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Easter Performance, “The Lord’s Tears” Fruits Borne through Jesus’ Sacrifice, and the Blood of His Disciples and Apostles



On April 15, 2017, during the second half of the Friday All-night Service, the Easter Performance “The Lord’s Tears” was presented by the Performing Arts Committee on a special stage that was set up in the main sanctuary. The performance was broadcast on GCN (www.gcntv.org). This delivered vivid scenes of Jesus’ ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection.

Three hundred fifty people joined the production of the performance including outsourcing staff crew as well as Immanuel Choir, Nissi Orchestra, United Chorus, Hallelujah Band, Dream Band, actors, dance teams, and staff members who are Manmin members.

In Act 1 “The Lord’s Love”, Peter’s confession opened the performance. Mary Magdalene and Virgin Mary’s songs, Jesus’ ministry, Judas Iscariot’s betrayal, the crucifixion, and the resurrection followed.

Act 2 “The Lord’s Tears” describes the Disciples who changed by the Holy Spirit who came down in Mark’s upper room, the disciples who came forth as fruits of glory through martyrdom, and many others who have been renewed by the Lord’s tears and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Six new songs of Manmin Praise including “Tears Cover My Eyes”, “Hope of Resurrection”, and “Tears of Martyrdom” added more emotion. Deaconess Jin Lee, Music Director stated, “God gave lyrics and melody for musical genre,

and the songs contain the confession of those who engraved the hope of the resurrection and the Lord’s tears in their hearts. This is a short musical which takes around sixty minutes making it different from other musicals, so the focus was on the music flow and lyrics rather than lines.”

Pastors and believers from Israel, Latvia, Belgium, Singapore, Japan, Nepal, and Taiwan greatly praised the performance. Senior Pastor Rev. Aleksejs Ledjajevs of New Generation

Church in Latvia said, “It was a top-class performance. Several genres of music were well-blended, and the spiritually deep messages in the Bible were illustrated with technical excellence. It was amazing that the performance covered not only the Lord’s sacrifice but the Holy Spirit’s coming and the martyrdom of the Lord’s disciples. I shed a lot of tears.”

During praise after the performance, the members filled their hearts more with the joy of resurrection and hope for Heaven.

Interview

“Everything Was Done by God’s Grace and the Holy Spirit’s Help”



Pastor
Seongdeok Kim

It has been 15 years since I started to perform in one of the character roles of the Lord in the annual Easter Performance. Every year I prepared for it with prayer thinking of the way to show Jesus’ suffering and love more vividly.

In particular, before the performance, I usually lose 6 to 10kg over three or four weeks. This year I lost 8kg. When I practice and re-enact Jesus’ suffering taking the cross on my shoulder, I cannot but shed

tears with thanksgiving.

I experienced the grace of God while I was recording long lines. I actually felt Jesus’ sufferings on the cross through my wrists and legs and my whole body. I expressed His heart in the Holy Spirit’s inspiration. It allowed the recording to be finished in a single trial.

I feel Jesus’ heart for souls when I meet souls who are sick and wounded. I give all thanks and glory to God who allows me to perform the role of the Lord in Easter Performance every year while on this earth.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Only Father God

“And He said to him,
‘You shall love the LORD
your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.’

This is the great
and foremost commandment.
The second is like it, ‘You shall love
your neighbor as yourself.’

On these two commandments depend
the whole Law and the Prophets”
(Matthew 22:37-40).



What God desires of us is love that never changes but only becomes deeper as time goes. The fundamental spirit of the Law written in the Bible is spiritual love. I hope you will fill your heart with only God and the Lord and offer up your true love.

1. God Wants Our True Love

Demas once stayed with Apostle Paul even when he was in hardships (Colossians 4:14; Philemon 1:24). But later, when Paul was put in jail again in Rome, Demas betrayed and went back to the world (2 Timothy 4:10).

Such cases are often present today also. When they are full of the Spirit they think they’ve cast away secular things, but when the fervor cools down, those things come back to them. At one moment they think, “Do I really have to do this? This life is hard.” At such moments, if others tempt them with attractive words, they pay attention. They forget the words of truth they heard and the works of God they experienced. Now it’s those tempting words that sound good.

Rather than trying to understand the will of God, they just pursue what is more comfortable and beneficial for them. And yet, they just say, “God

is love. He will understand me.” They even compromise with the world and even justify themselves thinking it is the will of God. Unless we fill our heart with God completely, the empty part of our heart will be filled by the world.

2. In Order to Fill Your Heart Only with God and the Lord

1) You Need to Arm Yourself with God’s Word

Listening to so many messages, reading many Christian books, and feeling blessed doesn’t necessarily mean you are armed with God’s word. You have to actually make spiritual bread of it by cultivating it in your heart.

Spiritual armament of God’s word is to apply God’s word to your words, thoughts, and actions in your everyday life. When you were not a believer, you might have thrown temper tantrums, spoken in foul language, or said negative words. When you heard about the faults of others, you easily judged and condemned, slandered, or even gossiped. But if you arm yourself with God’s words, those things change.

You will apply the Word every moment thinking, “I am a child of God and I can’t do the things that please the enemy devil and Satan. Spiritual law says what we say will be actualized, so I will speak words of faith and hope. I will try to understand from others’ viewpoints and think in goodness.”

If you are discouraged because your works are not recognized, God’s word is alive and it works in you to let you think like, “God knows everything and I should just keep serving more.” Of course, if you are completely armed with God’s word, it means your heart has been cultivated with the truth. So, even if you don’t try to remember the Word, you will naturally live by it. In prayers, too, if you pray holding on to the words that you realized, you will not babble with meaningless repetitions but pray with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

If you arm yourself completely with the Word, you need not try to remind yourself of it. Since your heart has been cultivated into truth, you will naturally live by the Word. If you have the Word—“whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also (Matthew 5:39)”—cultivated in your heart, you can turn your left cheek to him who slaps you on your right cheek by the help of the Holy Spirit.

2) There Must Be Fervent Prayers

Spiritual armament of the Word cannot be done just with our own power. There must be the grace and strength of God and the help of the Holy Spirit. And it is the fervent prayer that brings down this grace, strength and help.

Only when we pray for each element of God’s word, will this word be applied and work in our daily lives through the work of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, only when we fervently pray can the sinful natures be burned and we become sanctified.

Also, prayer is spiritual breathing. Without prayer, you cannot but spiritually die. Heavenly hope and faith will diminish, too. Even though you were once very diligent and fervent in faith, the fullness of spirit cools down as you skip praying even just once or twice.

You used to be satisfied only with the Lord, but from a certain point in time you feel empty and you look back at the world. You come to think the things that you used to enjoy were good, and envy others who are enjoying a lot of things. And you will accept the fleshly things again, which you have once cast away.

Even if you cut the weeds again and again, they will grow back if they are not rooted out. In the same way, if you cease to pray, it means you’ve stopped circumcising your heart. Then, untruths start coming into your heart, which had once been filled with the truth.

That is why 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says that it is God’s will to pray unceasingly, and Colossians 4:2 says, “Devote yourselves to prayer,

keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving.” Even though you are attending Daniel prayer meeting every night, think about what kind of aroma your prayers have before God. Raising your voice doesn’t necessarily mean it is fervent prayer. Shedding tears every time doesn’t necessarily mean it is prayer of the heart.

You have to give all your heart to God as an aroma as if you were before God’s throne talking to Him and looking into His eyes. You must not pray in meaningless repetitions, mumble in drowsiness, or have idle thoughts. Your prayer has to be sincere conversation with God.

3) You Have to Have Spiritual Love

Those who love God with all their heart do not give a part of their heart to God and give the rest to the world. Because they trust God completely, they obey even the things that do not seem beneficial for them or things they can’t understand.

Those who love with all their soul accomplish the Lord’s will without sparing even their lives, just as the apostles and the prophets did.

Those who love God with all their minds keep their hearts sincerely without changing their mind about Him. Such people keep their integrity before God under any and all threats and persecutions just as when Daniel’s three friends would not bow before an idol even if they were to be thrown into furnace. This is spiritual love.

Those who love God in this way will also love the souls as themselves as it is said we shall love our neighbor as ourselves (Galatians 5:14). And, they want to share the love they received from God and the Lord with the souls.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Proverbs 8:17 says, “I love those who love me; and those who diligently seek me will find me.” I pray in the name of the Lord that you will love and please God and be in honorable positions both on this earth and in 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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What's Different between 'Choosing' and 'Setting Apart'?

'Choosing' refers to accepting anyone coming within the boundaries that God established. For instance, God set the boundary of salvation and lets anyone who enters into this boundary receive salvation. Thus, anyone can reach salvation who accepts Jesus Christ, receives forgiveness of sins and is given the Holy Spirit as a gift.

However, some people may misunderstand. They argue God separated those who are saved from those who are not in the first place as if He were a dictator. Some of them claim that once people accept the Lord, God will forcefully lead them to salvation although they do not live according to the Word. Yet, Jesus clearly said in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter."



God wants true children with whom He can share love forever. That is why He gave all mankind freewill and sent Jesus Christ to this earth. In our freewill, we can come into the boundary of salvation through faith.

As Romans 10:9 reads, "That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." However, if one does not enter within the boundary of salvation, or if he/she again goes outside of the boundary by committing sins and does not turn back, he or she cannot receive salvation.

What is 'setting apart' by God? God knows everything and foreknew what would

happen before time began, and predestined to accomplish the providence of human cultivation. For this, He called certain people He predestined and guided their whole lives. They were 'set apart' by God. Abraham, the forefather of faith and Moses the leader of Exodus were set apart by God. God knew who would be born at a certain point in human cultivation and even knew his or her heart. So, He set apart those people He predestined and had them fulfill great duties. He closely intervened into their conception, births, and every moment of their lives. They underwent trials under the guidance of God and fulfilled God-given duties faithfully.

Romans 1:1 says, "Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God." Apostle Paul suffered from many unbearable hardships as the apostle for the Gentiles. He was set apart for the gospel of the Lord because His heart was brave, bold, and unchanging. He also had to fulfill the duty of recording many books of the New Testament, so God allowed him to learn the Word of God thoroughly from early childhood and to study under Gamaliel so that he could become a capable vessel for the duty.

John the Baptist was also set apart by God to prepare the way of Jesus. God cared for him from his conception and throughout every step of his life. From his early childhood God had John live a different life from the lives of others. John lived alone in the wilderness distancing himself from the world. He had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.



A Letter from Abroad

On January 6, 2017, I felt a sudden pain in my eyes. I was so dizzy that I couldn't go to work and lay sick in bed. The next day, when I woke up in the morning, I found out that I couldn't see. I was so shocked. With the help of my family, I went to hospital and had many tests including CT scan of my brain. But the doctor said since the cause was unknown there was no way to cure it. I fell into despair.

I talked about it with my brother, Lundula Jimmy, a chargé d'affaires of DR Congo embassy in Korea. He consulted World Christian Doctors Network of Manmin Central Church. They said it could be blindness caused by retinal artery closure. After three weeks passed, I became more frustrated and wanted to give up on everything.

In the meantime, Pastor Jacob Lee ministering to Kinshasa Manmin Church which is the branch church of Manmin Central Church, came to my house on January 26 after he heard about my illness. He prayed for me with the handkerchief on which Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12).

He advised me to listen to Dr. Lee's sermon "The Message of the Cross", prepare myself with prayer and fasting, and receive Dr. Lee's prayer through my brother. I did what he told me to do and prepared myself.

On January 28, my brother visited Dr. Lee to greet him during Korean Lunar New Year's holidays and he received the Senior Pastor's prayer on my picture on my behalf. Two days later, I started to see light that was like candle light in my right eye. Since then both of my eyes recovered little by little and I came to see things in front of me. Hallelujah!

I was so pleased that I registered in Kinshasa Manmin Church and became a Manmin member. My eyes continued to recover. I came to distinguish colors and read letters well. Now my eyes are normal. I feel like I was born again.

I give thanks to Senior Pastor who prayed for me with love. The God of Manmin healed me although I did not receive the prayer myself and he prayed for me in Korea which is very far away from my country. God is truly amazing!

"I Was Blinded in Both Eyes by Retinal Artery Closure, But Now I Can See Well!"



Sister Lushima Tyty, age 52, Kinshasa Manmin Church, DR Congo

The Lord's Tears

Act 1 The Lord's Love

Scene 1. Introductory scene:
Song of Peter,
Who Met the Resurrected Lord

Scene 2. Prelude

Scene 3. The Lord's love:
Duet of Mary Magdalene and Virgin Mary

Scene 4. The Lord's ministry:
Jesus' public ministry
and Judas Iscariot's betrayal

Scene 5. Arrest and Peter's denial:
Peter's denying Jesus three times



Scene 6. The crucifixion:
The suffering of the cross and death

Scene 7. The Lord's resurrection:
The resurrected Lord

Act 2 The Lord's Tears

Scene 8. The disciples' ministry:
The Holy Spirit's works
in Mark's upper room

Scene 9. The tears of martyrdom:
The disciples came forth as the fruits
of glory through martyrdom

**Scene 10. Fruit borne
by the Lord's tears:**
Fruits borne by His tears
after time passed



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