decided for them according to the Great White Throne Judgment.

Only then, will they wear the heavenly body that is the complete spiritual body and enjoy the everlasting happiness and joy in beautiful Heaven.

How is the heavenly body different from the resurrected body? Heavenly body is above and different from the resurrected body since the heavenly bodies that they will wear after the Great White Throne Judgment will reveal not only their level of sanctification but the glory and rewards God will give to them. So, just by seeing each one's heavenly body, we can know how much he has loved God and lived by His word, how faithful and devoted he has been to the kingdom of God. We will also be able to recognize to which kingdom of heaven his dwelling residence belongs and what kind of glory and rewards he has received from God.

• Why then does God allow saved people to put on the resurrected body before entering Heaven?

The feeling and sensations that the resurrected body has in the spiritual space are totally different from that of spiritual body. We can compare it with the difference between dream and reality. If we compare the feeling that the spiritual body has in the spiritual space with that in dreams, even if it is not complete, the resurrected body can feel the spiritual space as a reality. So, the spiritual body is not complete and we have to wear the resurrected body during the Seven-year Wedding Banquet.

The kingdom of air where we celebrate the Seven-year Wedding Banquet is very different from the kingdom of heaven where we will live forever and ever in the passing of time and density of space, and accordingly God will let us wear different and proper bodies in each different space.

## **"Leading a Christian life with** the proper knowledge on God's will, I am delighted"

Senior Deaconess Yunsook Song (2-16-2 Parish)



In 1988, I accepted the Lord. I gained the love of the Lord. It is a love that is entirely different from changing love that belongs to this world. Three years later, I guided my husband, Deacon Sangkyung Han, to the church. I was leading a happier Christian life than ever before!

As time went by, I became curious about the spiritual meanings embedded in the Word of God. I wondered why God placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden. I was enthusiastic about knowing about the spiritual world better. I was spiritually thirsty so I attended Spirituality Training Centers and Prayer Centers.

#### Meeting Dr. Jaerock Lee when I was looking for a true shepherd

On December 31, 1994, my family and I came to Manmin Central Church by the guidance of Senior Deaconess Hyebok Lee who was an acquaintance of mine. Listening to Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermon entitled "The Message of the Cross", my questions were all unraveled and I received answers. I had always been spiritually thirsty and I came to feel so greatly filled.

One day in September, 1999, I had a dream about Dr. Lee. When he commanded pieces of a broken jar, "Stick each other" the pieces came together and adhered to each other. Then when he told a big tree with abundant fruit, "Be picked", many fruits were picked and put in a big basket. Through this dream, I came to trust him all the more.

In March, 2000, an amazing work of power took place just like the incident recorded in Exodus 15:25. It was that salty sea water in a well that was just like the salt water in the sea surrounding Muan Manmin Church, Jook Island, Muan-Gun, Jeonnam Province, was changed into sweet non-saline drinkable water through Dr. Lee's prayer. It is called 'Muan Sweet Water' or 'Muan Sweet Water of Power.' With it, many people have been set free from various diseases and received answers to their heart's desire. By drinking Muan Sweet Water, my husband was also healed

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of bronchitis that had troubled him for several years.

In 2004, my body was exhibiting some unusual symptoms. I was diagnosed with uterine myoma that was about 7cm in width and 10cm in length (appr 3x4in). My doctor said I shall have my uterus removed and he assigned the surgery date. But I wished to be healed by God.

#### Healing, free from myoma uterus after repentance

I knew diseases are caused by sins through the Word of God, especially, the Book of Exodus chapter 15 verse 26 so I looked back upon my past days. It came through my mind above all that

I had had an abortion before. Also, untruthful things in my heart flashed through me such as having insisted that I was right and breaking peace with church workers while working as a district leader, wanted to be served, and had selfish motives.

I had voiced my opinion to my husband and children at home, blamed something bad on my husband, and thought that I hadn't done anything wrong. Moreover, my children were unwilling to talk with me and my husband and I often had arguments and quarrels. Such things came to my mind.

I repented that I had seen others' specks without love and acted without a heart of service. I tried to change myself one by one and prayed fervently. By doing so, I came to accept my fault in things. After I possessed a humble heart in this way, I came to have no trouble with anybody and joy came upon me.

I acted in the truth thinking, 'What would the shepherd do if he were put in this situation? Then, untruthful attributes were gotten rid of and my heart was changed. Afterwards, God healed me of the uterine myoma. Hallelujah!

#### Blessing, as a blessed family serving the Lord

Additionally, blessings started to come upon my family. My son had lapsed into playing computer games before enlisting in the army, but he thoroughly repented in March 2011 that his past Christian life had been improper and he finally showed total transformation. He is Pastor Jimin Han who is studying in Alliance Holiness Theological Seminary and serving the church as a guidance pastor. I offer up my thanks to God who moved my son's heart and has led him in the blessed way.

My family became much happier than before. My husband worked faithfully as a sub-district leader and my daughter Sister Songi Han is having a diligent Christian life. I give all thanks and glory to God who blessed my family to lead a Christian life with the knowledge of the heart and will of God and gave us true happiness.



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In June, 2002 my wife, Sister Linmehua, led me to the Taiwan Manmin Church. I was also able to attend the services of Manmin Central Church in Seoul, South Korea via GCN TV. Hope for Heaven came to me and I was happy to see the work of power God performed.

In January, 2008, I got a boil on the upper part of my right ankle. Over time, the number of boils increased and they spread to my shin. It smelled a lot due to pus that oozed out from boils, and I had great pain so I had to walk on crutches. It was cellulitis. In the end, I stopped driving a taxi that is my livelihood and prayed earnestly in the sanctuary every day.

### "I am delivering the love of the Lord who healed me of cellulitis"



**Brother Jian Pushiang** (Taiwan Manmin Church)

In the Sunday Service, my pain disappeared right after I received Dr. Lee's prayer transcending space and time, but it wasn't completely healed. Pastor Kyunghee Kim advised me to look back upon whether or not I had a wall of sin against God. She asked me if I had gone to a place where Christians must not go. I was reminded that I had watched a strip show with my relatives in China. I was sorry and regretted for having gone and done what God hates though I am a child of God who is to be holy. I realized this and repented and then, God healed me of cellulits!

I put flyers on which testimonies are written inside and outside of my taxi to introduce the living God to people. I show the DVD entitled 'Power VI' that illustrates the power of God manifested by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee to my customers. I also give English edition of Manmin News to American passengers and Korean edition to Koreans. In addition, I give Japanese edition of Dr. Lee's books The Measure of Faith and Hell to Japanese.

I want to deliver the love of the Lord who opened the way of salvation with a thankful heart and guided us to beautiful Heaven. Hallelujah!



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