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Glory and Thanks Be to God for Blessing Us!



On November 18, 2018, Manmin Central Church offered up Thanksgiving Sunday Service to God who protected them from diseases, accidents, and all kinds of disasters and blessed them abundantly during the year.

In the Morning Service, Dr. Esther

Chung delivered the message entitled "Give Thanks in Everything" based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (photo), and in the Evening Service, Rev. Soojin Lee preached under the title of "Persecution and Glory" taken from Hebrews 12:2. In the ensuing Holy Communion Ceremony, the members engraved the

love of the Lord in their hearts.

The altar was decorated with 45 crop varieties, 46 fruits, and 197 vegetables and a few others as well; 288 kinds in total. They were contained in big heart-shaped pattern with two angel's wings as decorations. The whole presentation was framed with aurora-

like light bulbs. This symbolized the love of God towards all people of all nations and the love of the Lord who is leading us to beautiful heaven. The Women's Mission took the lead in the decoration, and many members worked on the decoration and gave financial support.

Special Daniel Prayer Meeting Award Ceremony

At 8:30 p.m., on November 18, 2018, the Special Daniel Prayer Meeting Award Ceremony of Manmin Prayer Center began with the preliminary praise. The members prayed in this second special meeting of 2018 from October 8 until that day for 42 days following the lead of the Center president Mrs. Boknim Lee under the theme of "The Fruit of the Shepherd's Tears."

Pastor Hakyoung Yim and Pastor Yuri Do presided over the ceremony. Among those who had attended the meeting for more than 40 days, a hundred people were chosen through random drawings and given prizes, and Grand Prize went to Pastor Boksims Kim, Vice Parish Leader of Parish 21 whose prayer card was chosen by Rev. Soojin Lee through a drawing (the right photo in the first line).

In particular, many prizes went to the members of Chinese Parish. Their parish has achieved great revival this year. The church members felt the love of God who was repaying them



for what they had accomplished. Also, Senior Deaconess Eunsuk Kim, Parish 4 and her two children were selected, and she said, "God consoled my heart because He knew that this coming December my son is going to enlist and my daughter will leave for

the U.S. for an exchange program."

Between the drawings, Praise Leader Rose Han offered praise, the Power Worship Dance Team danced, and Sound of Light Chorus and Crystal Singers performed a short play that illuminated the importance

of the Word and prayer.

Then, the members received Dr. Jaerock Lee's recorded prayer for blessings and their faces gleamed with expectation and assurance of receiving God-given answers and blessings.

On October 29, when the second session of the special prayer started, the attendees offered up special praise to God. After the praise, Deaconess Nathalia Im of Overseas Parish was healed of insomnia, and Sister Juseon Jung, 9th grader, was admitted to a specialized high school (more on page 3). There are many other testimonies too.

Daniel Prayer Meeting is held every night and broadcast live on GCN (www.gcntv.org) and the Internet. Anyone across the globe who wants to pray can join and pray for righteousness and the kingdom of God. Besides, Manmin Prayer Center holds Morning Meeting for healing and problem-solving and an Afternoon Prayer Meeting for those who are sick.

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Come to the Light

“But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God” (John 3:21).

“If you love God who is Light, I urge you to cast away darkness and try to come to the Light every day. I hope that by doing so you will become perfect children of Light.”

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

There are innumerable species of plants. When you take a closer look at them, you may find something amazing. If you put a pot of plants by the window for a few days, you may find the end of the stems stretching towards the window for the sunshine. Even plants and trees in dense forests where little sunshine comes through, stretch their stems and branches towards the sunlight.

But some plants grow in an opposite way to the sunlight. It is because each plant reacts to the light in different ways. Humans are similar in a spiritual sense.

They have good and evil in their hearts. Goodness comes from God, and it prefers things of goodness and follows the truth. On the contrary, evil belongs to the enemy devil, it likes darkness and results in sin and evil.

Depending on how good or how evil they are, some of them follow the truth and come to the Light, while others follow evil and drench themselves with darkness.

Take a good look at people around you. Even if they are under similar hardships, some people may feel pessimistic and choose the way to darkness and destruction, but others may help people in similar situations and try to live a rewarding life. And still others once belonged to a criminal group but turned back from their ways and came to live as law-abiding citizens.

What can we learn from this? Those who live with good conscience and upright hearts will go towards Light in any kind of situation. And even if they are stained with darkness for a while amid hardships and difficulties, they will try to turn back and come to the

Light.

Let's now delve into what we should do to come to the Light and become beautiful and perfect children of Light.

1. He Who Practices the Truth Comes to the Light

John 3:21 reads, “But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God.”

‘He who practices the truth’ refers to those who accepted Jesus Christ and practice the Word of God who is the truth. They prove that they came from God through deeds of Light.

What then is Light? Light refers to God in whom there is no darkness at all and who is eternal and perfect. When the attributes of God's heart are revealed outwardly, it is Light (1 John 1:5; James 1:17).

John 1:1-5 refers to Jesus who is the Son of God as Light, and 1 Peter 1:19 reads, “But with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.” That is, Jesus, who is the Word and came to the earth in flesh (John 1:14), is one with God in essence. He shines over all people with His light of life.

Thus, Light is God and Jesus Christ, and the word of the truth itself. Once again, God is Light, the Light is the word of the truth, and Jesus who is the Word, donned flesh and came to the earth. And Jesus who is the Word Himself took the cross, and by doing so He fulfilled His duty as the Savior for mankind and became the true way for all mankind.

2. People Who Come to the Light

First, they long to listen to the Word of God and meditate in it day and night.

When people hear the gospel, accept Jesus Christ, realize they are sinners and repent thoroughly, any of them can receive the Holy Spirit as a gift. The Holy Spirit is the heart of God. So, if they receive the Holy Spirit, they will naturally love Light which is the attribute of God and will long for the Word of God.

David was a representative biblical figure who exceedingly loved the Word of God. He wrote many chapters of Psalms. Psalm 119:97 says, “O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.” Why did he say he loved the law of God?

If God's children hate someone, it is against the law of God that is the truth. To the extent that they have untruth in their hearts, the Holy Spirit groans, peace is broken in their hearts, and they have pain. But if they are reminded that God tells us to love even our enemies, and they cast away hatred and love the person, they will have peace in heart and be full of joy from above. Psalm 19:9-10 states, “The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.”

Second, they bear the Word of God deep in mind and keep it.

The commands written in the Bible are largely divided into four kinds of commands:

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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do, don't, keep, and throw away. We should do what God tells us to do, not do what not to do, keep what to keep, and throw away what to throw away. It is the duty of God's children who love Him. If you truly love God, you will keep the commandments willingly with joy, not against your will.

In 1 John 5:3 it says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome." God commands us to keep the Lord's Day holy because we will be happy when we have worship services and keep fellowship with brothers and sisters in faith. Also, when we give a tithe or thanks offering, it should not be from a sense of duty or giving stingily. When we help the needy or when we volunteer for the church's work, we may do so with thanks for the love of God who gave His only begotten Son for us on the cross.

Third, they cherish their God-given duty and work faithfully.

A married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, appear in the Acts of Apostles. They were a great source of strength to Apostle Paul on his second mission trip when he visited Corinth. They provided their house so that believers could gather and Apostle Paul freely preached the gospel. They also helped him set up the Early Church there.

They helped him so faithfully that he introduced them as ones "who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles" (Romans 16:4). They helped him and devoted themselves to the kingdom of God even without sparing their own lives. Like them, those who come to the Light cherish their God-given duties and fulfill them faithfully regardless of the importance of the duties.

Fourth, they devote even their life to the righteousness and the kingdom of God.

Before Apostle Paul met the Lord, he had persecuted Christians. But after he met the Lord on the way to Damascus, he was renewed. And he confounded the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that the Lord is the Christ and the Son of God. And he also preached the gospel with all his life in any kind of persecution. Until he was martyred by being beheaded, he was dedicated to the kingdom of God and through his devotion, the gospel later flourished in the Roman Empire which was the center of the world at that time.

If you truly have faith and hope for heaven, you will give thanks and rejoice even under persecutions and preach about the Lord. It is because you believe God will give great rewards in heaven even when it now seems that you are dishonored or persecuted for the Lord (Matthew 5:11-12).

Those who come to the Light are truly beautiful and honorable. Here lies the purpose of God's calling. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, and a people for God's own possession. God called us so that we may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9). For those who come to the Light, God prepares New Jerusalem the best dwelling place in heaven (Revelations 21).

To come to the Light, however, you must come to the church first. Moreover, if you want to meet God and receive His answers and blessings quickly, you need to willingly

follow the Light and believe God, not only with the lips but with the heart. We must also act in truthfulness and be unchanging in our ways (Hebrews 10:22).

When we believe God from our hearts, follow the truth, and act in the Light, God will make everything prosper for us and fulfill all promises written in the Bible for us.

3. Blessings for Coming to the Light

Jesus, who came as the Light of the world, taught the truth and preached about the gospel of the kingdom. Those who followed darkness did not have realization, but those who had goodness found their sins through the light of the truth, repented of their sins, and reached salvation.

You can live in Light and let the Spirit give birth to spirit in you if you follow the desire of the Spirit after you accept Jesus Christ and receive the Spirit as a gift.

Then, it would be no problem, even if you lacked wisdom or strength. It is because you can communicate with God who is Light, hear the Holy Spirit's voice, receive His guidance, and thereby can be led to prosperity in everything and can receive the wisdom from above. No matter how intricate your problem may be, the Spirit will let you know the way out. Thus, you will have no obstacle before you, and even if there is, you can avoid it.

As 1 Corinthians 3:18 says, "...If any man among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he may become wise." The wisdom of the world is foolish. But to the extent that we become sanctified and come more to the Light, we can receive the wisdom and understanding from above more as James 3:17 reads, "But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy."

In addition, when you walk in the Light, you will feel happy even if you have nothing. You will not feel short even if you lack many things. Philippians 4:11 reads, "Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am." When you walk in the Light, you can have peace with God and peace and joy in your hearts. You will have peace with all people, will not break peace with others, and will keep saying words of love, grace, and thanksgiving.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you love God who is Light, I urge you to cast off darkness and come to the Light every day. I pray in the name of the Lord that by doing so you will enjoy prosperous lives on the earth as children of Light and live forever happily and joyfully in New Jerusalem.



"My heart's desire was fulfilled during Special Daniel Prayer Meeting!"

Sister Juseon Jung,
9th grader, Manmin Central Church



I wanted to enter National High School of Traditional Arts, but I could not afford to be trained in a private academy for the preparation. But I was able to take a three-month course by the grace of God; I received the support of Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee and a timely scholarship from Guro-gu District Office.

It was very short preparation time, so I relied on God by offering up vowed prayer in Special Daniel Prayer Meeting. One night, Mrs. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center said, "Special Daniel Prayer Meeting is a chance to fulfill your heart's desire quickly." I thought, "Exactly!" and became convinced of the answer.

The performance test for Music & Drama Department was scheduled on October 30. One day before, my music teacher told me to go to bed early the evening before. She advised me to sleep at 7 p.m. and get up

at 5 a.m. the next day because my voice condition would be better if I got up early and kept awake for some time. But October 29 was the day of Special Praise during Special Daniel Prayer Meeting.

However, I decided to please God who likes to hear His children's praise by offering up my fragrance of praise in the Special Praise. I praised and danced from the beginning to the end. I came back home after 11 p.m. and went to bed late because I was so happy and full of the Spirit.

On the test day, I received Senior Pastor's recorded prayer and went to the test with the handkerchief of power. I felt peaceful. Moreover, the topic for the improvisation test was what I could do really well. I was sure that God was helping me. I also could sing well. On November 2, I heard that I was admitted! Hallelujah!





“I am happy that I have met my good God!”

Deaconess Sasaki Kozue, 39, Tokyo Manmin Church, Japan

I was born into a Christian family and attended church, but I was just a churchgoer. I went to church two to three times a year saying the church was too far. Since the pastor said nothing to me, I did not know it was wrong. I also neither read the Bible nor prayed. But I thought I would go to heaven for sure and even taught the Bible to some kindergarten children.

At this same time my mother, Deaconess Dakagi Hatsue talked about Manmin Central Church and said many works of God occur in the church. And in January 2010, I began to attend Tokyo Manmin Church.

While listening to Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons, I realized I had been wrong about a believing life. I learned I should keep the Lord's Day and give a proper tithe to receive salvation. After the realization, my Christian life totally changed. I began to go to church every Sunday

and pray hard. As I did so, I received many answers and blessings through Dr. Lee's prayer for the sick and the handkerchief prayer.

After I delivered my first daughter I started to have backaches, but after I received the prayer of the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed, I was healed of it. Also, when I wanted a second child but could not, I received the handkerchief prayer and received the blessing of conception (Acts 19:11-12).

My husband also passed a very difficult test for promotion on his first try, and he was healed of a wrist fracture and arm eczema. My children were also healed of scars and colds. My mother had spiritual thirst though she had attended church for more than 40 years, but she said all her questions on Christian belief were answered in Manmin and her spiritual

eyes opened. When she and I talked about faith, she often expressed her happiness and said it was a great blessing for us to come to Manmin.

My mother now monitors the simultaneous Japanese interpretation during worship services and edits other translation work of the church. I play the piano during worship services and this year I became a guidance teacher of Young Adults' Mission. My children grew up well in the truth and now volunteer to sing on a praise team.

I give all thanks and glory to God who guided us to this church that provides spiritual life for us and allowed us to experience His power. I also extend my thanks to Senior Pastor who taught my family and me how to march towards New Jerusalem with hope for heavenly rewards.



“My sorrow turned into joy after I was led to light!”

Deaconess Mija Oh, 66, Chinese Parish 1, Manmin Central Church

After I was defrauded of a big sum of money, I suffered from many kinds of diseases including insomnia, depression, and heart disease and also had many problems in my family. Living in desperation and pain, I went to shamans and had them perform exorcism for me. But nothing changed. I went to hospitals, but no doctor healed my depression.

One day, I had difficulty in breathing and went to the hospital. The doctor said my heart had become very weakened and if I would have pain in my heart again, my life would be put under great risk. I felt so weary that I just wanted to give my life up.

Meantime, in July 2005, I was reminded of my niece's word that said people are healed of even cancers in her church. So, I registered in Manmin Central Church as if I grabbed at straws to survive. When I entered the main sanctuary, I felt so refreshed, and when I listened to Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermon, I felt consoled and peaceful.

As I read the Bible and listened to his sermons, “The Message of the Cross,” “Ten

Plagues,” and “The Beatitudes” every day, I realized why I had undergone so many problems in my life and felt convinced of salvation.

I made up my mind to rely only on God and listened to Senior Pastor's sermons all day. I also received his prayer for the sick with my heart after the sermons every day. Then, pain in my hip joint was completely gone, and I was even set free from insomnia that had put me in great pain for the last 30 years. I was healed of depression, heart disease, and other diseases as well, and my eyesight improved and I even started to menstruate again.

In 2007, I was given my precious duty as a cell leader. I relied on God with earnest prayer and fasting not to lose even a single soul that God had entrusted to me and to help them become wheat-like members. God sent newcomers to my cell every week and the number of the members tripled that year, and I was given a sub-district leader position the following year.

I just regarded my God-given duty as

precious and tried to fulfill it unchangingly with joy, but God gave me spiritual faith and hope for heaven as presents. In 2015, I even received the Award of Excellent Sub-district Leader. In the past, I used to be a person who wanted to give up my life, but now I am living such a precious life delivering the grace of God to people. I am so grateful!

Since 2017, I have been a leader of the Newcomer Reception Group of the Chinese Parish. When newcomers registered, I shared the grace I had received. When I said I had been healed of many diseases and I am very healthy now, they were surprised and received much grace. What I can do now is imprint the grace I received in my heart every day and pray every night in Daniel Prayer Meeting to become sanctified and bear abundant fruit of evangelism.

I give all thanks and glory to God who guided me to Manmin Central Church and gave me abundant blessing both in spirit and body. And I give thanks to Senior Pastor with all my heart.



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