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The works of the Spirit like a dove Descending upon European souls







From April 16 to May 2 in 2013, Pastor Heesun Lee, General Guidance Pastor of Men's and Women's Mission went on a mission trip to five European countries: France, Belgium, Latvia, Estonia, and Bulgaria.

On April 17, Pastor Lee led a 'Fullness of the Spirit' Prayer Meeting in France Manmin Church ministered to by Missionary Paul D. Kang. On April 19, she visited the members of Hainaut Manmin Church ministered to by Missionary Christina H. Roh and provided counseling. On April 20, she preached about the 'Keys to Church Revival' in a Pastors' Seminar held in Hainaut Manmin Church.

Pastor Lee (Photo 1) explained the key facts that caused Manmin Central Church in Seoul, Korea to grow up to become a mega church that has approximately 10,000 branch and associative churches around the world. Amazement overwhelmed the pastors in attendance as they heard about Dr. Jaerock Lee's ministry. They repented that they hadn't obeyed the Word of God and made new resolutions (Photo 4).

On Sunday, April 21, Hainaut Manmin Church held its 1st anniversary service. Pastor Heesun Lee preached and urged the members to show the deed of obedience and receive blessing just as Naaman had done. In the afternoon, they had a Handkerchief Healing Meeting (Ref: Acts 19:11-12) and many of the members were healed of their diseases and glorified God.

After that, Pastor Heesun Lee led Handkerchief Healing Meetings in a church in Kuldiga in Latvia on April 23 (Photo 5) and in a church in Tallinn in Estonia on April 24 (Photos 2, 3). A number of members received answers to their prayer and experienced divine healing through Pastor Lee's handkerchief prayer. They also had time full of the Spirit while praising and praying.

On April 26, Pastor Lee attended the First Balkan Conference held in Sofia, Bulgaria hosted by WCDN-Bulgaria. Under the theme of 'God the Healer' she preached about the various signs, wonders, and powerful works that have been manifested by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee in Manmin Central Church.

The Power Team that belongs to Performing Arts Committee of Manmin Central Church gave glory to God with enthusiastic praises and performances at every meeting. Their performances opened the door to the attendees' hearts, amazed them with grace and emotion, and gained love from the people (Photo 6).

During the trip, while visiting its five countries including Brussels in Belgium (Photo 7), which is the capital city of European Union, the mission team kindled the flame of the holiness gospel in Europe where Christianity is on a steep decline. All thanks and glory be to God who comforted and gave peace to European souls by the works of the Spirit coming like a dove!

Colombia Manmin Church's 1st Anniversary Service



Colombia, the 'Coffee Country', is located in northwestern South America. In Bogota, its capital city, Colombia Manmin Church held its 1st anniversary service on April 28, 2013.

Pastor David J. Jang ministering to the church preached, and then the celebration event was held. Children gave special dances, Sisters Chanmi Hwang and Cesia Jang, provided special songs and Peru Manmin Church members also gave special performances, all of which added to great joy.

First Balkan Conference, by WCDN-Bulgaria

WCDN (World Christian Doctors Network) analyzes divine healing cases based on medical data that have occurred in every corner of the world and establishes the authenticity of the works in the Bible. It has 17 overseas branches including branches in the U.S. and Russia. The International Christian Medical Conference is conducted annually with doctors from all over the world in attendance. Among them, WCDN-Bulgaria is preparing for the 2014 International Christian Medical Conference. Meantime, it co-hosted First Balkan Conference with Christian Center Sofia and Good Future and Hope Association from April 26 to 28 in 2013. The conference featured the lectures on a variety of topics, divine healing case presentations, and seminars, which provided attendees with an opportunity to build a sense of fellowship and pray for countries on the Balkan Peninsula.

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Abraham's Goodness (1)

"So Abram said to Lot, 'Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers. Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me; if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left" (Genesis 13:8-9).

Abraham trusted God and obeyed Him saying only 'Yes' and 'Amen'. When He told him to "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you," he left all he had behind and obeyed the Word though he did not know where to go. Even when God told him to offer his only son, Isaac, as a burnt offering, he obeyed promptly. He put complete trust in God who is goodness itself and can revive the dead.

For Abraham possessed such God-pleasing faith, he could be recognized by God as 'the father of faith', 'the fountain of blessing', and 'the friend of God. Then, how could Abraham be recognized and loved by God like this?

1. Abraham was gentle and willing to yield

The term 'gentleness' when applied to the heart is the ability to give everything we have because our heart is filled with the truth and we are set free by the truth. 'Willingness to yield' comes from the good and beautiful heart and it causes us to like both of the two only choices in the truth; furthermore, it allows to make the choice of what is more pleasing to God between the two. One who is gentle and willing to yield expresses himself with good words from his mouth and good and beautiful deeds in his actions.

What kinds of deeds did Abraham show in his gentleness and willingness to yield? A representative illustration is shown when Abraham gave his nephew Lot the priority to choose the better land. Lot had stayed with Abraham since Abraham left his own country according to the will of God. So, when God gave Abraham blessings, Lot enjoyed the blessing together with Abraham because he was with Abraham. But when their possessions increased, they could no longer live together. Water and pasture were not adequate for both of them to raise large numbers of animals. That's why their shepherds quarreled from time to time. Abraham made the following suggestions to his nephew.

Genesis 13:8-9 reads, "So Abram said to Lot, 'Please let there be no strife between you and me, nor between my herdsmen and your herdsmen, for we are brothers. Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me; if to the left, then I will go to the right; or if to the right, then I will go to the left." He gave up the priority that he could have taken as an uncle and he gave it to his nephew, Lot. In the end, Lot chose the fertile land and left for the land.

What would you have done if you had been in Lot's shoes? Would you have taken advantage of the situation and chosen the better as Lot did? Or would you have given the priority back to your uncle? If Lot had known the duty of men and realized the grace from Abraham, he could not have done as he did. He should have let Abraham take the fertile land even by choosing the infertile land first.

However, Lot did not refuse to receive the offer at all,



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

but chose the fertile land. It tells us what kind of heart vessel he had. Yet, Abraham did not feel sorry and had no ill feelings. This is because he had gentleness that could give everything that he had time and time again, and because he was so willing to yield that he could have chosen either of two and he was ready to choose what is more acceptable to God. He would have preferred to give the right he could enjoy to a little child because he served others from his heart. Even if the child had asked for more, he would readily have given it to him.

Then, let's check gentleness in us. Let's suppose we have ten of anything and someone asks us for some. How many could we give him? It will differ according to the greatness of one's heart. Abraham would have given the ten all if somebody asked for all ten. The gentleness of Abraham in which he could give everything he had is spiritual goodness God accepts.

2. Abraham was unselfish, upright, and faithful

Abraham had a good and big heart, and he was always honest and faithful. He never failed to do anything perfectly before God because he was exact and thorough in anything. He was humble such that he considered himself as nothing in the sight of God but he fully believed he could do all things in the name of God. That's why he could walk in an upright and truthful manner even when he met with hardships, and it led to a blessing.

When Lot and his household were involved in a war and had been taken away as captives, Abram (later named Abraham) went forward victoriously into the war, rescued them from the enemy, and brought a victory to the king of Sodom. The king wanted to give Abram the spoils of war. But Abram said in Genesis 14:23, "That I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours..." He actually had the right to take some of the plunder, but he never tried to take anything through selfish desire or personal benefits. He flatly rejected to receive it for fear that the king would say the spoils that he had given had made Abram rich in the future.

If we want to receive blessings from God, we have to be honest like Abraham was. If we follow our own desires and seek for personal benefit as we see fit for us, we cannot receive blessings from God. Proverbs 28:10 reads, "He who leads the upright astray in an evil way will himself fall into his own pit, but the blameless will inherit good." Moreover, even if nobody leads us into the path of evil, we can be tempted, deceived and fall into traps to the extent that we are greedy.

Another example is here; Abraham was loved and recognized by God through an incident when he bought a burial site for his wife, Sarah. What kinds of words and deeds did he show? In Genesis 23, when the Hittites told Abraham they would give him a tomb for nothing to bury his wife, he refused the offer on the spot and paid the proper price for the cave in the field of Machpelah. It proves that he had no selfish desire but was so honest and upright that he would not receive what is not proper.

Abraham bought the burial site and made it his possession because he had wisdom of goodness. Although they said they would give something for nothing at first, later they would change their minds and later tell him to give the land back. He removed the root of any future problems that could happen. Genesis 21 describes another example. One day servants of Abimelech seized the well that belonged to Abraham. Abraham did not try to figure out who caused the trouble nor ask for the compensation, but he rather made the right to possess the well clear by giving Abimelech seven ewe lambs. Although it was clear that Abimelech was wrong, Abraham first followed the way of peace, and he also made everything clear so that quarrels would never happen again.

If Abraham had only rebuked Abimelech for his wrongdoing, Abimelech would have been forced to draw back rather than to repent from the bottom of his heart and true peace would not have resulted. If Abimelech later met with another difficulty, he would have seized the well violently again. So, Abraham paid the price for the well to Abimelech who was the one who should have compensated Abraham for the loss. Through this, Abimelech surrendered himself to Abraham from his heart and never took a well from then on.

As stated above, Abraham did everything in a perfect and exact manner out of the wisdom of goodness. He dealt with every matter being at peace with everyone without any root that could have caused a problem. If we receive such wisdom of goodness, we will not be hindered or be interfered with in enlarging the kingdom of God, but accomplish it more quickly. We will be able to change even someone who has wronged us into our helper.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray in the ame of the Lord that you long for this goodness more eagerly; become willing to yield anything to others; walk in the upright way without any selfish desire; and gain God's love and recognition.

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
- 3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by
- Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
- 4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven
- 5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through "The Apostles" Creed" each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

"[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things." (Acts 17:25)

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

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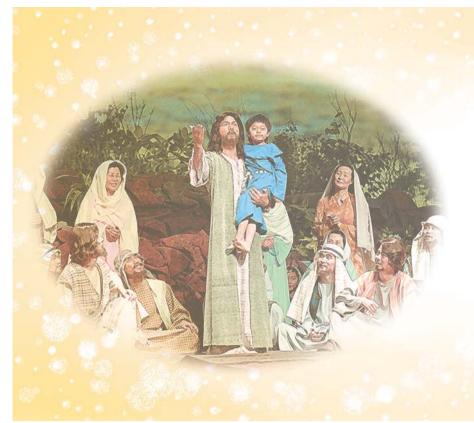
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FEATURE STORY



A Spiritual Child

In Matthew chapter 18, Jesus' disciples came to Him and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And Jesus called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, "Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Jesus is telling us to become like children spiritually by imitating good aspects of them. Then, let's delve into how we can achieve this heart and mind of a child.

A spiritual child's thoughts and actions are simple and uncomplicated

The thoughts and actions of a child are not complicated, but simple. So, they accept what they are taught. In the same way, if we become like children, spiritually, we plainly obey the Word that tells us 'to do', 'not to do', 'to keep', and 'to throw away' something.

On the contrary, one who has the heart of an adult tends to judge the Word of God with his own standards, listens to only what he wants to hear, and obeys only what he thinks he can do. He does not accept others' thoughts and does not understand their actions in goodness, but he sees them through his own way of thinking.

When we say something is 'pure', it

means it is 'not mixed with anything

else'. In other words, having a 'pure

heart' indicates that the heart does

not have anything evil or unclean

in it. One with a pure heart reacts

their left cheek to the one who slaps them on their right cheek; give their coat as well to the one who wants

Since he sees them within what he

deems appropriate by his knowledge

and mindset; he misunderstands,

judges, and may even condemn them.

works of God and do not accept signs

and wonders such as the sun and the

moon standing still, the Red Sea being

parted, and water coming forth from a

Moreover, they cannot obey the

Word of God since it tells them to

serve others; humble themselves; turn

rock with a strike.

Such men do not believe the biblical

hearts have been hardened and feelings have become numb.

However, spiritual children are

touched by things that belong to goodness even if it is a small thing because they are pure in heart. So, they have an earnest longing for God's works and their hearts continue to be moved by the testimonies they hear although they hear them repeatedly. They feel sensitivity to evil or untruth, so they feel a strong qualm of conscience when they do something wrong.

On the other hand, a spiritual 'adult' has a guilty conscience to a lesser degree than a spiritual child, even when he commits evil. To the extent that one is stained with the untruth he will be less sensitive about evil even while he is acting in evil.

their shirts; and go two miles with whoever forces them to go one.

God wants His beloved children to simply obey His Word the way a child would obey. In Abraham's case, he neither stated the reason nor resorted to excuses for disobeying when God told him to offer his only son, Isaac as a burnt offering. When God commanded him to do it, he immediately obeyed with trust in God's good will.

To become a great man in Heaven, we have to learn the truth, believe what we learn, and obey it just as a spiritual child does.

A spiritual child's heart and mind are pure

sensitively even to little things.

For instance, a child who is pure laughs and cries readily. When others dance and sing, he tries to mimic them. He laughs easily when comforted though he once felt resentful. If his brothers or sisters get swatted for their wrongdoings and cry,

On the other hand, adults, who are not pure, feel numb about things (Luke 7:32). This is because they have been stained with the worldly things and untruth as they lived in the world. Meanwhile, their

he cries together with them. When his

mother is sick, he feels sad.

as well as before God and they serve others. They do not insist that they are right and they confess from the heart that they can do nothing unless God is with them. Naturally, they do not judge or disobey the Word of God, but they just obey it.

1 Peter 5:5 reads, "...for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble." The humble listen attentively even to a little one, and through the conversation, they discover

Some believers become like adults spiritually as time passes in their Christian lives. Although they seem to diligently lead a Christian life, if they continue to compromise, they will become de-sensitized concerning sins and become increasingly lenient in their attitude. Such people forsake grace simply if things do not seem to fit in their benefit and they act as they please. Rarely will they fight against sins to the point of shedding blood.

1 Peter 2:2 reads, "Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word..." God wants us to become like new born babies spiritually and long for the truth and spiritual things. This is because the best kingdom of Heaven, New Jerusalem, is where only those who have pure and clean hearts like children can enter.

A spiritual child is not arrogant

Children do not insist on their opinions and do not want to be lifted up. For instance, if they are faced with something they are unable to do, they ask for adults' help. This is because they think they have less knowledge and power than adults. So, their pride is not wounded when requesting an adults' help—it just seems to be the natural thing to do for them.

Spiritual children are the same. They humble themselves before little ones

and change themselves. Since they deem everybody more important than themselves they can serve others and count on the wisdom and strength of God without using their own way or thought no matter what they do.

Therefore, if anyone comes forth before God after having laid down his own experience, wisdom, wealth, fame, authority, and position, he can experience God's amazing wisdom and power.



Yedam's doctor!" Deaconess Boguem Kang (1-1 Parish, 1-1 Women's Mission)

and her family (Yedam, second from left)

When my son Yedam was around 100 days old, he was suffering from atopic dermatitis. But he was healed of it by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. At the age of three, he came down with dermatographism that his father Deacon Heewulim Park had also had. He was also healed of it by Dr. Lee's prayer although his doctor said there was no treatment for it.

In 2013, Yedam turned five years old. He sometimes whined due to an inflammation in the middle ear. At night on April, 8, 2013, he fell asleep after crying with pain and becoming weary. Around two hours later, Yedam shouted with his eyes closed tightly, "Get out! Get out!"

I said in astonishment, "Sweetie, what's wrong?" Yedam said, "A snake... A snake..." and he was about to cry. I let him receive Dr. Lee's recorded prayer for the sick and he fell asleep again.

He woke up at dawn and told me that he was no longer sick and wanted to watch the 2013 Easter Performance. He was watching the performance via GCN TV (www.gcntv. org) and when the scene where Jesus healed the sick appeared he said, "I also got healed after receiving Dr. Lee's prayer."

Then, he fell into a deep sleep and got up at 11 A.M. And he said he was not sick at all. He put the handkerchief of power on which Dr. Lee had prayed on his ears, and said, "Amen! Amen! In the name of Jesus Christ I prayed, Amen!"

I was wondering what he had been saying the previous night and asked him, "Yedam, what did you see last night?" Then, he said, "I saw a black snake in my ears so I shouted, 'Get out! Get out!' Then, it came out and went to Hell." It was marvelous. This was a great experience for him and he became a brighter and bolder young boy than he had been before.

I give thanks to the Lord who healed my son and has been protecting him always so that he can grow up healthy.

"The grace of God renewed me who had seemed to have no hope of change"

Brother Vision Kim (1-9 Parish, 3-3 Men's Mission)

I had promised to go to church with my wife before marriage, but I broke it with excuses of being too busy and my family having been Confucian. Twenty-three years later, finally, I came to church by the grace of God. There were a few things that changed me.

In August 2012, my son Joonyoung was discharged from the army and preparing to go to college again. I saw he had changed remarkably. He stopped drinking and hanging around with friends late at night. He was focused on studying. Moreover, he armed himself with the Word of God whenever he had time and prayed at church every night.

In November, 2012, he suggested to me to let him offer up household services. I said yes right away because I was happy seeing his changes. Except for when there is a special occasion, from that time on we have had the service on Fridays.

In early 2013, my wife, Senior Deaconess Sungsim Hong, and my daughter Eunjung said that they had been praying for my salvation. At the moment, I was very touched by them. Ever since we got married, even though I have been an opinionated and hot-tempered man, my wife has tried to listen to me and serve me.

Seeing my son change and hearing about my wife and daughter's prayer, I decided to attend church. I started to study the Bible because I thought that I had better read the Bible at least once for I would go to church for the first time in 23 years, so I appointed three months as a preparation time for going to church.

I got up early every morning and studied the Bible. And I told my family that I would go to church from the first Sunday in April. My wife joyfully suggested me to go to church beginning on March 31 which was Easter Sunday of 2013.

At 4 A.M., on March 31, 2013, I was about to read the Bible, but my eye glasses were missing. I had left them at my office. I had not been able to read the Bible without my reading glasses. Right before I almost closed the Bible I saw the letters in it. The letters came to my sight clearer and clearer and eventually they became very clear. It was amazing!

On the day, I went to church to offer up Sunday Morning Service. At 3 P.M., I also attended Sunday Evening Service and the Holy Communion at my family members' request. During the service, I experienced an amazing thing. While Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee was praying for the sick after preaching, my heart began getting hot.

When I received the bread and ate it in the Holy Communion, a thought flashed through my mind; 'Am I eating the flesh of Jesus?' Suddenly, my body was burning and tears flowed down my face and I had a runny nose. I cried a lot for the first time in my life with my face buried into a handkerchief.

Later, I realized that it had been a thorough repentance and the Holy Spirit had descended upon me like fire. Afterwards, I stopped drinking and smoking and I have been listening to Dr. Lee's sermons on the church website at www.manmin.org. Now I am running with the goal to stand on the rock of faith and come into spirit and whole spirit.

I had not done anything for my family to lead a better Christian life, so from now on I want to help them with all my heart. I give all thanks and glory to my Father God the Almighty, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

From left, Sister Eunjung Kim (daughter), Brother Vision Kim, Senior Deaconess Sungsim Hong (wife), and Brother Joonyoung Kim (son)





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