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The Pentecost



What evidence shows that we have received the Holy Spirit?

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We try to keep the commandments of God.

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We desire to obey God's Word with joy.

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We are urged to live a godly life because the Holy Spirit dwells in us.

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We truly love the believers in Christ.

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We overcome the world by faith.

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We can have the assurance of salvation.

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We are confident in receiving answers to prayers.

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We come to realize God's love in which He sacrificed His only begotten Son for us and to love God first.

Following the truth and living a life that pleases God is evidence on receiving the Holy Spirit.

What does 'outside the gates of salvation' imply?

The God of love sent Jesus Christ as the Savior and the Holy Spirit as the gift so the believers in Him can receive salvation and have eternal life and follow the way to heaven.

We can check whether we are inside the gates of salvation through these verses: "So then, my beloved... work out your salvation with fear and trembling," (Philippians 2:12) and "Do not quench the Spirit... abstain from every form of evil," (1 Thessalonians 5:19-22).

1. Those who do not believe in Jesus Christ even after hearing the gospel

Acts 4:12 notes, "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." This is because no other is qualified to be the Savior except Jesus Christ who was raised from the dead.

John 3:18 writes, "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." God's Judgement has not yet taken place and non-believers have not been sentenced to eternal death in hell. Anyone who believes in the Lord can come within the gates of salvation.

2. Those who involuntarily go to church without faith or seek their own benefit

There are people with no faith who are compelled to go to church, and some others go to church for their own benefit. Such people do not make any effort to believe in the living God. They judge and condemn sermons as false if it does not align with their thoughts, knowledge, or worldly theories.

Despite their long years of churchgoing, these people

cannot repent, nor receive the Holy Spirit, nor attain spiritual faith. Sometimes, they bring difficulties to the church or hinder God's kingdom.

Some people regard the church as a place for social activities or for mental health relief. Some others attend church solely to receive monetary blessings. Still others simply recognize it as one type of religious activity.

People cannot acquire faith to be saved if they intend to receive material blessings in the church rather than to gain salvation and enter heaven. No matter how long they attend church, they remain outside the gates of salvation.

3. Those who fail to have faith due to the lack of the knowledge of truth or have lost faith after a period of time

Some churchgoers have no concept of the importance of casting away sin and remain in lukewarm faith. Many of them think salvation has nothing to do with action of following God's Word and they don't know heavenly dwelling places and rewards will be different depending on each one's measure of faith.

In these times sin is rampant and it is not easy to meet preachers who teach the truth correctly according to the Bible.

It is even more difficult to realize the truth in the Bible on one's own. Many churchgoers end up focusing on their lives in this world instead of prioritizing the eternal kingdom of heaven.

It's difficult to have true faith without spiritual experiences even if they are taught the truth. Heaven and hell do not seem real to them because they have no realization of heaven and hell; and their faith doesn't seem to grow, leading to weak or absent faith. In the face of trials, they sometimes stumble and end up further away from salvation. They cannot but stay far away from salvation if they have distortions of the truth.

4. Those who have faith and the knowledge of truth but continuously sin and fall away from salvation

There are people who clearly know the gates of salvation and have spiritual experiences but sin again and again come to fall away from salvation (Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26). They used to lead a fervent life of faith after accepting the Lord but in the middle, they committed a grave sin and lost the fullness of the Spirit. Then they take the world again and become imbued with sin, unable to repent. If they stay at that same condition, the faith for salvation eventually disappears and the Holy Spirit may become quenched.

It's so important to guard our heart in the truth with the power of the Holy Spirit and get rid of sin to the point of shedding blood to not follow old worldly habits or seek the world again.



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Remember the Sabbath Day, to Keep It Holy (1)

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy” (Exodus 20:8-11).

‘Sabbath’ is a day set aside for rest and worship, and in the New Testament time it is called the ‘Lord’s Day’.

Keeping the Sabbath is the basic action that shows one is God’s child and proves his/her citizenship of Heaven with another basic sign, giving a whole tithe. This is because it is one of the Ten Commandments that God’s children should keep.

1. The origin and meaning of the Sabbath

Genesis 2:3 reads, “Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”

God created the heavens and the earth for six days and rested on the seventh day. He blessed this seventh day and sanctified it. And God gave this commandment about keeping the Sabbath after He delivered the sons of Israel from Egypt as written in Exodus 20.

When God gave the Ten Commandments, He said, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy...For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.”

By keeping the Sabbath, we show our belief in God as the Creator. Furthermore, it means we acknowledge that God is the Owner and Master of the vast spiritual realm as well as the physical world. Namely, to keep the Sabbath holy is the act of acknowledging the spiritual authority of God.

2. The reason we have to keep the Sabbath

In Exodus 31:13, God said to Moses, “But as for you, speak to the sons of Israel, saying, ‘You shall surely observe My sabbaths; for this is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who

sanctifies you.’” The people of Israel were set apart as holy people of God, and when they kept the Sabbath God protected them from tests and trials and various kinds of disasters.

This spiritual principle is applied in the same way today. When we keep the Sabbath, it proves that we belong to God and we are His children and thus we can be protected and blessed. Our protection and blessing is important, but the most important is our salvation.

Exodus 31:14-15 states, “Therefore you are to observe the Sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people...whoever does any work on the sabbath day shall surely be put to death.” It was to tell them that even Israelites, God’s elect, had to fall into death from the moment they did not keep the Sabbath. It’s because it means they had nothing to do with God.

If we understand the true intention of God in commanding us to keep the Sabbath, we won’t feel coerced to keep it out of fear. The reason God commanded us to keep the Sabbath is to give us true rest with His love. If we feel the heart and love of God, we may work hard for six days and during these week days we wait for the Sabbath with our heart. Then on the Sabbath we will worship in spirit and truth, have fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ, and offer up our thanks and joy to God.

3. The reason we keep the Sabbath on Sunday in New Testament times

Saturday is the seventh day of the Creation and in Old Testament times, they kept the Sabbath on Saturday. But since Jesus fulfilled the duty of the Savior by resurrecting on Sunday, believers in Christ have kept the Sabbath on Sunday in New Testament times.

Mark 16:9 says, “Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.” Sunday is the first day of the Creation, and the first day of the week refers to Sunday. Jesus was crucified and buried on Friday, and He resurrected in the early morning of Sunday, on the third day of His crucifixion.

Genesis 1:3 says, “Then God said, ‘Let there be light’; and there was light.” This light symbolizes the power and authority of God. God proclaimed His sovereignty all over the universe. And John 1:9 says, “There was the true Light which, coming into the world, enlightens every man.” This is the proclamation of Jesus Christ’s sovereignty as the ‘true Light’ because He existed in the form of God and was the Word but became flesh and came to the earth.

That is why Matthew 12:8 reads, “For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.” It means that our Lord is the true Light and He is the Lord of the Sabbath. Just as there was ‘light’ on the first day of Creation, Sunday by God’s Word, the Lord Jesus who is the true Light and the Word shone His light to the whole world by resurrecting on Sunday, the first day of the week. That’s why Sunday is called the ‘Lord’s Day.’

On the Lord’s Day Jesus overcame death and resurrected to open the way of salvation for all mankind. He became the true light for those souls who were living in darkness and death. From this time, believers in Christ keep the Sabbath on Sunday, namely on the Lord’s Day. Only after the resurrection of the Lord did we come to keep the true Sabbath.

God has already mentioned in the Old Testament that His people would keep the Sabbath on Sunday. Leviticus 23:10-12 says, “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD for you to be accepted; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. Now on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a

male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering to the LORD.”

The male lamb one year old without defect for a burnt offering given on the day after the Sabbath refers to the Lamb of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. The first fruits of harvest refers to Jesus Christ as the first fruits of resurrection and the sheaf of the first fruits, the believers in Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:20).

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, after the transgression of the first man Adam, the spirits of men died and their communication with God was severed. As a result, all people lost true rest that only God can give. They even came to have to toil all the days of their lives to eat, and finally they were to fall into Hell, the eternal punishment.

When God’s appointed time came, however, His Son Jesus came to the earth in the flesh and was crucified, and resurrected, which opened the way to salvation for all people. Anybody who believes Jesus Christ will receive the Holy Spirit as the gift and they will enjoy salvation, eternal life with the hope for Heaven. However, only when we keep the Lord’s Day holy and keep God’s commandments can we enter heaven and enjoy eternal life and perfect rest.

I pray in the name of the Lord that you will keep the Sabbath holy and understand the will of God who wants all people to be saved.

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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)

“He saved me from the crisis of death due to aortic dissection!”

Senior Deaconess Moonja Kim
(Age 73, Suncheon Manmin Church in South Korea)



Early morning on Thursday, February 23, 2023, I left to work in the fields which I hadn't done for a while during winter. About a 20-minute drive from my house in Sandong-myeon, Gurye-gun, South Jeolla Province, I arrived at a greenhouse in Namwon City, North Jeolla Province. Not long after I started working, I heard a loud, sudden noise in my chest and felt excruciating pain.

I collapsed and rolled over in pain, so painful beyond words, and barely crawled out of the field. By the help of people around me, first I received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick through ARS (Automated Response System). The greenhouse owner took me to a small hospital in the Sandong-myeon area where I lived but due to no available doctors, the ambulance was called.

While the ambulance took me to a hospital in Suncheon City, South Jeolla Province, the paramedic who was with me gave me painkillers twice but the pain did not subside. Upon arrival, I was diagnosed with a ruptured aorta. The hospital was not equipped for surgery and the doctors said I needed to go to a hospital specialized in cardiology in Bucheon City, Gyeonggi Province. After that, everything became hazy.

Meanwhile, my children, contacted by the paramedics, rushed to the hospital and were told that I would die if surgery was not performed within 24 hours. My third daughter rode in the ambulance to the hospital in Bucheon City and during that time, called the Pastor of Gongju Manmin Church.



She asked the Pastor to receive a healing prayer from President of the Manmin Prayer Center, Boknim Lee on my behalf.

At the time, Manmin Prayer Center President Boknim Lee was leading a special prayer meeting for Honam Regional Assembly at Daejeon Manmin Church, and the Pastor of Gongju Manmin Church was also in attendance. Around 7 pm, approximately 12 hours and 30 minutes after the incident, I received Mrs. Boknim Lee's prayer through the phone. I was told afterwards that I fell asleep and went to the hospital comfortably.

It was God's grace that allowed me to fall into a deep sleep and have a peaceful rest. Around 10 pm the same night, I arrived at the heart hospital in Bucheon City and went into surgery around 11 pm. My condition was called 'ascending aortic dissection.' My children waited all night with faith and kept listening to Senior Pastor Lee's prayer for the sick recorded on the phone.



Around 5 am on Friday, February 24, the surgery finished. The operation was said to take 8 to 13 hours but in reality, completed within 6 hours, saying it went well without any problems. After the surgery, the doctor in charge said that it was a miracle I survived for so long because many who come in for long-distance operations with aortic dissections suffer further ruptures of the aorta and are at near-death.

Though I passed this crisis, another one appeared. The surgery went quicker and better

than expected but I was unconscious for the next three days. Serious consequences were expected if my condition prolonged such as brain damage, organ necrosis and vegetative state.

After the evening service on Sunday, February 26, my second daughter attending the central church received prayer from Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee. My daughter described that I was unresponsive in the intensive care unit. By God's grace, I regained consciousness and was moved to the general ward on Monday, the very next day. Since, my body recovered quickly and I was discharged on Tuesday, March 7, nine days after transfer to the general ward.



After regaining consciousness, I cried with tears when I heard my children tell me how the God of love protected me in moments of crisis. When I think back even now, I am filled with immense gratitude and indebted to God the Father. During my recovery period, I came to look back on myself. Even though I was a senior, I didn't embrace the people around me with love. I was able to realize and wholeheartedly repent of my inadequate love for souls as a worker of the church, and failure to intercede more for my children in prayers.

I realized my heart lacked spiritual love and failed to serve, and how much I was seeking my own benefits rather than others in prayers. I repented and resolved hard to cast off my sinful natures. Subsequently, the results on my first check-up after being discharged were normal. Presently, I am grateful for my new life and full of happiness for my renewed body and mind. I am praying so I will not forget the grace of God and live a life of faith full of the Spirit. I give all thanks and glory to God the Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – who presented me with new life.



An aortic dissection is a serious condition in which a tear occurs in the inner layer of the body's main artery (aorta). Blood rushes through the tear, causing the inner and middle layers of the aorta to split (dissect). If the blood goes through the outside aortic wall, aortic dissection is often deadly. In particular, ascending aortic dissection is a disease with a high mortality rate – approximately 40% of patients die immediately after occurrence and 10% are fatal during treatment.



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