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"Anyone Can Receive God's Blessing"

God's Blessings Given through Deeds of Obedience

"It is the grace of God"

I just tried to cherish my co-workers and serve them, and I was chosen as one of 2014 Exemplary Officials and received the Prime Minister's Award.



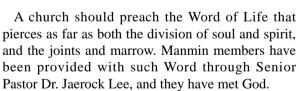


"God blessed me with true rest"

Since I repented and started to keep the Lord's Day, I've received peace in heart and blessings in my business.

"God caused all things to work together for good"

I committed everything to God. I prayed and waited patiently, and then my problem turned into a blessing and my tithe has increased.



Brother Deokyoung Choi (Photo 1), age 54, found it difficult to keep the Lord's Day wholly since he is a lieutenant of Police Squad of Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency. He felt sorry before God because of it and he was determined to practice the word of life he had learned in earnest on the job. He started to take a lead in doing more difficult tasks and unpleasant work. Meantime, on December 31 in 2014, he was selected as one of the one hundred exemplary officials among all police officers in South Korea, and received the Prime Minister's Award.

Brother Choi said, "I think God wanted to encourage me with the award. Twelve years ago, I came down with malaria, which put me at risk of death, but I was healed of it by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. I have never forgotten his grace. I always feel reassured through his prayer even when I am sent to spots where there are disasters, accidents, and demonstrations." He also expressed his heartfelt thanks to Dr. Lee who prayed for him and his family members who have served him.

Brother Sanghun Oh (Photo 2), age 55, is working for the Korea Broadcast Advertising Corporation.

He has recently received a great blessing by keeping the Lord's Day. In fact, he hadn't attended church for a long time and had neglected his believing life using his job as an excuse. But in April, 2012, when his son became sick, he started to look back on his Christian life. He repented from his heart and determinedly made a decision.

Thereafter, he read the Bible and Dr. Lee's books. In doing so, he was given a longing heart to keep the Lord's Day. He takes a business trip to provinces around twice a month for several days at a time. But now to keep the Lord's Day, he returns to Seoul on Sunday even if it is by South Korea's high-speed rail system, KTX. Meantime, on December 31 in 2014 he was blessed to receive the Minister of Science, ICT and Future Planning Award for his contribution to invigorating the smart media industry.

Deacon Wonkyu Song (Photo 3), age 46, has been growing Chinese chives in Yangju, Gyeonggi Province for 15 years. On December 31 in 2014, he received Gyeonggi Governor's Citation for his pioneering role in realizing eco-friendly organic farming of Chinese chives. The award is more meaningful to Deacon Song because of what had happened before the chives shipment sold in April in 2014.

"In order to sell, I had my chives checked through 250 tests. But odd components were detected in more than two tests. I was perplexed because I had never used even a drop of pesticides. Later I learned

this was equipment facility and contamination, and unlike what they had promised, the equipment firm didn't take any prevention measures for it."

At this crucial moment, Deacon Song committed everything to the hand of God and prayed and waited patiently. It was during this time that the sudden on-the-spot testing done by the National Agricultural Products Quality Management Service confirmed that the facility and equipment had problems. Thereafter he signed a contract with a bigger shop under better conditions and received a call from the previous customer, who had terminated a contract due to the problem that had occurred, asking to reinitiate supply again.

People will meet with some unexpected hardships in the course of life. However, if they don't resist with evil but just reflect themselves with the Word of God and look for a way of goodness, God will cause all things to work together for good. God also makes them feel His existence while they show acts of obedience, and He comforts their hearts, and encourages them.

1 Samuel 15:22 reads, "To obey is better than sacrifice..." God praises those who obey what they learn from the Word of God. God also protects them and provides safety in the world where many accidents and disasters overflow. God's children receive such great love from God, and this is the blessing given to His children.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

"Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light" (Genesis 1:3)

The Bible says, "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light." This is the operation of the power of the 'original voice.' The work of re-creation is not the work to create things that don't exist. It is the work of regeneration or the renewing of things that already exist.

Only the re-creation or regeneration is possible within the boundaries of the original order of creation that God set. Let's now look into the power of recreation.

1. What is the power of recreation?

Metaphorically, the power of recreation is not the work of creating a flower that doesn't exist, but the work of reviving the flower that is dead. When things that were created by God are destroyed or damaged, by the power of re-creation they can be recovered. Even the dead can be revived, and the earth, the sky, and everything in them can be renewed.

Now, what is it that is of the first priority to be renewed by the power of re-creation? It is 'men'. Men were created in the image of God. After Adam committed sin however, he lost the image of God. In this end time as sin and evil are becoming increasingly prevalent, it is not easy for men to have even the faith sufficient to receive salvation. Unrighteousness and lawlessness are rampant in the world. However, God isn't giving up on people who are living in this end time. This is the original love of God from which He desires to give another chance to those for whom receiving salvation seems impossible.

The power of re-creation started from this original love. According to justice, the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). To save a soul from death, someone must make a sacrifice for him by paying the price of justice.

Power of Re-creation

On our behalf Jesus was hung on the wooden cross to become a curse according to the law that says 'the wages of sin is death'. To redeem sinners from their sin, sinless Jesus shed His precious blood. As a result, a new justice was made: 'Whoever believes in Jesus Christ is forgiven of sin, and becomes a child of God.'

In the same manner, to meet the justice that can lead souls to salvation who are unable to receive salvation, the proper sacrifice had to be made. For the last 4 years, I've suffered from extreme pain both in body and heart. When the power of re-creation is manifested, people who coercively believe in God out of fear will be able to feel the love of God. Their hearts will melt and they will believe in God in their free will.

Chapter 36 of Ezekiel depicts how the power of re-creation can change the hearts of people. It is the prophecy regarding the recovery of Israel, and also the prophecy regarding the works of the power of re-creation that will take place in the end time. Ezekiel 36:26 says, "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh." Even the hearts that are hardened with evil can be changed by the power of re-creation. Once people have this 'renewed heart' they can walk by the Word of God.

In the following chapter is the vision that Ezekiel saw of the dry bones that came alive and became an army. As Ezekiel prophesied as commanded by God, the bones came together and became a great army. This is the work of re-creation. The 'dry bones' here refer to those with no possibility of restoration. There are so many souls who have no possibility of life being renewed, like the dry bones. Their hearts are evil, deteriorated, and deformed. Even the souls in this state can be recovered and changed by the power of re-creation.

2. The power of re-creation can renew this immoral generation

First, it can renew those who stand against the man of God as Korah and his people

Korah was of the tribe of Levi, and had a duty serving in the Tent of Meeting. But he had a desire to go further to become a priest. Dathan, Abiram, and their followers also rose up against Moses, and they said that it was Moses who had caused them to suffer in the wilderness. The acts were very evil in the sight of God. Hence, they eventually

met with miserable deaths; the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up (Numbers 16:32-33).

The sin of 'standing against God' in the Old Testament can also be found in the New Testament. That is 'blaspheming, standing against, and speaking against the Holy Spirit.' Jesus said in Mark 3:29, "But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin."

Today there are many who commit this sin even among those who say they believe God. In the future, the Christian community will be divided into two when the servant of the power that God set shows up. They are those who are with the servant with their hearts, and those who stand against him out of their jealousy. There are also unbelieving people who slander, judge and condemn the man of God with evil words though they see the evidences that God is with him. It is the same as slandering God, and it cannot be forgiven. However, God wishes that even such people may repent and get a chance of salvation.

Secondly, it can renew such people as Ananias and Sapphira, and Judas Iscariot who deceived the Holy Spirit and betrayed the Lord

Judas Iscariot followed Jesus to seek his benefit and selfish greed. He intended to receive benefits by standing beside Jesus when Jesus would come into a worldly position of power. He was in charge of the money box, and he used to pilfer what was in that money box. But Jesus went in a direction that was different from what he expected. Eventually Judas Iscariot sold Jesus for 30 silver coins. Regarding Judas Iscariot's death, Acts 1:18 says, "...and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his intestines gushed out."

In the early church, Ananias and Sapphira experienced grace by the fiery works of the Holy Spirit. They said they would sell their property and give God all that they received. Once they got the money in their hands, however, they kept some of it for themselves. Then, in the clear work of the Holy Spirit, Apostle Peter knew it and rebuked them, and they died immediately.

The fact is, however, that there are so many in the Christian community of today who commit acts more evil than Ananias and Sapphira or even Judas Iscariot. But God doesn't want to forsake even those people and wants to show them His love. When the power of recreation is manifested with love, even such people can repent and receive a chance of salvation.

Thirdly, it can renew those who stand against the work of the Holy Spirit due to their frameworks of knowledge like Pharisees and the scribes in Jesus' time

The Pharisees and the scribes in the days of Jesus were those who could even recite the laws in the Old Testaments. But they didn't understand the true will of God who gave the Law. They understood it as mere knowledge. If the Pharisees and the scribes had studied the Law in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they could have realized that Jesus is the Messiah who was prophesied in the Old Testament. But most of them read the Bible while locked in the frame of their knowledge, they couldn't recognize Jesus and even played the leading role in crucifying Him.

There are people who are much like them in today's Christian community who think and say, "I studied Theology for long years." or "I have a Ph. D in Theology, and I am more learned in the Bible than any of the others." They are proud of themselves, but there are few who actually receive the work of the Holy Spirit. Their knowledge becomes their pride and they commit the sin of judging and condemning as they please. God wants me to break their hard frames by the power of re-creation. And, He wants them to receive the work of the Holy Spirit and get a chance of salvation.

One should interpret the Bible in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and to do so, a person needs to toil with countless fastings and prayers to penetrate and enter into the spiritual realm. The most important thing to do is to communicate with God, read His heart, and understand His will. But most of those who proudly say they know the Bible do not make such efforts to penetrate through and into the spiritual realm. Since I took care of the portion that they are supposed to do, it is now true that many can now break such hardened frameworks of knowledge and receive the work of the Holy Spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, as the time comes, this power of recreation, the wind of purification and reformation will blow into Christian community. And we will be strong enough to lead the duty of leading all the peoples of the world to understanding and salvation. I pray in the name of the Lord all of you quickly change into spiritual warriors as the new year of glory unfolds.

English

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

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

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

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The Way for the Soul's Salvation, Evangelism!



God of love desires all men to hear the gospel and receive salvation. So He urges His children who received the Holy Spirit to preach and spread the gospel (1 Corinthians 1:21). This is because without preachers people cannot fathom things concerning God in human wisdom. Apostle Paul was devoted to gospel-spreading for the Gentiles. He said in 1 Corinthians 9:16, "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel."

We should be aware that preaching is a believer's responsibility and duty, and should preach in season and out of season. Let's now delve into how to preach and lead souls to God.

01

We should preach by the work of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 4:20 says, "For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power." Thus, we should first receive boldness and strength from above through sufficient prayer, and preach with God-given courage and the Spirit's fullness. Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 2:4, "...and my message and my preaching

were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power."

It is in this way that preaching is not about our own ability, but the dependence on the Holy Spirit. Under His guidance, we should be able to help unbelieving listeners demolish their fleshly thought and take it captive to the belief in God. Here, the armament of the Word of God is also important.

It's because the Word of God can pierce as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow (Hebrews 4:12), and drive out and shatter the enemy devil and Satan.

Hence, if we pray for those who we want to evangelize and preach the Word to them in the works of the Spirit, God will move their hearts and make them feel spiritually thirsty, thereby bearing fruit.

02

We should help them realize the value of the gospel for themselves

The gospel of Jesus Christ is by far the most precious message of the truth in the world. However, not recognizing its value, some people stubbornly refuse to hear it. In such a case it is better to wait for a good

chance to preach and help them realize the value for themselves, rather than trying to force it upon them or continuing to urge acceptance.

We can help them by inviting them to the church's special events and giving sermon tapes or books or church's newspaper. Then as a good chance comes we can talk

to them comfortably and help them accept the gospel without inducing reluctance in them.

We can preach the gospel not only with words. There are also many other ways that fit according to the listeners' situations. This is how we can lead more people to God.

03

We should give off the fragrance of Christ with love and care

We need to show our love and care through deeds as well as to pray. When we live by the Word of God, we can give off aroma of Christ and our beautiful words and deeds will move people's hearts. Then they will easily accept the gospel when we preach.

Thus, we should always greet people

politely, take a warm interest in their wellbeing, and act in a gentle manner. If we win their favor, it will be helpful to lead them to God.

We can share delicious dishes with them, console them or rejoice together in their sorrowful or happy occasions, and help them as they have problems so that they feel thankful and joyful because of our actions. We can also preach the gospel to the sick and the poor while helping them

with financial support.

But of course we ought not to evangelize only sick, poor, or old people. Rather we should equally give everybody the chance to hear about the gospel without limitations.

Therefore, we should consider where we should go to preach and how to preach so as to please God. We should also check if those who are led to the church will be able to keep attending and live proper Christian lives.

04

It is good to know people's interests or problems and offer spiritual help to them

In the fourth chapter of John, Jesus struck up a conversation with a Samaritan woman, incurred her curiosity concerning spiritual things, and then satisfied her spiritual thirst. He preached the gospel to her in this way. As in this example, satisfy a person's most important and urgent needs in various ways, by answering their questions, or suggesting ways to solve their problems.

We should let them know the way to solve their problems and help them to pray to the Lord. Suppose one has a disease. We can present the way to receiving healing to them, by preaching about God the Healer to them.

If one has a problem in his business, we can urge him not to live by human wisdom and methods but to live by the Word of God. We can preach about God who can resolve any problems and who can make everything prosper. As explained, when a person has a problem, while providing them with solutions we can also preach the gospel.

05

More importantly, we need to take care of those who came to attend church

Until they stand on the rock of faith, we should continue to take care of those who we led to church through prayer, counseling, and visitation so that they can grow up in faith. Moreover we should

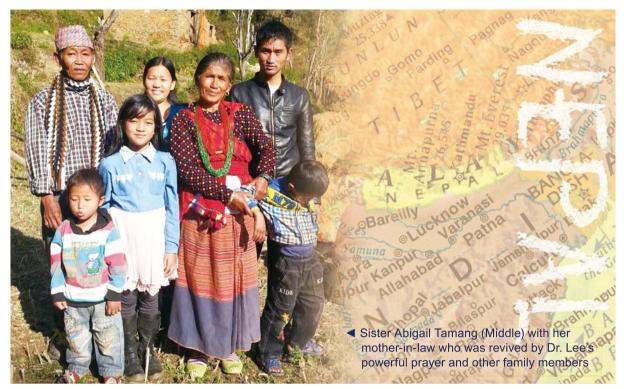
help them make the Word the bread of life for their spirits lest that they be tempted by tests or trials. We, along with group members or parish members, should constantly show unsparing interest and love through deeds.

Most importantly, we should let them know the shepherd properly so that

they can trust and obey him and thereby become well-rooted in faith. We have realized God's amazing love and grace. Now let's receive God's strength and preach the holiness gospel earnestly to others as well!

"My Mother-in-law Drank Pesticides but Was Revived by the Grace of God"

Sister Abigail Tamang, age 37, Manmin Mission Center, Nepal



In October, 2014, my brother-in-law called me and said that my mother-in-law was in critical condition. Thinking about how she had been abused by her husband and ignored by other family members, she had attempted suicide by drinking poisonous pesticides. It was not until two hours had already passed that she was found by my brother-in-laws' wives. They hurriedly rushed her to a small hospital nearby and got her stomach pumped. But she was in a dangerous state with no consciousness

so they were about to move her to a bigger hospital in Kathmandu.

After the call, I talked to Pastor Grace Lee of Manmin Mission Center in Nepal concerning it. She and I received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick recorded on the automated response system seven times. As my family members were moving in an ambulance to a big hospital, I persuaded them to go to the Mission Center. There we received Dr. Lee's recorded prayer

for her another seven times.

Right then my mother-in-law became conscious and recognized us. Afterwards, we moved her to the hospital. At first, the doctor demanded that she stay in the Intensive Care Unit for 15 days. But I believed that God had surely healed her because we had received Dr. Lee's prayer.

All kinds of tests she had regarding heart, blood pressure, urine, and so on revealed that no toxic substance was found at all. Her test results had provided proof of it! The doctor said with a surprise, "She drank deadly poisonous pesticides! How could she be this normal?" My mother-in-law came to believe that it was the work of God. Though she had a little bit of a mobility problem, stomachache, and headache, she immediately left the hospital. I took her to my place.

The next day was Sunday, and we went to the church together. Pastor Grace Lee prayed for her several times with the handkerchief on which Senior Pastor Dr. Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). She also drank Muan Sweet Water. Her health improved quickly and she soon became completely healthy. Hallelujah!

In fact, my parents-in-law didn't like me and my husband to go to church. My father-in-law used to be a monk and practice religious asceticism. Meanwhile, he drank alcohol every day and fought with other family members. I felt pity for them so I prayed for them and talked about the holiness gospel to them. Now through this incident, they accepted the Lord. I am so grateful to God. I give all thanks and glory to God!

"Happiness Is Felt As I Enjoy the True Taste of a Believing Life"

Deacon Jungkil Lee, age 81, Parish 7, South Korea

My wife and I are living happily in our advanced ages. This happiness comes because we are realizing and experiencing the true love of God day by day and enjoy the true taste of a believing life.

I used to go to a church in Busan before I attended Manmin Central Church. I went to church just for peace of mind, so I still enjoyed drinking alcohol with my friends and playing the 'Go-stop' game. My son, Pastor Seokkyu Lee, Vice Parish Pastor of Parish 14, felt sorry for me and asked me to come to Seoul and live a believing life with him. I didn't want to but I just responded to his earnest request, saying, "If my house sells at the highest price, I will."

Now, by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer, the house—which I had put up for sale but hadn't been sold for a long time—was sold at the highest of my asking prices. Moreover, we found a good house in Seoul the very next day. We finally moved to Seoul.

From July 12 in 2009, I began attending Manmin Central Church. Senior Pastor's messages awakened my Christian life and renewed my whole life. I came to attend all kinds of worship services, stopped drinking alcohol, started to listen to the messages, read the Bible, and practice the Word.

In the meantime, I experienced the power of God. I had had varicose veins for ten years so my right calf looked hideous since the enlarged and twisted veins looked like earthworms. I hoped to get healed of it. Before 2014 Manmin Summer Retreat was held, I listened to the sermon series "The Seed of Life" in Genesis Lecture. Finally, on August 4 in 2014, I received Senior Pastor's prayer with faith during the seminar of the retreat. The summer retreat ended and I went back home. On the following morning, I found that there were no varicose veins in my leg! Nothing awful was found on my leg. Hallelujah!

In my case of varicose veins, my veins had been twisted due to damaged vein valves. By Senior Pastor's prayer, my vein valves came to function normally without any laser operation. It is really amazing!

My wife Senior Deaconess Deoksun Kim was also healed of pain on her right elbow that had troubled her for two years. I give all thanks and glory to God who showed the true way to faith and allows us to enjoy healthy lives both in spirit and body.



▲ Deacon Jungkil Lee was led to the church by his son Pastor Seokkyu Lee, and he was healed of varicose veins and is now enjoying a healthy life.



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