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Muan Sweet Water, the Love and Power of God Just as bitter water at Marah changed into sweet water in the Bible



Thousands years ago, freshwater fish and seawater fish lived together during the flood of Noah. The mysterious work in the Bible has re-occurred and can be seen at the Muan Sweet Water Aquarium. (First line, left—Dr. Jaerock Lee praying when the aquarium opened in 2007)

Manmin Central Church visitors have a must-see. It is the Muan Sweet Water Aquarium. Countless people visit here every year and witness a mysterious location where they can see seawater fish and freshwater fish co-existing in the same tanks.

A seawater fish and a freshwater fish survive in different-quality water because they can live only in the water with proper salt concentration. They also have different capabilities to react to a changing environment. Such conditions make it very hard for them to coexist in the same water. However, in the water tanks of Muan Sweet Water Aquarium there are seawater fish such as the threadfin butterfly fish, powder blue tang, bluring angel fish, and the French angelfish living together with freshwater fish such as gold barb, sailfin pleco, red spot severum, and silver shark.

Deacon Euitaek Kim, manager of Muan Sweet Water Management Committee stated, "Many marine experts and fish lovers came and were amazed by the management of the water and fish's conditions in the Muan Sweet Water Aquarium. They said it is

a 'dream-like fish tank'. There are some fish whose farming is very hard, but the conditions of the fish are very good and they are active."

Their coexistence in such a great condition transcends human knowledge, but it is made possible because Muan Sweet Water contains the power of God.

Muan Sweet Water found its origins at Muan Manmin Church ministered to by Pastor Myungsool Kim in Muan-gun in Jeonnam Province, Korea. The site used to be an island surrounded on all sides by the sea. For years it caused major problems getting drinking water to the church. Remembering the biblical account of Marah recorded in Exodus 15:25, the church members prayed with faith.

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee prayed about it on March 5, 2000. Through his space-and-time-transcending prayer, the salty sea water changed into drinkable water. Furthermore, when people use the water with faith, they have experienced healing works and received answers to prayer. As a result, many people keep revisiting the Muan Sweet Water Site.

Muan Sweet Water's safety and

excellence were confirmed by U.S. Food & Drug Administration in 2007. The water abounds with minerals and contains three times more calcium than other famous spring waters with world-wide recognition. The additional water quality test was done by the US FDA in 2010, and the water gained the qualification to be exported to USA and in 2013 its trademark was registered in US Patent and Trademark Office.

On March 6 in 2014, 'Muan Sweet Water of Power' 14th Anniversary Event was held in Muan Manmin Church. Rev. Soojin Lee preached the message entitled "Blessed People" based on Matthew 13:16-17. Dr. Esther Chung gave a congratulatory message. The Celebration Performance followed. With MC Deaconess Joan Jang, the Crystal Singers and Sound of Light Chorus of the Performing Arts Committee of Manmin Central Church gave a variety of celebration performances. There were guests of note and distinguished guests such as Muan-gun Governor, Chuljoo Kim and Mr. Chansu Jeong, a member of Muan-gun Council and local residents who also attended.



Put on the Armor of Light

“Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:11-12).



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

People who want to be treated well by others and to show off are seeking after the lusts of the world. But once a person has hope for Heaven he or she never feels any envy of worldly fame and riches at all. It's because they will enjoy everlasting happiness and glory with God in the beautiful Heaven that can never be compared to anything in this world.

While God's beloved children are on this earth full of sin and evil, God wants us to put on the armor of light. He has hope that His children will overcome everything with faith all the time and everywhere and be able to demolish the camp of Satan that prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Then, what should we do to put on the armor of light and drive away darkness with faith as spiritual warriors?

1. It is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep

The Bible is the Word of the living God. In the very first chapter you can see how the heavens and the earth and all things in them were created. Why did God create all of it and let people live on the earth? He wanted to cultivate countless people on the earth to gain true children who seek after His heart and He wants to share love with them forever.

Then, when will the Lord come to take wheat-like believers? Acts 1:11 reads, “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.” Just as spoken,

it is when the Lord returns in the air. Jesus shed blood on the cross to redeem us from sins and he was resurrected on the third day. The resurrected Lord Jesus is now preparing our dwelling places in Heaven and He will surely come for us when the appointed time comes.

That is why God says to us in Romans 13:11, “Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.” He urges us to be always awakened, dwell in the Light, and wait with longing for the Lord who will come again.

Then, what do we have to do to ‘be awake all the time’? We have to obey the Word in Romans 13:12-14 that states, “The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.”

Here, ‘Behave properly as in the day’ refers to a person's heart, lips, and deeds that are to be kept holy in carrying out their duties as men (Proverbs 4:23, 10:19; 1 Peter 1:15). For this, we should cast away various things first that belong to darkness such as carousing, drunkenness, sexual promiscuity, sensuality, strife, and jealousy. We can follow the desire of the Holy Spirit more to the extent that we have goodness in our hearts. On the other hand, to the extent that we have evil in our hearts we act in untruth and dwell in darkness. Hence, we must quickly cast off the darkness, behave properly as in the day and put on the armor of light.

2. To put on the armor of light

In order to put on the armor of light, we have to abstain from the desire to follow lusts and the things of the flesh. We should also put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Son of God who is the Word, came to the earth in flesh. He is Jesus, so He is the Word itself. Thus, ‘to put on the Lord Jesus Christ’ means to practice the Word of God. It is very important to keep and practice the

Words in the 66 books of the Bible after we learn. If we put on light just as the Lord, we will make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. In addition, ‘putting on the armor of light’ not only refers to practicing the Word of God—the basic level of faith—but it is also revealing the glory of God even at the risk of one's life—the level of a spiritual warrior.

For instance, Daniel's three friends put on the armor of the Word of God telling them not to worship idols or to serve them. So, they didn't compromise even facing the threat of being thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. If we put on the armor of light, we can please God, and in pleasing God we can be protected and achieve victories in every matter.

As the end time is drawing nearer and nearer, Satan increasingly prowls around to seek after just one more soul to devour and lead to death (1 Peter 5:8). In order to win in this intense spiritual warfare, we should dwell only in the Light which is the truth. In other words, we must put on the Lord Jesus Christ and completely cast away all things in the vanity that belongs to the world. So, if one puts on the armor of light, what kind of deeds should be shown?

3. The deeds of those who put on the armor of light

Above all, they have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires (Galatians 5:24). They commit everything including their own will and feelings to God and act only in the truth. Esther cut herself from fear and desire to seek her own benefit, and saved her people by going to the King with determination saying, ‘If I perish, I will perish.’

Next, those who put on the armor of light have no fear of death if it results from preaching the gospel. Apostle Paul was such a person. He rejoiced and felt happy though he underwent persecutions and afflictions while preaching the gospel. This kind of heart that he had was his armor of light. He had taken a leading role in persecuting believers in the Lord during the times of the Early Church. But, he met the Lord on the way to Damascus. From that time on, he strived to preach the gospel of the Lord, not sparing his own life. He had no fear of death due to

hope for rewards that would be given to him in Heaven.

Lastly, if we put on the armor of light, we will love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. If we love enemies from the bottom of our hearts, it is the greatest level of goodness and we come to dwell in perfect Light. So, the forces of darkness can't even touch us. People who are in the armor of light can become spiritual warriors, walk the right path with understanding, and gain wisdom and strength to destroy the camp of Satan.

4. The forefathers of faith who wore the armor of light

Abraham was called ‘God's friend’. He put on the perfect armor of light such that even the king of a nation bowed before him. Ruth also put on the armor of light in following the duties of goodness. She was blessed to have her name registered in the genealogy of Jesus though she was a Gentile woman. Daniel also had no flaw and spot, so hungry lions could not even begin to harm him. When Daniel's three friends were thrown in the furnace of blazing fire because they didn't follow the King's command to worship a golden image, they were protected and the hair of their head wasn't even singed. Joseph followed the right path without compromising with any unrighteousness and ended up becoming the second ruler of Egypt after Pharaoh.

Just as Psalm 91:14 says, “...I will set him securely on high, because he has known My name,” if we know God and act in His will, God will surely lift us up. Also, Psalm 91:15 reads, “I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.” As recorded, God will protect us even if trials and afflictions come, so we can have peace and glory as children of Light.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hope you will behave properly as in the day. Cast off carousing and drunkenness. Abstain from sexual promiscuity and sensuality. Avoid all strife and jealousy. I urge you to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and become spiritual warriors who can destroy the camp of Satan. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will lead many people to the way of salvation and glorify 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

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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Take A Look! Check Points for a Happy Christian Life

Just as Deuteronomy 10:13 reads, "And to keep the LORD's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?" God wants His beloved children to lead a happy Christian life. Is your Christian life happy? Let's take a look by checking into the two types of a Christian life.



Are you passive or active?

We can clearly tell the difference between a passive Christian life and an active one. Although they may seem similar from the outside, the inner hearts and mind-sets are totally different.

If one leads a passive believing life, he or she may be dependent. They just do what their leader asks or tells them to do. They do things only when someone leads them or supports them. They become filled with the Spirit, but only when they receive grace. They often lose that fullness as well.

Let's take prayer for an example. Suppose a passive believer prays for ten hours but it is by some form of coercion. Then, the fragrance would be very thin. If you are forced to do something, then you might get tired after a short period of time. But if an active believer earnestly and voluntarily prays, though he prays only for an hour, there is thickness to the aroma of his prayer that is offered up.

Being active and acting voluntarily in doing

something shows that one recognizes its value and receives pleasure in its achievement.

God gave commandments to His dear children so that they could lead healthy and blessed lives. Thus, when we obey with recognition of the God's love for us, we can manage joyful Christian lives in God's grace and blessing. Even when such people are in times of hardship and trouble they give thanks from the heart with hope for beautiful Heaven. Because they love God foremost of all things, their faces are full of joy.

Then, why are there believers who are passive and not active in leading believing lives? This is because they haven't found the true meaning of faith. Only when we understand the clear reason and purpose for leading a Christian life can we become active and fervent in it. Then, we will like listening to the Word of God and praying. We will want to gather voluntarily in church and have fellowship sharing love with other believers.

1 Peter 2:5 says, "You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." As written, God's children should become priests who offer up holy and living sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Of course, our Christian lives aren't managed only by our own strength. That is why the God of love sent the Helper the Holy Spirit to His children as a gift. If we accept Jesus Christ and thoroughly repent of our sins, the Spirit comes into our hearts and teaches us all things, brings to our remembrance, and leads us to the truth (John 14:26, 16:13).

Until our faith grows up to some extent, we may lead passive Christian lives and need to get help or counseling from others. But after some degree of growth, it is important how much we pray in reliance on the Spirit and try hard to get answers from Him.

Do you value the goal or the process to achieve it?

Setting a specific goal or goals is very important in achieving a dream. However, if we put so much importance on the goal that we neglect the process, it is not perfect.

The process of achieving the goal of the heart of spirit is feeling the heart of God and achieving happiness and peace in the heart more and more. If you long for it and try hard to achieve it, you will feel the joy and happiness in discovering your true nature and then getting rid of untruthful things. However, if you value just the goal and its results or consequences, you may feel troubled and experience pain trying to get rid of untruthful things.

If you lead a true believing life, you won't feel sorry and be pained because you haven't yet accomplished the goal. But you will rather feel joyful and happy with hope for achieving

the goal. We should examine our hearts in every step towards the goal. By practicing good works in our lives even if they seem minor, we walk every step of faith step by step.

Such things as speaking words from love, praying and reading the Bible though in a busy schedule can spiritually pile up and it can drive you toward achieving a goal more quickly. A believing life is like building yourselves up on your most holy faith (Jude 1:20).

If you have the greatest of goals that are New Jerusalem, the most beautiful place in Heaven, and whole spirit, which is God-pleasing faith then you can lead a happy Christian life (Revelation 21:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:23). You will naturally cherish the process of all steps towards the goal, not just the value of the goal itself.

Following passages from Matthew 20:20

describe a situation where the mother of James and John asked Jesus to let her two sons sit one on His right and the other on His left. Then, Jesus said, "Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" At that time, His disciples didn't realize the meaning of 'drinking the cup' nor understand how blessed way it was. But after receiving the Spirit, they realized the meaning, most of them drank 'the cup' of the Lord's passion, and in doing so they came to participate in His glory (Luke 22:28-30).

Therefore, in order to gain New Jerusalem that is full of God's glory we should accumulate things one by one according to the justice of God. When we run joyfully and happily towards the goal with clear hope, we can achieve the heart of whole spirit and finally enter New Jerusalem which is the greatest goal of all.

“The 9cm-big-osseous tissue caused by myositis ossificans was gone!”

Deaconess Saebom Park (Gimhae Manmin Church, South Korea)

“Aaahh! Oh, no! Minsik!”

The accident happened around at 7 P.M. on September 30, 2013. My 9-year-old son named Minsik was running fast on the crosswalk right after the pedestrian light turned green when he was hit by a fast moving taxi.

It happened right in front of me and I didn't know what to do. His body went up in the air to the height of the pedestrian signal post and fell back to the earth. Though his X-rays revealed no problem the doctor suggested that we should keep an eye on him for a while because it was an accident involving a car. At home Minsik had a bruise just below his right knee and it was swollen.

The swelling didn't subside even after quite a while, so we went to hospital again on October 14. The doctor said it was caused by many small veins bursting and it would be ok if he removed blood. My son was given X-ray screening over his femoral area. Unexpectedly, it revealed myositis ossificans.

By myositis ossificans, calcifications occur at the site of injured muscle. It formed osseous tissue resembling bone when the affected areas become calcified. It is a very rare disease. I later learned that the size of the bone-like ossification

was 9cm.

Minsik had been healed of atopic dermatitis, impetigo, hand-foot-and-mouth eczema, and lengthened ligament through Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee. So we committed this too to God with faith and he didn't have surgery.

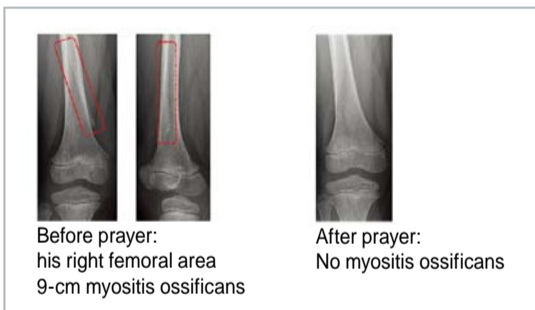
Minsik and I attended Manmin Prayer Center's Divine Healing Meeting for a month. God poured great grace upon us from the first attending. The fire of the Holy Spirit came down upon me and my whole body turned hot. God gave me grace to repent thoroughly.

I repented that my first love had cooled down, I hadn't done well as a cell leader, and I had hurt church members' feelings. Minsik also repented with tears that he hadn't listened to me. Above all, I was so sorry before God and Minsik because this happened due to my improper Christian life.

I found many things in my heart while listening to the sermons in Manmin Prayer Center. I also shed tears for the love of Mrs. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center who prayed and considered us so that we could be healed.

On January 29 in 2014, I went to greet Dr. Lee during Lunar New Year's Day. When shaking hands with him, I harbored my heart's desire, 'I want Minsik to be healed of myositis ossificans completely.' At the moment, I became assured of his healing.

With a fluttering heart, we went to hospital on February 25 in 2014. We could witness myositis ossificans was cured! The 9cm-big osseous tissue was gone through the power of God! Hallelujah! I give all thanks and glory to God who healed my son of myositis ossificans and filled me with the Holy Spirit.



“I've learned how to lead a healthy life in the Lord”



Sister Suri Buntong
(Chiang Rai Manmin Church, Thailand)

I lost my parents when I was very young and grew up under difficult conditions which caused me not to reveal my feelings but to just suppress them. I was also suffering from insomnia because of intense nervousness. Because of it I could only sleep when I took sleeping pills, and when it was the worst, fear of death swept over me. So, I visited many churches and wanted to have peace, but I couldn't rest in true peace anywhere.

In the early 2012, I moved to Chiang Rai. And I was guided to Chiang Rai Manmin Church (Pastor Jaewon Lee) by Missionary Sunok Lee. I read *Manmin News* in Thai language, which touched my heart. I finally attended the church from March, 2013. Chiang Rai Manmin Church members attend the worship services of Manmin Central Church in Seoul via GCN.

After listening to Dr. Jaerock Lee's preaching, I repented that I had not maintained peace with neighbors and hurt their feeling. In particular, I came to keep the whole Sabbath holy by offering up Sunday Morning Service and Sunday Evening Service after learning about the importance of keeping the Sabbath holy.

Afterwards, the symptoms of insomnia totally disappeared. How happy I am to have sound sleep! In 2014, the rear part of my neck was swollen and I had pain. I wanted to receive healing through the power of God. During Sunday Evening Service on February 2, via GCN I received Dr. Lee's prayer for the sick after the message. Then my pain was gone and the swelling subsided. Hallelujah!

In the past when I had some trouble in my body, I rushed to hospital. Now I no longer need medicine and I can live a healthy life without it, which is amazing to me. It is also like a dream to lead my believing life with a more exact knowledge of the will of God. God changed my dark and sensitive personality into an active and bright one. He is the greatest Physician! I am preaching about the love of God and His power to my neighbors. I give all thanks and glory to God.



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