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Unceasing works of the Holy Spirit, even at this moment!



LETTERS FROM ABROAD

"I believe we will be the light and salt of the world, and overwhelmingly conquer."



Rev. Myong-Ho Cheong

This week, our church sent audio sermons to the church members, and they attended the Sunday worship service

at home with families or neighbors. We also sent the audio messages to the pastors of the branch and affiliate churches who joined the Kenya MIS (Manmin International Theological Seminary).

Hearing that the number of citizens and church members who are struggling economically due to Corona 19 is increasing, our church participates every week in the event for needy neighbors that is held by the local government offices in Umoza, which helps the church build good reputation and preach the gospel of holiness.

The pastors, church staff, leaders, and members volunteer to help neighbors and other members in need. When Tecla Nalima (42) knew that her neighbor had a chest pain but was refused any medical treatment because the neighbor couldn't afford it, she paid for the treatment and provided food.

Her neighbor was very grateful to her, and apologized for speaking ill of Manmin church. The neighbor promised to go to Manmin Church after Corona crisis is over. Moreover, Tecla Nalima received from her brother double the amount of the treatment expense.

We give thanks and glory to God who causes all things to work together for good and we believe that we will overwhelmingly conquer by the one who loves. "People come to the church after they experience the power of God."



Pastor Sang-Whi Kim, Delhi, India

I testify that God's amazing works keep taking place in the crisis of COVID-19. Sister Alti (28)

from Sharimar Gardens used to go to another church, but she is attending all the worship services of Manmin Central Church through YouTube 'GCNTV HINDI'. The reason is that she has experienced the wholehearted work of God

Last April when she suffered from thyroid fever and headache, a church worker visited her, and she watched the February Divine healing meeting on YouTube. At that time, she repented and received Pastor Soojin Lee's prayer with the handkerchief of God's power (Acts 19:11-12) on which Senior Pastor Jaerock Lee prayed.

Next morning, she found both fever and headache disappeared. She kept listening to Senior Pastor's messages, and believed that if the Lord works, all problems will be solved.

Besides, she couldn't properly eat food because of an ulcer on her neck, but after receiving Senior Pastor's Prayer for the sick in Daniel Prayer Meeting, she was healed. She can now eat well.

Then she evangelized two sisters who come to church together now. All three of them are full of the Holy Spirit listening to Senior Pastor's message every day. Hallelujah!

LETTERS FROM ABROAD

"We gather together online, and share the grace of the Lord."

Missionary Batjerik (Mongolia)



We at Mongolian Manmin Church attend online worship services of Manmin Central Church at home, and have prayer meetings

together every day.

Even the Mongolia members abroad are attending the online services thanks to the simultaneous interpretation provided by Manmin Central Church.

Since we had online worship services, we have managed our church members spiritually using SNS. Not only the members in Mongolia, but also the members abroad share the testimonies with each other. Through prayers, we are healed and our problems are solved. We experience the work of the Holy Spirit.

Let me tell you a few of them. Chechege (66) became debilitated by dyspnea. After repenting, he received Senior Pastor's prayer for the sick on-screen, and he was healed.

Billurma (55) had his fingers cracked and bled. But he was immediately healed by applying Muan Sweet Water of God's Power.

Amindar (4) was constipated for seven days, but she was healed after receiving the prayer of the handkerchief of God's power (Acts 19:11-12). Sister Uriszin (17) was healed of her lung pain.

In the present situation, although we are far away, we give thanks and glory to God for blessing us to share Lord's love with Manmin Church members online.

In May 2019, I was working on attaching plasterboard to the ceiling at a construction site. The moment I moved my foot off the scaffold, I fell down from about 33 feet high. The right side of my body hurt badly, and the pain was severe. I cried and returned home, and the pain calmed down after I took the medicine.

It seemed okay for a while, but a few months later, I felt pain in the ribs, didn't breathe well. My condition got worse. In December 2019, a doctor said, "Because your lung is full of water, you need surgery to take out the water." The surgery was expensive. I waited for the funding, and I finally booked for a surgery.

During a Sunday worship service, however, Pastor



Galvus Lema Lema (Age 35, Kinshasa Manmin Church, Democratic Republic of the Congo)

"The water in my lung disappeared thanks to the handkerchief prayer transcending space and time!"

Jinbeom Han said that there would be Divine Healing meeting at Manmin Central Church in Korea in February. He told us to prepare myself with prayer, which my mother said the same.

On February 28th, I attended the divine healing meeting through GCN, but in fact, I was only interested

in the medical treatment, because I was afraid that I would die in doing so. But Pastor Han encouraged me to repent with sincere heart and to receive prayer. I prayed earnestly to the Lord.

Then, I received Pastor Soojin Lee's powerful handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12) prayer, and the fire of the Holy Spirit came upon me, and my entire body became hot. I sweated a lot. When Pastor Soojin Lee finished her prayer with "Amen," I felt peaceful in my heart.

A week later, I came across a very surprising news when I went to hospital to take a scheduled treatment, the doctor said that the water in my lung disappeared, and that I didn't need surgery. Hallelujah!

This made me convinced that I am in the space of God's love. I now live a life full of joy un-comparable than before.

Currently, I cannot go to church due to COVID-19, but I have cell group prayer meetings and worship services with other members at home. I am happy thanks to the grace and love of the Lord.



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The Message of the Cross (13)



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

The Providence in Jesus Wearing the Crown of the Thorns

"The soldiers took Him away into the palace (that is, the Praetorium), and they called together the whole Roman cohort. They dressed Him up in purple, and after twisting a crown of thorns, they put it on Him" (Mark 15:16-17).

All mankind had become sinners. Jesus came to the earth and took the many sufferings to redeem them from their sins. If we know what He did for us in detail, we can realize the depth of God's love all the more and lead an enthusiastic Christian life. Let's now delve into the providence of Jesus wearing the crown of thorns.

1. The reason why Jesus wore the crown of thorns and shed blood

As the Son of God it only makes sense for Jesus to wear a crown of honor and glory. However, in the midst of His suffering Jesus wore a crown of very sharp thorns. As the long and sturdy thorns penetrated Jesus' head, the pain of His scalp being ripped apart was accompanied by the streaming blood that drenched His face. Why did Jesus wear the crown of thorns and shed His blood? This was done for the forgiveness of the sins of man that they have committed by their thoughts.

Within man's brain is a memory device that stores and applies knowledge. All the information an individual has seen, heard, and learned from birth is stored with a degree of feeling, and this is "knowledge". The circumstances and the environments in which each person was raised and educated differ from person to person. Even if two people were educated by the same person in the same environment, the kind of feeling with which each person accepted information is different and that is why they will have different sets of values and standards by which they distinguish good from evil.

"Thoughts" are the reproduction of knowledge on a need basis. Because the knowledge each individual possesses is different, people will think differently even if they witness the same events. This difference is why the culture of the country in which you have cultivated knowledge can become the subject of criticism in another. That is, what you may have learned to be culturally improper in your homeland may be deemed proper in another. In addition, since most of the thoughts of people in this world are governed by Satan, they are often in conflict with the truth.

For instance, when someone else is commended, Satan governs untruth and brings people feelings of dissatisfaction or dismay. If people had only knowledge that is of truth, then Satan would not be able to control their thoughts; they could always rejoice within the truth. Thus, we should diligently listen to the Word and make bread of it. We can transform ourselves by worshipping God in spirit and in truth and accepting the Word with only "Yes" and "Amen."

2. How to throw away sins committed by thoughts and have spiritual thoughts

When listening to God's Word, some people will say "Amen" if the messages are in agreement with their thoughts. However, if the message does not agree with their knowledge or experience, then they may not be so readily able to accept it.

We find in the Bible a scene in which Jesus told His disciples of the providence of His bearing the cross and Peter responding, "God forbid it, Lord!" This may have sounded like a thoughtful remark of a follower uttered in love for his teacher, but Peter's words were a result of his mind set on the flesh that sought to prevent the will of God from being accomplished. For this reason Jesus rebuked him and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's" (Matthew 16:23).

As recorded, the thoughts that are against the will of God are fleshly thoughts. To fleshly people, the mind set on the flesh may sound wise and good but it is hostile toward God and has nothing to do with Him. Romans 8:7 reads, "Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so." In other words, we have to throw out all fleshly thoughts and any of the knowledge and information we had long

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deemed correct if it is in conflict with the will of God (2 Corinthians 10:5).

Since meeting God, I have never doubted His Word by mixing fleshly thoughts. I could believe without any doubt that God is almighty because I experienced the power of God who healed me at once of all my diseases. With that faith, I relied on God only with prayer in any kind of situation and He performed amazing works as I believed. When we rely only on God without fleshly thoughts, He will definitely work for us.

In order to cast off all sin we commit with our thoughts, we must first make our hearts holy. In 1 John 2:16 it tells us, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world."

When the heart is filled with evil and attributes to take after the ways of this world, it is natural for people to harbor fleshly thoughts. When there is "the lust of the flesh", worldly cravings and desire for the things that are contrary to the will of God look pleasing to the eyes. People will then naturally pursue such cravings and when the cravings of sinful man intensify, they become even more compelled to carry out fleshly deeds (Galatians 5:19-21). "The lust of the eyes" is an attribute that agitates the heart through what a person sees, hears and experiences through the senses that cause him to seek fleshly things even more. Due to "the lust of the eyes," people become worldly and increasingly seek lustful things.

"The boastful pride of life" is an attribute that seeks to boast of oneself in accordance with all the pleasures he has in this world. This "boastful pride of life" drives people to elevate and flaunt themselves, seek recognition, and take hold of fame and authority. Once you have thrown out the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life, you will be able to harbor spiritual thoughts with which God is pleased.

3. God prepares beautiful crowns for us in Heaven

Because Jesus wore the crown of thorns for us, we are forgiven of the sins we committed in thoughts and we will be able to wear beautiful crowns when we enter heaven. There are a variety of crowns that have

been prepared for us. The type of crown each of us will receive will be determined by the type of life we have led.

For instance, there are "imperishable" crowns for people who have fought to throw out their sin after accepting the Lord and listening to the truth (1 Corinthians 9:25); "crowns of glory" for people who have thrown out their sins, lived by God's Word, and given glory to Him (1 Peter 5:4); and "crowns of life" for people who have loved God to the utmost degree, have been faithful to God to the point of death and sanctified by throwing out every form of evil (James 1:12; Revelation 2:10). There is also "the crown of righteousness" for everyone who has become wholly sanctified and fully carried out their God-given duties with the kind of faith that was pleasing in God's sight (2 Timothy 4:8).

Revelation 4:4 mentions heavenly "elders" wearing "golden crowns." Here, "elders" refer to people who possess gold-like, unchanging faith which God recognizes, who have become wholly sanctified, and who have been faithful in all aspects. Depending on the extent to which they were sanctified and how faithful they had been, God will reward each of them with different crowns.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, by wearing the crown of thorns, Jesus not only redeemed us from the sins we commit in our thoughts, but He also allowed for us to wear beautiful crowns in Heaven. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will destroy fleshly thoughts that are hostile toward God and obey Him with spiritual thoughts and enjoy sun-like shining glory in Heaven.

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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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Whit Sunday Special

The Holy Spirit helps us

O Believe in the Holy Spirit who is in us

Acts 2:38 says, "...Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." As said, God gives the Holy Spirit to anyone who repents of his sins, and accepts Jesus Christ as Savior.

Although the Holy Spirit is invisible, God has shown many evidences that the Holy Spirit exists. John 1:32 says, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him," and Acts 21-4 says, "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them

tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance."

By the fullness of the Spirit, the apostles preached the words with authority, which brought thousands of people to repent and kneel before the name of the Lord Jesus. They also performed many miracles such as making a lame man walk.

We call Jesus Christ our Lord, and God our Father. We worship God, sing praises and pray to God. It's all because the Holy Spirit is in us.

Some may worry and say, "Is the Holy Spirit really in me? I committed this sin. What if the Holy Spirit is quenched?" Unless they have a roadside-like heart-field to doubt, judge, and condemn the word of God, however, most of them receive the Holy Spirit. Even if they committed sins, God forgives them if they repent and live by the word of God again. So the Holy Spirit is not easily quenched.

To manage a Christian life that the Holy Spirit helps, you must believe that He is in you, and you must trust Him. You must believe that He is the Helper, and rely on Him all the time (Ephesians 6:18).

When you put aside your old ways of life and live by the will of God, if you trust in and depend on the help of the Holy Spirit, He will help you do what you cannot do, and understand what you cannot understand.

02 Don't ignore the words of goodness that the Holy Spirit gives to you

The Holy Spirit helps us understand goodness through the words of God, or His voice. If you think the message doesn't apply to you, and close your heart, however, you cannot understand goodness. Neither you can cultivate the heart of goodness, nor your faith can grow up.

It is to say, for example, "I can't reach such a high level of goodness. I can't do it with my measure of faith," while the Holy Spirit helps you understand the way to accomplish the highest level of goodness and the grown up measure of faith through such messages as spiritual love, goodness, and fruits of the Holy Spirit in order to guide you to New Jerusalem, the most beautiful place in Heaven.

God looks at you with the eyes of faith that you can cultivate the highest level of goodness, and that you can possess the great faith like that of the patriarchs. He teaches you what you have to understand and what you have to do.

Chances are that, however, even though the Holy Spirit helps you, you simply ignore Him. For example, the Holy Spirit helps you realize how great God's love is, but you ignore His help, and say, "I've never felt or experienced God's love. So I can't love Him." You use fleshly thoughts that stand against God, and ignore the words of goodness. If you keep ignoring the teachings of the Holy Spirit, you cannot take any thoughts of goodness that the Holy Spirit gives you. You cannot receive God's love and grace, either.

If you say 'Amen' to the words of goodness that the Holy Spirit gives you, you will understand the goodness of God and feel the love of God by the help of the Holy Spirit, which will lead you to a happy Christian life.

03 Live by the will of God through the guidance of the Holy Spirit

When the Holy Spirit leads God's children to live by the will of God, you should have the willingness to live by God's will.

You should not load all the responsibilities on the Holy Spirit. You should also try to understand what He is teaching you, and to practice what you understand.

Those who truly believe that the Holy Spirit is in them, they listen to the Word and pray in order to receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They beat themselves into obedience to obey the teachings of the Holy Spirit.

Even when it is difficult to obey the teachings of the Holy Spirit, they say, "Because the Holy Spirit is in me, I can do it," and they depend on Him. You need this approach and effort in the beginning. As time goes by, and as your

deeds accumulate, it becomes easy to hear the Holy Spirit's voice and receive His guidance, which makes it possible for you to manage a Christian life that the Holy Spirit helps.

The Holy Spirit is the love of God the Father who understands the weakness of human beings. Therefore, if the Holy Spirit helps, thanks to His love and strength, you can easily do what you cannot do.

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"When I loved and depended on the Lord, I was healed of asthma."

Junior Deaconess Hyomi Cho (32, Gwangju Manmin Church, second from the right)

When I was an elementary school student, my family joined Gwangju Manmin church and started the Christian life. At that time we were in agony because of my sister's epilepsy.

My father gained faith by seeing and hearing the church members' healing testimonies at the church. In order for my sister to be healed, he went to Seoul to see Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee, and shook hands with him. Surprisingly, she was completely healed and we have enjoyed a peaceful and happy life.

Then, I developed asthma in the winter of 2017. I woke up in early morning because of difficulty in breathing and coughed badly until the dawn broke. Before I went to bed, I always put an inhaler at my bedside. When it didn't work, I inhaled medications. I was afraid of going to bed.

I had to carry the inhaler for emergency when I felt a pressure on my chest and coughed even when I went out. Besides, when climate or environment wasn't fit to me such as heavy fine dust concentration or rainy day, my bronchial tube became narrow and inflammation was formed, which gave me a hard time.

After I heard that Divine Healing Meeting would be held at Manmin Central Church this year, my heart with anticipation was on fire. With the determination of pleasing God by doing what I could do, I started distributing Manmin News on my way to work. I read the Bible and memorized the verses every day and made efforts to practice the word of God.

When Pastor Soojin Lee prayed with the handkerchief on which the Senior Pastor prayed at Divine Healing Meeting in January, I felt peace and refreshed as if my heart was open. After that, I longed for Mrs. Boknim Lee's "Sprit Fullness Prayer Meeting and Handkerchief Meeting" at Gwangju Manmin Church one week later. I attended the preparatory meetings. As I

thoroughly repented of not keeping the Lord's Day wholly, and of blaming circumstances, I felt heat all over my body and sweats flew from my head.

Cough started in the early morning on February 9 when the meeting was held. But I was sure of my healing; I neither used the inhaler nor take the medicine. I couldn't get enough sleep, but my heart was full of joy.

Upon hearing Mrs. Boknim Lee's message entitled "Control your feelings," I recalled my life and repented. When she touched my neck, I felt cool on my neck as if I put a medic patch. I breathed in and out deeply. It was not like before. Hallelujah!

After I experienced the wonderful love of the Lord, I once again realized that I'm happy to be a Christian. I live my life with joy and thanks. I showed a little deed but God gave me a great answer and blessing. All thanks and glory be to God of love.