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“God’s Grace Engraved Deep in Heart” 2013 Thanksgiving Sunday and Holy Communion

On November 17, 2013, Manmin Central Church offered up Thanksgiving Service during the Sunday Morning Service. Thanksgiving Sunday is a feast celebrated giving thanks to God who blessed believers to harvest abundant fruit according to what they have done and planted with faith (Exodus 23:16).

During the Sunday Morning Service, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee preached the message entitled “Grace” based on Matthew 7:11. He said, “We give all thanks and glory to the God of love who has protected and blessed us. I hope that by imprinting the grace given to you in 2013 deep in your hearts, all of you will become fruit of spirit and whole spirit.”

During the Sunday Evening Service, he delivered the message “Tears” taken from John 6:53-55. He stated, “In order to glorify God without forgetting His grace until the abundant fruit is borne, we should shed tears of repentance, thanksgiving, and love for God and the Lord.”

After the message, Holy Communion was held. The church’s Holy Communion Committee offer up vowed prayer beginning a week before the Holy Communion Ceremony is held. Additionally, they prepare holy vessels for the ceremony and prepare themselves by purifying their bodies and hearts. By August each year, they prepare grape juice for Easter, the Feast of Harvest, and Thanksgiving.

Senior Deaconess Okhee Kim, having served as the member of Holy Communion Committee for more than ten years stated, “We prepare the ceremony with a prayerful heart hoping that while breaking bread and drinking grape juice the church members will receive strength to live in the Word, achieve the heart of spirit,



In celebration of Thanksgiving Sunday, the altar was decorated with fruits, vegetables, and grains, which symbolize Manmin members who have been changed through the five-fold gospel and become the fruit of New Jerusalem (Photo 1). Dr. Jaerock Lee presided the Holy Communion after preaching the message in Sunday Evening Service (Photo 2). The church members gave thanks for the love of the cross eating bread and drinking grape juice which represent the Son of Man’s flesh and blood respectively (Photo 3).

and become the source of the church’s strength. In particular, I was given a chance to financially support the grape juice, which caused me to be filled with grace and emotion all the more.”

The Holy Communion service was broadcast via GCN TV, which enabled all branch church members in and out

of Korea as well as Manmin Central Church to participate together in the ceremony and engrave the Lord’s grace and love. Sister Mahima Rai in Nepal took part in it through GCN TV and said, “I prepared for it with fasting and prayer. I shed tears of thanksgiving keeping the love of God and the Lord

in my heart while breaking bread. I also give thanks to the shepherd who taught me the truth so that I can realize such love. In 2013, I was able to discover myself according to the truth more than any other year and I made up my mind to become perfect and follow the Lord.”

News in Photograph



Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church in Kenya The 13th Anniversary Service

On November 17 in 2013, Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church in Kenya had its 13th Anniversary Service and Celebration Performance with pastors and members from its branch churches in eight African countries including DR Congo, Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, Angola, Liberia, and Nigeria in attendance. In the first half, Bishop Dr. Myongho Cheong, Chairman of United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, Africa and ministering to Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church, preached the message entitled “Providence of Human Cultivation for Manmin”. In the second half, the church members presented the celebration performance.

Grace

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!” (Matthew 7:11)

On Thanksgiving Sunday, we can see the abundance of harvest and its beautiful colors by seeing many kinds of fruit, vegetables, and grains that decorate the altar. We give thanksgiving worship services to God thinking of God’s overflowing grace that has poured upon us and His blessing that has been given to us both in spirit and body.

The God of love has always given us the best things. Then, in 2013, what kinds of grace has God given us?

1. The grace of looking at us with the eyes of love

If a couple’s baby begins to speak just a couple of days sooner than other babies, they think their baby is exceptionally smart. Later, if the child begins to hum melodies, the parents think their child is musically talented. If the child does anything well, the parents harbor great expectations, and if the child is short of anything, they try to cover it over. Parents just think that their children will become great people or at least live happy lives. They will expend all their dedication and efforts to see it happen.

The love of God is similar to this. But the love of God is perfect and unchanging, and He only wants our happiness. 1 Corinthians 13:7 says love “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” God is looking at us with such eyes of love.

Since God began human cultivation, He knew everything that would happen in the future. He knew that if He created Adam and gave him freewill, Adam would betray Him. He also knew that many of Adam’s descendants would stand against God. But God believed that eventually there would be many true children who would love Him. For this reason God would not give up human cultivation.

Many people have been born and many have died on this earth, and God looks at each and every individual’s life with so much care and attention. He loved each one even to the point of giving His only begotten Son to die on the cross. He is still looking at every soul living on this earth with the eyes of love.

He is also looking at all of you exactly the same way. He does not just look at the individuals who stand on the rock of faith with the eyes of love, or at those who are in spirit or whole spirit. He also looks at everybody with the eyes of love no matter whether they are in the 1st, 2nd, or beginning of the 3rd level of faith. All of you who long for God’s love are etched in the heart of God.

As a shepherd, all of you believers are so precious to my eyes. Even when I see a member who is not changing even after a long time, or a member who is stuck in his self-righteousness and frameworks, I have never thought they are hopeless. I thought of the ways to give them more strength, and I have waited for them to come into spirit every day. If they had just a little bit of goodness or faithfulness for God’s kingdom, I remembered their good points



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

and interceded for them. When they changed and improved just a little bit, I was so happy. It is as if I received some great gifts.

If I feel this way, how much more love would God have for you? Even when you feel embarrassed about your own shortcomings, God does not focus on your shortcomings. He believes in you thinking you have many good points and waits for you to be made perfect. Because we have this grace of God who looks at us with the eyes of love, we have been able to reach the measure of faith that we have now.

2. The grace of giving us helping hands

Psalm 146:5 says, “How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God.” Non-believers have no place to go and nobody to rely on. Even if they have those who support them well or are wealthy, there are things in their lives that cannot be done by human power. They may believe certain people will be on their side and help them no matter what the situation, but in desperate situations, those people actually turn their backs on them.

But we who believe in the Lord do not have such worries. For big problems or small problems, if we ask in the name of the Lord with faith, God the Almighty helps us. So, even in situations where the unbelievers might be afraid, we can have confidence. Even in dire and depressing situations, we should not lose hope. Even though everyone in this world turns their backs on us, God will not forsake us.

In 2013 alone, we have testimonies from our families and workplaces of having received answers from God when we sought His grace and power. In situations where we were unable to do anything God gave us comfort and peace and gave us His helping hands. Just with our own strength alone, we cannot do anything to cast away sins, to have the heart of spirit, and to open our mouth to pray. We are able to do them only with the grace and strength of God and with the help of the Holy Spirit.

When people really try to pray with their heart, He gives them strength. When they are tired in spirit, He stretches out His comforting hands. When they long to change, He lets them realize themselves. When they try to live by the Word, He gives them the power.

3. The grace of warmly holding us in His bosom

If just held in the bosom of their mothers, little children have nothing to fear in this world. If a sheep is at the bosom of the shepherd, it does not even fear ferocious animals. If the children of God are in the bosom of God, they have nothing to fear either.

Isaiah 40:11 says, “Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes.” In spite of the rough waves of the world, when we commit every worry to God’s care, we can enjoy the rest of our soul. We believers have felt the love of God and enjoyed peace in His bosom at each moment of your life in 2013.

But some children of God do not deeply feel His love and cannot go into His bosom. They rather feel that God is a fearful God and they try to hide themselves from His face. God is unchangingly the God of love, but once men create a wall of sin, they feel the love of God is very far away from them.

Sometimes, they feel the burden of sin so heavily that they do not even have the strength to repent. Even if they repent with their lips, unless they repent from the heart the affliction in their heart will not go away. They cannot lead a happy Christian life either. They can only lead a life of faith in fear thinking, “I am not able to do anything. It is so difficult to live by the Word. What if I face tests and trials when I do not keep the Word? What if I fall into Hell?”

Many members were thinking this way in the past, but now they have been able to lay down the heavy burdens of sins. And, they can make their profession of thanksgiving and love in peace. They feel that God is not a fearful Judge, but the Father who warmly holds them and gives them strength.

They do not keep the Word feeling coerced because they learned that they have to keep the Word, but instead they obey God’s Word with happiness just to please Him. Now they do not feel New Jerusalem is somewhere so far away, but they have the hope that it is a place that they will definitely go to and they really want to go there to see the face of the Father and to be at His bosom.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the grace received in 2013 was not given just for the happiness of that moment, but it was also given to increase your measure of faith. It was the grace that was intended for you to eventually enjoy the best thing, which is New Jerusalem. I ask you to imprint on your heart all the grace that you received. In doing so, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will enjoy all the blessings that God has in store for you, always.

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 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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Why is the nearness of the Lord's Word good?

Psalm 1:2 talks about a blessed man, saying, "But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night." 'The law of the LORD' directly refers to all the statutes and commands in the Old Testament time including the Ten Commandments. But, in a broader sense it includes the Word of God in the sixty six books of the Bible. Then, what does it mean by 'the blessed man's delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night'?

Since the Word is God, it means that the blessed man, who meditates on His law day and night, feels delighted because of God and he abides with God all the time. It also indicates that the man is always with the Lord who is the Word and came to the earth in the flesh. John 15:7 says, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." As written, if we abide in the Lord who is the Word and the Word abides in us, we can receive answers to whatever we ask.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." When we stay near the Scripture that was inspired by God, mediate on it day and night and practice it, we can be made perfect as men of God. As we celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday, I hope that the following will help you to become people who are blessed by understanding why the nearness of the Lord's Word is so good.

First

We can receive special grace and inspiration from the Word

If we stay near the Word of God with our hearts, we can receive grace and inspiration as though we met God face to face. We can feel the depth of God's love and have stronger fellowship with Him. Thus, we will have stronger longing for obeying the Word of God. Through such grace and inspiration, we can become men of spirit more quickly.

No matter how close we stay to the Word of God, if it is with the sense of obligation or coercion, it is hard to receive grace and be inspired by the Word. If we take delight in the Word with love for God, we naturally meditate on it day and night. Bear in mind that as we plant the Word ever more deeply in our hearts and have the desire to live by the Word of God, the grace and inspiration will spring up from our hearts.

Pharisees, the Scribes, priests, and high priests were always near the Word of God and practiced the Law, but they did not circumcise their hearts. In the end, they could not recognize the Son of God, Jesus. This is because they thought they were right, thinking they had mastered the Law of God and practiced them perfectly. Rather than feeling the heart of God in the Word and resembling Him, they felt that keeping the Law was in righteous actions and duty.

However, to 'meditate on the Word day and night' does not mean to just study the Word, expend time on the Word of God, and become knowledgeable of it. But also, in the Word we should meet God and feel the heart and will of God.

Second

We can discover ourselves and keep our hearts in the Word

Even though people listen to the same message, the grace, inspiration, and realization that each of them gain are different according to their situation, state, and measure of faith. Thus, it is very important to read the Bible, memorize necessary verses, and meditate on them. Then, we can discover ourselves and accomplish the truth in our heart.

It is also necessary to listen to and meditate on the messages again that have been preached in worship services. When we listen to the message repeatedly, we can have deeper realization, discover more about ourselves, and become changed through the prayer.

John 17:17 says, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth." As said, it is the Word of God that protects us from sin and evil and makes us holy. When we come near the Word and meditate on it we can watch over our heart as well as discover ourselves.

When the Lord's Word is in our heart, the Word will work so that we can overcome the world, drive away darkness, and live a victorious life. The Word lets us identify and realize what we should cast off and what we should not do. We cannot only have proper deeds of the body but also cleanse our hearts and thoughts. And, we can discern sin and evil so as not to be tempted by the world.

If you learn the Lord's Word diligently, meditate on it day and night, and arm yourselves with the Word, you can discern between the Light and darkness and walk in the Light. In addition, the Spirit gives us realization and guides us to practice the Word of God.

Third

We can achieve the heart and deeds of the Lord and the shepherd through the Word

Psalm 119:105 reads, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." If we arm ourselves with the Word, the necessary Scriptures come to our heart according to the situation and give us the proper action and words we should take and use. But it is possible only when we have etched the Word in our hearts, not just because we have accumulated the Word simply as knowledge.

By staying close to the Lord's Word, meditating on it, and arming ourselves with it, we can discern what the truth is and what course to choose in the situation. Even if we sometimes followed the Word and sometimes we couldn't, if we pray constantly and try hard, the knowledge of the Word will become bread of life in our heart and we will soon walk in the truth.

We might be faced with conflicts or worries in many situations of our lives. But then, with the Word we learned, we need to think about what the Lord would do. We need to think about what the shepherd, who was established by God to lead us, would do in the same situation. By doing so, a message delivered during the service about similar situations may come to our heart or Bible verses in our heart may influence our thinking. We can also find the answer that God wants through the messages that we listened to.

When we try to resemble the Lord in this way, God will see the efforts and dedication and give us grace and strength and the Holy Spirit will help us. Then, our hearts will be transformed and we can achieve the heart of the Lord day by day.



“A great success, ‘35 Salt-Roasted Meat’! It is the work of God”

Deacon Jungkyu Lee (Daegu Manmin Church, South Korea)

I was guided to Daegu Manmin Church by my friend, but I didn't lead a proper Christian life. In 2010, after I got married, I offered up just the Sunday Morning Service and I didn't give whole tithe. In December 2010, when I had been married for nine months, my wife and I were faced with a great trial.

My wife Deaconess Minjung Kwon had an operation for a benign muscle tumor of the uterus and the doctor said it would be difficult for her to conceive a baby. In 2011, she got pregnant after many tries, but she had a miscarriage after two months. In the meantime, Manmin World Guidance Pastor Heesun Lee's 'Fullness of the Spirit' Prayer Meeting was held in Daegu Manmin Church.

We went to the prayer meeting and received Pastor Lee's prayer of the handkerchief of power for the conception of a baby (Acts 19:11-12). Not long after, we came to have a baby. We visited Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee in Seoul to receive his prayer for a safe delivery.

We told him we previously had had a miscarriage, and he said, "God protects Manmin members for sure not to have a miscarriage as long as they keep the Sabbath holy and give whole tithes". Afterwards, we kept his words in our hearts and practiced it and God finally gave us a daughter, Hayul in July 2012.

We also received blessing in our business. In May, 2011, I started a restaurant and named it '35 Salt-Roasted Meat' because I serve 35mm-thick-pork. At first, I gave around 200 to 300 dollars as a tithe but it constantly increased to 500, 1,000, 1,500, 2,000, and then 3,000 dollars. With a grateful heart for the



God-given blessing, I began giving offerings for God's kingdom with joy.

As I tried my best to give offerings with faith, my daughter was healed of angiomas (a kind of benign tumors derived from cells of the vascular or lymphatic vessel walls). She had gotten angiomas on her nose and forehead and they had enlarged to 1cm and 3cm each. However, we offered up prayer of thanks, and as my wife and I grew up in faith the angiomas got smaller and disappeared.

In running my business, I tried to think from the customer's position and consider them. My restaurant offers Korean stew for free without limit. Also, on the meat served in my restaurant, we spray Muan Sweet Water—the sweet drinkable water that was changed from the salty sea water by Dr. Lee's prayer—and pray for customers to enjoy the meat and become healthy. My restaurant became known for serving good food, offering good service, and increased in popularity in the food alley in Jinpyeong-dong.

In October, 2012, I opened the second restaurant in In-dong. I received Dr. Lee's prayer of blessing in May, 2013. Since then, my tithe has been increasing month by month. My restaurant is becoming known through word-of-mouth and even some celebrities have visited. I am planning to open the third restaurant in December, 2013. My brother-in-law and parents-in-law also accepted the Lord seeing us receive blessing and make a happy family in peace. I give all thanks and glory to God who has been with me with such great blessings.

“My father was bitten by a cobra, but he recovered quickly through the prayer of handkerchief”



Sister Suthatip Lahan
(Chiang Rai Manmin Church, Thailand)

I was guided to Chiang Rai Manmin Church by a neighbor and started to go to the church in April, 2011. I used to be a Buddhist, and I thought that Jesus was a mere human being. But Dr. Jaerock Lee explained about the four reasons why Jesus is the only Savior for mankind in the sermon entitled "The Message of the Cross" in a Sunday Morning Service. I received a lot of grace and accepted the Lord.

Recently, I experienced God's amazing work. My father had worked at a laboratory snake farm for a vaccine research institute in Bangkok for 20 years. In late August of 2013, his middle, ring, and little fingers were bitten by a laboratory cobra more than one meter. He was in serious condition.

The bite was big and deep, and the cobra's teeth went into his bones. He had to have his flesh that had rotted by poison removed for the poison not to be spread. He was given a 50% chance of survival in the hospital. Although my father was a Buddhist, he asked for the prayer. He opened his heart because he had received grace on a visit to Chiang Rai Manmin Church in 2012 and I had preached the gospel to him

steadily.

At the right time, Missionary Jaewon Lee, ministering to Chiang Rai Manmin Church, was scheduled to come on a mission trip to Bangkok so I asked him to visit my father. My father waited for Missionary Lee with a longing heart and read the *Manmin News* that I had sent to him (www.manminnews.com) to receive his prayer with faith. Missionary Lee visited the hospital and preached about Jesus Christ. Then, my father accepted the Lord. Missionary Lee prayed for my father with the handkerchief of power on which Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12).

Before he received his prayer, my father had the infection squeezed out and received a skin graft. It usually takes a month to recover from a skin graft, but his affected parts started to heal right after the prayer. He was even discharged from the hospital two days after the operation. He has thrown away all idols he had worshipped and increased his faith in Christ by listening to Dr. Lee's sermon "The Message of the Cross". Hallelujah!



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