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# The Mystery Is Great

God who had told him not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. His communication with God was severed and sin and untruth came into him.

Then another kind of heart, conscience, was formed. Conscience is created when the nature that was inherited from parents is mixed with a wide variety of information acquired through what he saw and heard. And he creates and possesses his own standards of values and judgments that are mixed with both truths and untruths, and this is conscience. Among the three types of heart discussed—the truthful heart, the untruthful heart, and conscience—the truthful heart which God had planted in man has become nearly depleted and people's conscience is growing increasingly evil in our own time.

## 2. The Holy Spirit Lets the Seed of Life Sprout and Revives the Dead Spirit

As God breathed into the nostrils of the first man Adam created His breath of life, the man became a living being. But when he became a sinner by disobeying, almost all the breath of life was taken away and only its trace remained; the trace is the seed of life. The seed of life could operate as the man communicated with God and was supplied with the truth by God. On account of Adam's sin, however, mankind's communication with God was severed, and the untruths entered man's heart and gradually covered the seed of life. The seed of life became inactive, the scope of its activity increasingly shrank, and became as though it had died.

The state in which the communication with God who is spirit became severed and the seed of life became defunct and inactive since it is covered with untruth is referred to as "the death of the spirit of man." But it doesn't mean the spirit is completely dead, but it means it stopped operating and waits for coming to life. This is the same as how a plant, even if it seemingly appears to be dead, can bud and grow eventually as long as there is life remaining in it.

When does the dead spirit of man revive? When an individual is preached the gospel, the light of God and the light of truth will shine upon

his heart. At that time, the truthful and good heart still remaining in him accepts the light and receives Jesus Christ as his Savior. Then God sends to his heart the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit lets the seed of life sprout in the person's heart and now it becomes active.

The communication with God commences and he is again supplied with the knowledge of the truth. His heart that has been filled with such untruths as hatred and arrogance becomes filled with such truths as love.

## 3. The Holy Spirit Gives Birth to Spirit in Us

The most essential element in having the Holy Spirit give birth to spirit in us is prayer. As much as we pray in earnest, we will receive from above grace and strength to discard the untruths. No matter how fervently we may pray, however, our prayer will be in vain unless we destroy our own thoughts and frameworks.

The Holy Spirit will govern the truthful heart and cause us to live in pursuit of the desires of the Holy Spirit. Satan, by working through our thoughts will govern our untruthful heart. When there is much untruth, we will be influenced in our thoughts by Satan, and this will cause us to live in accordance with the desires of the flesh and place us on the path to destruction.

No matter how much truth the individual may hear and how fervently he may pray, without discarding of fleshly thoughts and speculations, he will not be able to live by the desires of the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 10:5). His heart will feel empty and be in conflict, and the person will not be able to have clear and obvious experiences of God's works.

Even if he has discarded the untruthful heart from within, that will not be the end of his trials; he will have to work to discover and remove the evil—the sinful attributes hidden deep in his nature—from in his conscience. Conscience (which had been elaborated earlier) will now form the person's nature and this is the heart of great depths of which the person himself is not aware. Untruths in a person's nature are not in agreement with God's righteousness but appear correct and proper in his

sight, and for this reason it is not easy to discover and discard them on his own.

By allowing each person to discover untruths in his nature through trials, God molds him into His holy vessels. When you discover yourself through His Word in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, you will be able to discard untruths from your nature all the more quickly.

If you think God's Word applies only to others and fail to discover yourself with the Word, the growth of your faith will be slow. However, if you discover the untruths in your nature and discard them, you will be transformed into a man of spirit who has become sanctified.

## 4. When Becoming One with the Lord

When the Holy Spirit gives birth to spirit in us, and we discard all untruths that are in conflict with the truth, shatter our own righteousness, and accomplish the truthful heart, we will be one with the Lord.

1 John 2:12 onward likens the levels of the maturity of faith—the process in which an individual becomes one with the Lord—to the growth of a human being. The level of faith at which the person has accepted Jesus Christ, received the Holy Spirit, and gained salvation is referred to as "the faith of little children." The level of faith at which one strives to walk by the truth is referred to as "the faith of children" while the level of faith at which he lives by God's Word is referred to as "the faith of young men." When the faith grows even further and attains the full measure of faith, it will be "the faith of fathers."

When we enter the level of faith of fathers and wholly become one with the Lord, we will receive anything we ask Him in prayer as "our heart does not condemn us" and thus "have confidence before God" (1 John 3:21-22).

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will diligently have the Holy Spirit give birth to spirit in you and wholly become one with the Lord so that you will lead a blessed life in this world as well as in New Jerusalem, the most glorious dwelling place in all of Heaven.

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church" (Ephesians 5:31-32).

The verses above refer to the relationship of Christians and the Lord their groom. How great and marvelous a mystery is that we are to leave the world behind and become one with Jesus Christ just as a man and a woman leave their parents and form one flesh? Now, how can we actually become one with the Lord?

## 1. Receiving the Holy Spirit by Accepting Jesus Christ

People who accept Jesus Christ become God's children and when they become one with Jesus Christ by faith, they receive the Holy Spirit. John 3:6 reminds us, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." When the Holy Spirit comes into our heart, our previously dead spirit is revived, He gives birth to spirit in us, and we take after of the Lord. Then we can become the children of God who Himself is spirit and call Him, "Father" (Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6).

First, the heart of man can be divided into the obviously truthful heart and the obviously untruthful heart; we will call the former "a white heart" and the latter "a black heart." As God breathed into the nostrils of the first man His breath of life, the man became a living being. God taught him only truth and planted truth in his heart. After the passing of time, Adam sinned by disobeying since he failed to keep the Word of

## 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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## “Keeping the Sabbath and Giving the Whole Tithe Is the Passage to Blessings”

Deaconess Margaret Azteca, age 46, Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church, Kenya



▲ Deacon Samuel, her husband, Vice President of Men’s Mission; Deaconess Margaret, President of Women’s Mission (from left); and her twin (in front of Deaconess Margaret) with other family members

I went diligently to a Pentecostal church but I was not taught to keep the Lord’s Day holy. I used to go on a family outing and meet people outside of the church. I sometimes spoke ill of others. I did not know it was sin and I thought I would go to Heaven.

As I came to Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church in December 2007, I learned about keeping the Sabbath and giving whole tithe. I heard about New Jerusalem, the best dwelling place in Heaven and realized that in order to enter the city I should discard sinful natures such as anger and hatred and live by the Word of God. From then my life began to be renewed.

I worked for an apiculture

company as a manager of Business Development. I was so stubborn and strict, the workers called me ‘Iron Woman’. I started to change this attitude; I humbly and softly treated them. I began to get more recognition from the company and got promoted to a chief manager.

In May 2009, I delivered my twin. Since they were born at the seventh month of pregnancy, they weighed only 1.7kg and 1.8kg each. They had to be put in the incubators for seven days, and while growing up they were often sick. I went to Bishop Dr. Myongho Cheong to receive the prayer. He said to me, “God cannot protect your children if you do not give a tithe.” I had not

given my tithe with an excuse for unexpected spending on my twin’s medical payment. I repented right away and made up my mind to give my tithe in any kind of situation.

As I started to keep the Lord’s Day holy and give the whole tithe, my whole family including my children kept healthy under God’s protection, blessings overflowed in my business, and I was protected even in an accident.

In January 2015, I was about to get on a bus. All of a sudden, an item I had to buy in the market flashed through my mind, so I let the bus go, bought it, and got on the next bus. While going on the bus, I saw many people hurt in a

traffic accident. There was the bus that I had let go.

After I learned about the gospel of holiness, I became eager to spread it to people in my hometown (Butere in the western Kenya). Meantime, I heard that Pastor Joseph ministering to the church that my husband’s elder brother attends invited Dr. Cheong of Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church and asked him to lead Pastors’ Seminar. The pastors in attendance wanted to be one with Manmin and have learned the holiness gospel since then. Hallelujah!

## “I Was Completely Healed of Atopic Dermatitis”

Sister Miri Park, age 18, Students’ Sunday School, Manmin Central Church



After I registered at Manmin Central Church with my mother in December 2014, I became filled with the Holy Spirit. Meantime, I happened to watch the highlights of some soap operas and thought it was nothing. I continued to watch them and came to enjoy them again. As the worldly things came to my mind, I lost fullness of the Spirit and my faith went lukewarm.

In October 2015, I felt itchy in the

rear part of my ear. As I scratched the part, a sore oozed and it was spread to neck and chin. It was atopic dermatitis. I thought I should restore myself from the worldly things and restore the first love, but it was not that easy.

One day, I had a dream. In the dream, I turned on the computer and was about to watch soap operas. Then, some black appearances came out from it and a demon’s scream was heard. I was surprised and turned it off. A different scene was seen. A handsome guy put a gorgeous ring onto my hand. The moment I put it in my finger, the shining ring turned black and even my hands turned black. After I had that dream, I felt the love of God and received strength to distance myself from the world. Yet, my atopic dermatitis repeated improving and worsening.

In May 2016, it developed on my whole face except for the forehead

and I felt pain as though countless needles were poking my face. It was so itchy that I unconsciously scratched the affected parts while sleeping. When I woke up, the blood dried and formed a crust. I tried to tie my hands when I went to bed.

In 2016, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee invited students to his prayer house. On May 14, high school students went there. I was in so much pain and it was so itchy. I felt like the affected skins were being torn. I went to the Senior Pastor to receive his prayer. I felt so embarrassed and frustrated because I was ashamed of my appearance. Other friends smiled with bright and fair faces, but my face was red with oozing sores. I shed tears. The Senior Pastor told me to receive his prayer with faith.

Then I looked for a quiet place and prayed on my knees. I had just wanted to be healed of atopic dermatitis quickly and show the Senior Pastor my good appearances.

Through this, I realized God wanted me to become a beautiful child of light. I felt His love for me. I repented with tears that I had lost heart and complained. After the prayer, I felt no pain on my face. The pain disappeared.

The Senior Pastor called me again before dinner. He warmly told me to throw away evil from my nature and prayed for me again. My heart was full of joy and thanks. A sore stopped oozing and it was a lot less itchy, so I could sleep well. When I washed my face every morning, the pieces of dead skin were taken off and now I came to have clear glowing skin.

Moreover, my father, who had said he would go to church if I was healed by God, began keeping the Lord’s Day.

I give all thanks and glory to God who gives me good things all the time. I also give thanks to my Senior Pastor who prayed for me.



Before the prayer After the prayer



**Athletic Meet at the Optimum Temperature Controlled through Clouds and Wind**

On the second day of Manmin Summer Retreat 2016, Athletic Meet was held and the four teams—Great Grand Parishes 1, 2, and 3 and Branch Churches—competed in goodwill. There were 10 kinds of matches for 21 gold medals: Tug of War, Balloon Rolling Race, 100m Sprint, Volleyball (for Men), Mini Soccer (for Men), Long Distance Race, Korean Wrestling (for Men), Arm Wrestling, Relay Race, and the newly chosen match Badminton. This year, Great Grand Parish 3 achieved the first victory with eight gold medals, and the Cheering Award went to Great Grand Parish 1. The MVP awards went to Deacon Daesung Kim and Sister Jaeah Lee.

The Athletic Meet ran from 10 A.M. until 4 P.M. Though it was in the middle of the day, God let clouds cover the sun and cool winds blow in order for them to enjoy the event at the best weather ever. All Manmin from in and out of Korea were united in the Holy Spirit.

**Camp Fire Praise and Worship in Big Explosion of Goodness and Love**

On the third night, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee led the Camp Fire Praise and Worship. He urged them not to forget the grace of God who controlled the temperature with clouds and winds during the retreat and let them experience signs, wonders, and powerful works. He asked them to run earnestly towards New Jerusalem the most beautiful place in Heaven until the Lord comes back. As he led the praises, the people in attendance offered up praises with heart and became filled with the love of God.

When they watched the firework that decorated the dark sky with lights, they felt fascinated as if they were in the banquet of New Jerusalem and came to have more hope for Heaven. They engraved the endless love of God in their hearts. They came to hope all the more to become the fruit of glory through explosive spiritual growth in the third stage of take-off.



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