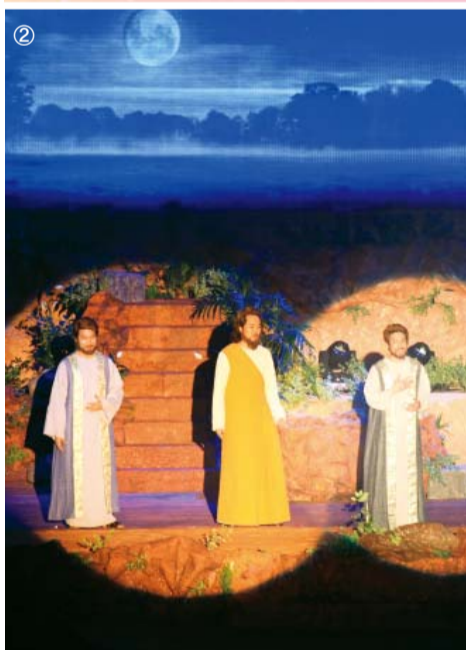


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## The Lord's Endless Love and Mercy

Preparations for the Easter Performance 'Tears' by Performing Arts Committee in Full Swing



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- 3) Easter Performance 2011 The Way of the Lord
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"I am leaving My heart behind for My beloved ones. I pray for the Father's great love to reach them."

It is a prayer of the Lord offered up in earnest love for people while He was hanging on the cross to save them. Manmin Central Church's Performing Arts Committee is preparing for the Easter Performance 2014 entitled 'Tears'.

The performance starts with the martyrdom of Apostle Paul and Jesus' disciples who lived only for the Lord. Jesus' ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension are depicted on the stage.

The overall general managing director for 'Tears' is Pastor Heejin Lee, Chairperson of Performing Arts Committee and Production Director is Elder Seongdae Yang who works for MBC Art Center as a designer. Deaconess Jin Lee, administrator of Performing Arts Committee directs the music and Deacon Hangu Kim, vice conductor of Nissi Orchestra conducts it. The performing team members of Performing Arts Committee and United Choir perform together. Also, outsourced theater professionals take charge in light and special effects, which draws much anticipation.

"Just preparing for Easter Performance to commemorate the Lord's resurrection, has moved my heart and makes me feel grateful in itself. I have meditated on God-given contents to express them all the better and our production team and performers are preparing for it with their hearts," said Elder Seongdae Yang, Production Director.

Easter Performance is rendered annually during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Friday All-night Service before Easter Sunday. It deeply touches the audiences and delivers the love of the Lord to them. In particular, since 2009, it has been produced with God-given songs and storyline, which impressed viewers even more.

In 2009, the performance 'Reminiscence' depicted with special effects that Jesus reminisced about the past days on Gethsemane prior to the night of His crucifixion.

'The Love of Our Lord' was performed in 2010. It allowed audiences to hear Mary Magdalene's confession to Jesus who was hung on the cross and the confession of Peter who denied Jesus three times before He took the cross.

'The Way of the Lord,' the Easter Performance 2011 was delivered with a dance drama of angels who were with Jesus during His ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

In the performance 'The Name of Love, Jesus Christ,' in 2012, Apostle Paul recollected Jesus' public ministry and engraved the love of the cross. In 'The Lord Is the Christ', in 2013, Mary Magdalene, Apostles Peter and John looked back upon the time with Jesus. The performances delivered the Lord's endless love to people.

The church members have lived with the Word and prayer in a devout manner with a longing heart for Easter Sunday to achieve the heart of the Lord.

This Easter Performance will run on the special stage in the main sanctuary during the second half of Friday All-night Service on April 18, 2014. People throughout the world will be able to watch it through GCN ([www.gcntv.org](http://www.gcntv.org)).

# Love Is Patient

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Many people think ‘being patient’ is to wait for something or someone for a long time. But if they love it or the person, they don’t find it hard or boring to be patient.

Having true love for someone is to take delight in being patient with him. Even the longing and aching make the love much deeper as long as the waiting is in patience. Then, what can we do to achieve the love’s patience?

## 1. Spiritual love recognized by God

Love can be categorized into two kinds: spiritual love and fleshly love. God gives us spiritual love. It seeks the benefit for others. It doesn’t corrupt and it leads to eternal life. It is true love. On the other hand, fleshly love seeks its own benefit and it changes and corrupts.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 defines spiritual love by its 15 characteristics. “Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” God accurately measures the extent to which His children act according to the traits of love.

Say we quantify the extent of

spiritual love in us from 1 percent to 100 percent. When we achieve a complete percentage of 100 percent, it can be said that our love has attained a level that is at the level of God’s ‘perfect love’. If we keep one percent of the Word of God, it corresponds to one percent of spiritual love’s level that is given to us. If 50 percent of God’s Word is kept, then it corresponds to 50 percent of spiritual love being fulfilled. The grace and power that is given by God is different to the extent that we accomplish this spiritual love that is recognized by God (John 14:21).

## 2. Patience is the basis of spiritual love

Why is the character of patience the first listed in the characteristics of love? This is because we have to be patient for a long time to achieve spiritual love perfectly. If one accomplishes 10% of spiritual love and just stops due to lack of patience, he can’t reach a higher level. If you keep 10% of the Word then you are at the 10% level of spiritual love and you receive God’s love and grace at a level of 10%. The other 90% of you must then belong to dark forces of Satan.

Patience is also divided into two kinds: the kind of patience that is recognized by worldly people and spiritual patience. When something is upsetting, worldly patience is suppression of anger and having tolerance toward the stimulator or stimulus. This kind of patience is being patient in evil. However, spiritual patience is not like this. It is being patient in goodness.

God, in whom there is no evil, has nothing to put up with and therefore, nothing requiring ‘patience’. But for our better understanding, God uses the expression ‘being patient’. We will also have nothing requiring patience after we bear all things in goodness and truth, and cast away all evilness. We will be able to understand and forgive anything. God’s patience is the patience that doesn’t need to be expressed as ‘patience’ because His patience is out

of His love.

## 3. God’s patience seen through Apostle Paul

Before meeting the Lord, Apostle Paul took a lead in persecuting and imprisoning believers in the Lord Jesus. How, then, did he change after he met the Lord?

He prayed for his people’s salvation earnestly such that he said in Romans 9:3, “For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.” This confession shows that the level of his love had come close to that of God’s love. Until he reached this level, with expectation, God was patient with him. What kind of patience did God extend to him? Before being called by the Lord, Apostle Paul was a person with a laudatory background.

He was born to a good family and though he was a Jew he had citizenship in Roman Empire. He was also educated according to the Law under Gamaliel who was a teacher of the Law and admired the most at the time. He was blameless as to the righteousness which is in the Law. But his self-righteousness in the Law was a stumbling block to achieve the work of God.

So he underwent many trials and finally he demolished his self-righteousness and knowledge. Then, he said that he would no longer boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. God chose this Paul, set him as the apostle of the Gentiles, and accomplished His will through him. Paul received God’s power and performed many wondrous things while he himself suffered many persecutions and afflictions. But since he believed that God had made him whole through all the trials, he could exalt in tribulations and overcome them with perseverance.

He said in Acts 20:24, “But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.” This implies that he

changed to become a person who worked with the heart of God.

## 4. In order to achieve spiritual patience

Just as 1 Corinthians 13:7 reads, “[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things,” if we believe all things in hope, we will be able to endure all things and achieve patience.

1 Corinthians 13:4 also talks about perseverance. It is a personal level of patience with which one can bear people who stone him though they receive love from him and endure with hardship, and various difficult troubles. Meanwhile, ‘love bearing all things’ in 1 Corinthians 13:7 refers to bearing all things such as things against the truth in the Love Chapter—1 Corinthians 13, that is, bearing all things against spiritual love. In other words, it is to bear all things including acts of unkindness, jealousy, or arrogance; avoid seeking personal benefit or advantage, overcoming provocation and not taking into account a wrong suffered. It is not to rejoice in unrighteousness. However, it doesn’t bear all of them for no reason. As the following verses say, we achieve hope in faith and share love in hope. Then, we can bear all things. Why is it love to believe all things? If a married couple loves each other from their hearts, they naturally believe, trust, and respect each other. Even if something causing doubt occurs, they see each other in goodness and have trust. Trust is an evidence of love. We used to be sinners who were destined to eternal death, but we have received the grace of salvation through the great love of God. Hence, we should also believe all things even if something seems to be lacking. Without love, we can’t do it. Only when we believe with love can we have hope in all things.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if we can just see people with spiritual love as God sees, even if they appear hopeless, they can be encouraged and run. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will bear patiently in the truth, achieve the perfect love of God, and give everybody love.

## 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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## God's Providence and Love Contained in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil

I learned that the first man Adam, and first woman, Eve, went to the way of destruction by eating the forbidden fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God is omniscient and omnipotent, so He foreknew that they would eat from it. Nevertheless, He placed the tree there. Why is that?

**A** Some people say, "Why did God place the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and let Adam take the way of death?" Some even say that God may not have known that Adam would eat from it. But it is not right. God foreknew Adam would eat from the tree and sin in the first place. That is why He had already prepared the way of salvation for humans even before the Creation. He prepared Jesus Christ before the ages. Let's delve into God's providence and love in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

### After Adam and Eve ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in their freewill

In the abundance of the Garden of Eden, Adam the first man, learned much of spiritual knowledge such as concerning God, the spiritual realm, the truth, goodness, and the light. He was also given the knowledge sufficient to subdue all things. He ruled over all creatures and all things with amazing knowledge and wisdom as their lord and he multiplied by begetting many children (Genesis 1:28, 2:19, 3:16). However, God forbade him one thing—that was, to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the center of the Garden.

Genesis 2:16-17 reads, "The LORD God commanded the man, saying, 'From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.'"

God created Adam and gave him freewill with which he could make a decision independently. He allowed him to live forever in the abundance of the Garden of Eden. But because he was formed of dust from the ground and then became a living spirit by the breath of life, he was not to enjoy eternal life if he disobeyed. For him to bear it in mind, God placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and had him wary of it.

Adam and Eve hadn't eaten from the tree in obedience to God for uncountable period of time. But as time went by, they ended up failing to keep the command of God in their hearts. Eve was tempted by the serpent to which Eve had kept close. Falling in the temptation, she voluntarily ate from the tree and gave the fruit to Adam. Adam also ate it. Consequently, they had to pay for the sin just as God had said they would surely die and according to the spiritual law 'the wages of sin is death' (Romans 6:23).

God said, "The day that you eat from it you will surely die." The 'death' here refers to the death of spirit, the master of man who consists of spirit, soul, and body. Also, the death of spirit doesn't mean its extinction, but it means that communication with God is severed and by this it can no longer play its original role. And if one's spirit dies, his body will end up facing with death.

Adam's transgression caused him to be cursed. Furthermore, it caused his descendants to become sinners and fall in destruction. Even all creatures on the earth under Adam's control were also cursed, which made him cultivate the ground in toil to eat of it (Genesis 3:17). On the cursed ground appeared many unprecedented diseases and detrimental living things. People came to suffer from tests and trials brought to them by Satan. The serpent was cursed more than every beast of the field and came to go on its belly (Genesis 3:14).

### The love of God in giving true happiness by allowing us to experience relativity

Then, why did God place the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden? It is to give us true happiness. The Garden of Eden where Adam lived is a very beautiful and peaceful place that lacks nothing, but he couldn't feel true happiness. This is because he had never experienced unhappiness. He had never met with diseases, death, or accidents, and never felt the following sorrow and pain. He didn't know what exactly parting meant because there was no death.

People realize the true value of something when they experience its opposite trait and they are able to sense the relativity between them. Simply put, we can understand true happiness when in many difficulties. In suffering from a disease, we gain awareness of the importance of health from the bottom of the heart and give thanks. Only after we have been hungry can we give true thanks for plentiful food. We can understand the value of goodness when we experience evil and how precious light is when we see darkness. Without knowledge on poverty, one can't give thanks for wealth. Without hatred, one can't be aware of how good love is.

Adam lived in the Garden of Eden void of unhappiness. He had no ability to recognize the value of happiness he was enjoying. Since he had never seen death, he couldn't understand the true meaning of God's Word, "For in the day that you eat from it you will surely die." God loved Adam very much so He provided him with all things. But he didn't feel thankful from his heart.

However, after his transgression, Adam was sent out from the Garden of Eden and experienced many sufferings. He felt hungry, tired, and cold and experienced parting, sorrow, and pain caused by sins. In doing so, he finally became conscious of how happy he had been in the Garden of Eden. Just as explained, creatures can't realize relativity without experiencing the opposite things. That is why God allowed for the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden so that people would be able to understand relativity.

We are also descendants of Adam who was formed of dust from the ground, so we can feel how good the heavenly life is only after undergoing the process of human cultivation. Since we feel from our hearts how great it will be to live in Heaven where there is no sin and no sorrow, we will joyfully and happily live forever with thanks to God for giving us Heaven.

Therefore, those who accepted Jesus Christ and live with true faith and hope for Heaven will have thanks and joy in any kind of life on the earth (2 Corinthians 4:17-18). When we realize the love of the Lord who solved the problem of our sin, we can enjoy true happiness in hope for Heaven.

## “After healed of pneumothorax, I came to praise God all the more!”

My right rib was fractured and my lung was damaged in 2003 so I had a chest tube inserted. It caused me to seek medical treatment even when I just got a cold or bronchitis. I was not only sick physically but I also felt distressed spiritually just like a dry land. For this I read many books of famous pastors and prayed. But, though they temporarily had a positive influence, my spiritual thirst wasn't satisfied.

In January 2010 I found Dr. Jaerock Lee's book *Spirit, Soul, and Body* at the place of my sister-in-law, Deaconess Sunok Lee, and read it. The book talks about New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2), God's planning of human cultivation, and whole spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:23) which I had never heard about before. It amazed me. In June 2010 I registered in Manmin Central Church ministered to by Dr. Lee and started a renewed Christian life.

I who had been a gospel singer became a soloist of the church's Performing Arts Committee. But I had a problem. While preparing for the special song I regularly give during worship service, I got a cold or a respiratory disease. It caused my voice to fail and I had to rely on medicine. This same situation occurred repeatedly and I felt ashamed of myself because I was unable to show faith in the church where the power of God unfolds.

I was determined to pass this trial. It happened as I prepared for the special performance given on December 6, 2013. I got a cold so I coughed and had phlegm and the symptoms got worse. When the day was just around the corner, I had hemoptysis and chest pain that was like poking the chest with a sword. But I didn't go to hospital because I had made a decision to be healed by faith. I received prayer from Mrs. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center and Pastor Heejin Lee, Chairperson of Performing Arts Committee. Then, I was able to offer up the special song safely.



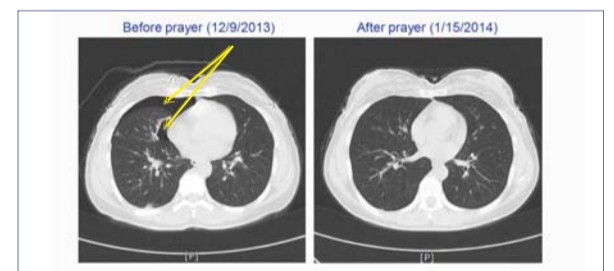
Deaconess Sunwoo Lee  
(aged 49, 1-2 Parish in South Korea)

To get healed of the problem completely with faith, I had a specific examination done in a hospital. Chest CT revealed my right lung was abnormal and I had recurrent pneumothorax (Ref: It is an abnormal collection of air or gas in the pleural space that separates the lung from the chest wall and which may interfere with normal breathing.) Afterwards, I looked back upon myself and repented of my shortcomings until Dr. Jaerock Lee came from his mountain prayer.

I repented that I had wanted to reveal myself and gain recognition from the church members by giving a special song in the service. Then, I prepared myself to receive his prayer for healing. On December 29, 2013 I received his prayer with an earnest heart. I immediately stopped coughing and phlegm also decreased. It all finally stopped on the following day. I was so happy!

I received assurance that I had been healed so I had testing done again on January 15, 2014. My doctor told me the good news saying, "Pneumothorax disappeared. You now have a clean and healthy lung." Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to God who healed me of a chronic lung disease and allowed me to praise God with a healthy body.



▲ Before prayer (December 9 2013): pneumothorax in the right lung (yellow arrow)  
▲▲ After prayer (January 15 2014): no pneumothorax, normal

Brother Rajendra Prasad  
Bist in Malaysia

## “An extraordinary work happened on my cell phone after me saving sermons!”



I was born to a Hindu family in Nepal, and raised in a family that worshiped idols. But I accepted the Lord in the grace of God. Now I am leading a happy life.

In September 2013, I went to Kathmandu the capital city of Nepal to get a visa for Malaysia. I stayed in my aunt's place for around a month. She works for Manmin Mission Center, Nepal (Pastor Grace Lee).

She testified that Dr. Jaerock Lee, Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church in Seoul, had been suffering from many diseases for seven years and was healed of all of them by meeting God. Hearing it I thought God is truly

alive. Then, I started to read the Bible and went to Manmin Mission Center, Nepal. I listened to the message and prayed there.

Before departing for Malaysia, I saved more than 80 series of Dr. Lee's sermons on my cell phone. In Malaysia, I listened to over five sermons every day during the first week and prayed for more than an hour daily. Then, I was blessed to be hired by Hero Supermarket. With a grateful heart, I first set aside tithes from my income.

Around a month later, I experienced an amazing thing. Jesus hanging on the cross appeared on my cell phone screen twice. With the image, five-minute

long prayer came out and then praises. I learned later that the five-minute-long prayer was Dr. Lee's. Since there was no picture or image of Jesus' crucifixion in my cell phone, I was just astonished.

I felt so thankful with realization on the love of God who allowed for me to have such experience. I have kept listening to the sermons on my cell phone and realized the love of God and the Lord little by little. I also tried to work faithfully and do good just as Dr. Lee taught me to consider others and treat them with goodness. It caused me to get recognition in my workplace, which resulted in a pay raise. Hallelujah!



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