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“Fruits of Answers and Blessings Are Overflowing!” Believers Harvested Good Fruit and Glorified God



In this season of harvest, many members of the church reaped good fruits in their own fields and glorified God.

Brother Seungho Yim, 9th grader, received Special Prize in National Students' Music Competition hosted by the International Culture Art Educational Committee on September 8. He came to have spiritual faith when he saw his friend healed of congenital paralytic strabismus (squint) after receiving Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. Then he started to pray and felt the help of the Holy Spirit. He came to have confidence when he played trombone and was able to receive the special great prize (Photo 1).

Brother Youngchan Mun is attending Chungang University and a member of the Young Adults' Mission. He got all A+ marks for his first semester. He was ranked first and received a full scholarship for his second semester. He attended church since his birth but when he was in the sixth grade he hit puberty and fell into the temptations of the world. He said, "I saw my shepherd hanging onto God with tears to lead students to the best heavenly dwelling place, New Jerusalem. I made up my mind to try my best wherever I am to pay back his grace." Afterwards,

he applied Dr. Lee's sermon series 'Keys to Studying Well' in his life and studied hard. He was admitted to the university and received the full scholarship (Photo 2).

Elder Nakhoon Seong, Senior Partner of Manmin IP Law and Patent Attorney Firm received the Grand Prize in the patent part of the seventh Korea Professional Awards Ceremony hosted by Korea Special Press Association on September 2, 2016. He opened his office in 2003 and he developed an innovative technology called IOU website. It enables anybody only with a simple registration for free to IP-exchange by using mediation and analysis functions. Its excellence has been recognized and the firm received the prize. He unchangingly prayed in Daniel Prayer Meeting and endeavored to accomplish God's will and kingdom with a firm heart.

On September 29, Senior Deaconess Myungsuk Lee, Parish 12, entered the 15th Korean Poem Writing Competition held by Korea Poets Association after she received Dr. Lee's prayer recorded on Automated Response System. She won the first place and received the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism Award (Photo 4).

Deacon Daesung Kim, a former national badminton player (now Suwon City Hall) won the gold



medal in the 2016 President Flag National Professional Badminton Competition. He stated, "In my dream on September 12, Senior Pastor appeared and slapped high fives three times. I came to have greater confidence (Photo 5)."

On September 10, Brother Hongkuk Lee, Parish 28, received the citation of Minister of National Defense because he won the first place in the 10km marathon named 'Soldiers Marathon' held by *National Defense Ilbo*. On September 25, he won the first place again in the 14th Cheongwon Life Race Daecheong Lake Marathon, and on October 23 he won the second place in the 70th Chuncheon Marathon Competition which is the greatest marathon event nationwide (Photo 6).

Sister Jaeah Lee, seventh grader won the first place in 100m, 200m, and 400m relay races in the Athletic Meet held by Bucheon Office of Education (Photo 7) on September 28 to 29, and Sister Jihye Heo received Special Prize in the final round of the 10th Seoul Characterization High School Creative Idea Competition on September 8 (Photo 8).

Anyone can experience the great love of God who allows them to reap fruit when they have faith in God and fill up the justice in their field with thanks, joy, and integrity.





Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“Jesus answered and said to him,
‘Truly, truly, I say to you,
unless one is born again
he cannot see the kingdom of God’”
(John 3:3).

Salvation Given Only to Those Born of Water and the Spirit

Although many people profess to have accepted Jesus Christ and their faith in God, they do not necessarily all have the assurance of salvation. With the spiritual dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus as our guide, this issue of Manmin News will delve into the significance of “being born of water and the Holy Spirit” and the road to perfect salvation.

1. Spiritual Dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus

Nicodemus was a Jewish official, a teacher, and one of the Pharisees very well versed in the Law.

During Jesus’ time, the Pharisees were “holy” on the outside, without keeping the Law from the heart; they not only doubted Jesus’ teachings but also spearheaded the movement to have Him killed. Unlike other Pharisees, however, Nicodemus was thirsty for the truth and as he possessed true faith, he paid Jesus a visit one evening.

Nicodemus blatantly confesses to Jesus, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.” Sensing Nicodemus’ thirst in the heart, Jesus replies, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God,” and provides him with spiritual teaching.

Upon hearing it, however, Nicodemus simply could not

understand how a grown man, long after he had been born, could be born again. As 1 Corinthians 4:20 reminds us, only when an individual receives God’s power in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit will he be able to fathom the spiritual secrets. Without understanding Jesus’ spiritual teaching, Nicodemus asks, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”

In response, Jesus tells him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” In order for an individual to enter Heaven, says Jesus, the invisible spirit must be born again.

Adam, the forefather of mankind, had been created as a living being but on account of his sins, his spirit died. Thenceforth, all of Adam’s descendants were born with their spirits dead and since they had become fleshly beings, they were unable to enter Heaven.

The only way to rectify and avert this—to prevent one from going to Hell—is to be born of water and the Holy Spirit. For that reason Jesus told Nicodemus, “The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Just as wind is invisible and its direction cannot be predicted, we can fathom and experience the affairs of the spiritual world only by God’s works and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Following this meeting with Jesus, we see Nicodemus coming to Jesus’ defense when the Pharisees criticized Him (John 7:50-51), and after Jesus had died on the cross, he came forward with “a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds weight” (John 19:39). From

such deeds we know Nicodemus received salvation.

2. Spiritual Significance of “Being Born of Water”

John 4:14 reads, “But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” The “water” here is the same as “a well of water springing up to eternal life” Jesus is to give us.

What, then, is “a well of water springing up to eternal life,” the eternal water that Jesus gives us? We know that without eating of the flesh and drinking of the blood of Jesus the Son of Man, there is no life in us (John 6:53).

John 6:54 states, “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” Eating of the flesh of the Son of Man is to make bread of God’s Word and drinking of the blood of the Son of Man is to put God’s Word into practice. Eating of the flesh and drinking of the blood of the Son of Man—God’s Word itself—are the water that provides man with eternal life.

Just as water cleanses the uncleanness and gives life to all living things, in spiritual terms “water”—God’s Word—cleanses away sin and evil from our hearts and helps us possess eternal life. When God’s Word settles in our hearts and cleanses them, we will be rid of such sinful and evil elements as envy, jealousy, hate, and temper, be born again, and arrive at salvation (1 Peter 3:21). Therefore, when we make bread of and live by God’s Word, which serves to cleanse away our sins, we will gradually become sanctified and righteous, and this will in turn serve as the proof of our salvation.

3. Spiritual Significance of “Being Born again of the Holy Spirit”

God has given His saved children the Holy Spirit (John 15:26; Acts

2:38) and the Holy Spirit helps them possess faith and revives their spirits that had been dead.

1 John 5:5-8 reminds us, “Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.”

The expression “the One who came by water and blood” signifies the shedding of blood and the death of Jesus, the Word that became flesh. As Jesus died on the cross, by His blood we receive salvation. Therefore, “the One who came by water and blood” is Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit sent to us after His ascension helps us believe in that fact.

The Scripture also tells us that he who believes Jesus to be the Son of God “overcomes the world” and this refers to how we do not become smeared with untruth by fighting and overcoming the lusts of this world. The Holy Spirit not only helps us believe with all certainty in the Lord but by convicting the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment, He will also give us the strength to overcome the world and its ways.

Once we realize the nature of sin, understand the importance of accomplishing righteousness, and believe in the Judgment that is to come to pass, we will be compelled to live according to the desires of the Holy Spirit. By casting away the sins and forms of evil from our hearts every day, we will transform our hearts and fill them with the truth.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, only when you are born of water and the Spirit and have the Spirit give birth to spirit in you, can you enter the kingdom of heaven.

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 Do Some People Not Receive an Answer though the Door to Answers Is Wide Open?

God wants His beloved children to receive solutions to their life problems through the deeds of faith and give glory to Him.

He thereby lets them realize the heart and will of God within the works of the Holy Spirit and helps them have spiritual faith by showing signs, wonders, and works of power.

He opens the door to blessings wide for us, but some people still cannot receive answers. What is the reason?

Here let's delve into the principles hidden in receiving answers and receive many blessings.

The first reason is because you have not yet gained the required amount of faith that is necessary to receive the answer

For example, with the seven Spirits, God measures the seven aspects, namely, faith, joy, prayer, thanksgiving, keeping the commandments, faithfulness, and love. Each person has a certain level they must achieve. So, each individual has to try hard to reach that level.

But some people do not pray or work for God even though they are able. Also, they get disheartened

because of very small things. They don't try to change and don't try to keep God's commandments. Some people just wait for answers to come without doing anything. If they still want to receive an answer from God in this way, it is like a student who does not study for an exam but is hoping to get a good grade.

In some cases, God is saying He will give them special answers and blessings, but the people do not

prepare themselves to receive them. It can only mean that they do not believe the word of God.

We should check if we lack faith or have faith so weak that it saddens the Lord. By obeying the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who searches all things even the depths of God, we should attain to becoming a spiritually mature adult (1 Corinthians 2:10; Ephesians 4:13).

The second reason is because you spoke negative words

For example, Romans 10:10 says, "...for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation." If we believe in heart, we circumcise our hearts and live by the Word resulting in righteousness. To confess that Jesus Christ is our Savior is an act of obedience that confirms we truly believe in Him.

The words on a person's lips represent his faith. Jesus said in Mark 11:24, "I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you." If we pray with faith we should patiently wait for answers to come. If you have the assurance that you've received the answer, you can just think and wait knowing that God will give you His answer at the

most appropriate time.

If you do not have this kind of assurance yet, you should pray and make positive confessions until you get the assurance. You have to ask for spiritual faith, which is the faith to believe from the heart that you've already received the answer. And, if you just fill up the required measure of justice, the answer can come immediately.

Just saying that you didn't receive an answer means that you never had the assurance to receive an answer in the first place. It tells us you had faith that was not certain, and you thought you might or even might not receive the answer.

If you make a negative confession, whatever you filled up will disappear. It means you will have to go back to zero and start over. If you complain

and feel disappointed, it is not faith. It means that you just want to receive it by luck without faith.

If you feel that your answer is being delayed, you should check your heart and fill up what you are short of. If you make positive confessions of faith, even impossible things will become possible as confessed.

For example, some answers come immediately, but in other cases problems are solved one by one and the blessings come gradually. Some sicknesses or infirmities also get better little by little. In these situations if you testify that the gradual healing is the work of God, God accepts it as a confession of faith and works for you more completely. He doesn't just give you a one-time blessing, but He keeps you prosperous and gives you continual blessings.

And the third reason is because you pass judgment on your shepherd

In the Bible, we can find many occasions where God made His people pray for blessings. Those who couldn't bring down answers by themselves received the answer when men of God prayed for their blessings.

In a severe drought, Elijah asked the widow to make some bread with the last bit of flour and oil she had, which would have been the last meal for her and her son. At that time what would have happened if she had passed judgment on the man of

God thinking, "How can a man of God be so shameless as to ask such a thing of me?" She probably wouldn't have experienced the amazing miracle of her flour bin and oil jar not running out till the end of the drought (1 Kings 17).

It is not right to judge and condemn other believers but it is even worse and unforgivable to judge a pastor who performs miracles, signs and wonders with the power of God. In Numbers 12, Miriam came down with leprosy

after she judged Moses, a man whom God was with.

There are also some members who doze off during the sermons due to doubts and other fleshly thoughts. They do not hear the messages about blessings. If you have any of such thoughts of judgment and condemnation, I hope you will realize how grave an evil it is that you have in your heart and repent thoroughly. In doing so you will receive all the blessings God is giving to everyone.

“I Received Grand Prize in the Patent Part with A God-given Idea”



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On September 2, 2016, I was given Grand Prize in the 7th Korea Professional Awards Ceremony in the patent section held in the International Conference Room of the Press Center. The Korea Special Press Association gave prizes to experts in 18 areas including politics and administration.

Among countless patent offices including a mega-sized law firm, Manmin IP & Law and Patent Firm grabbed the Grand Prize because we developed a system mediating reciprocal fair trade based on trust and information in international patent applications for the first time in the world.

When I saw my Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee living an exemplary life of goodness according to the Word in the Bible and witnessed the powerful works manifested by him, I was highly motivated to lead a diligent Christian life. In his endless love and sacrifice, I could achieve the heart of spirit in May 2015.

On August 31, three months later, something mysterious happened during Daniel Prayer Meeting. I was praying for my business as usual. All of a sudden, an idea about an international patent mediation system and the analysis method of big data popped up into my mind.

I immediately made a note, and back at home I tried them with my computer. Surprisingly, a key solution was drawn to analyze all patent deals that happen all over the

world.

I had been ignorant of big data and statistics, but I came to easily analyze the data. It was so amazing and inexplicable. There was nothing that can explain the idea but it was given by the grace of God and it was the work of the Holy Spirit.

On September 2, 2015, I applied for the system's patent. And exactly one year later, on September 2, 2016, I received Grand Prize in the patent part. Hallelujah!

Thirteen years ago, I quit my first job in the Korean Intellectual Property Office with longing for God-given blessings and opened a Patent Office in a small place that was about 13.22 square meters. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to my Senior Pastor who has comforted me and prayed for me with heart. And, I also give thanks to the workers in the Manmin International Patent Office.

Above all, I give all thanks and glory to the God of love who is alive and answers us according to faith.



With the workers of Manmin IP Law and Patent Firm

“Answers Are Given in the Space of God's Blessings! I Am Happy!”



Elder Vincent Chan, age 51,
Tokyo Manmin Church, Japan,
and his wife Sister
Esther Sim

I am working for TFK Corporation providing in-flight catering services. It has more than 20,000 workers worldwide. I am a Singaporean working now in its branch as a Vice President, and there are approximately 1,600 workers here. I go to many places all around the world.

I learned about Manmin Central Church through my wife Sister Esther Sim. Afterwards, I listened to Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons and read his books.

When I worked in Saudi Arabia for four years beginning in January 2011, I listened to Dr. Jaerock Lee's lectures on Genesis and Revelation and sermons on the 'Love Chapter'. I also read his books *Heaven; The Measure of Faith; Spirit, Soul, and Body; The Message of the Cross*; and *Hell*. The many questions that I had in the Bible were all answered, I was excited.

Since October 2014, I was assigned to Narita International Airport in Japan. My wife talked about Tokyo Manmin Church and I first visited the church. Pastor Byeongran Choi warmly welcomed me and it moved my heart. I attended every kind of service and began to pray. As I listened to Dr. Lee's messages via GCN, my faith increased. I volunteered to teach students English and to sing in a choir. I looked for what I could do for God and joyfully did it.

I realized that God wants to gain true children who become sanctified through human cultivation. I learned that I should circumcise my heart. The holiness gospel was given to Senior Pastor as fruit of his endless prayer and tearful sacrifices. So, I have given my co-workers his book *The Message of the Cross* on their birthday. Up until this point, this year I have given more than 100 books.

In June 2016, I didn't feel normal and had an abnormal symptom. There was blood in my urine. A week later it happened again. I was reminded of the Word saying that diseases come from sins (Exodus 15:26) and repented thoroughly of my past life.

In July, the symptom disappeared and I went to hospital and had my kidney, bladder, and urinary tract checked for infection. It showed that I used to have prostatitis but it was all gone. Hallelujah! I heard many testimonies but after I was healed by faith myself I felt more love of God and my faith grew up.

In early October, I visited Manmin Central Church on its 34th anniversary with my wife. I became filled with hope for Heaven when I saw the church full of the evidence of the living God and the members who testified to what they have received from God.

I give all thanks and glory to God and extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee. I am also grateful to Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor and Pastor Byeongran Choi of Tokyo Manmin Church.



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