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Even the smallest thing is to be appreciated

A person is so pleased with even a little present
And give thanks
While another person complains
Saying it's not of his heart's desire.
That gains a greater favor from the giver than this
Thanks to the expression of joy and gratitude.

It is the same with the relationship
between God and people.
God is present with those children who love Him
And delicately expresses
His love for them each moment.

His greater favor and blessing will come upon us
When we consider precious even a smallest thing,
Feel His grace and love embedded in it
And appreciate it from the bottom of heart.

*"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
For His lovingkindness is everlasting." (Psalm 107:1)*



Thanksgiving Sunday and Holy Communion



On November 19, 2023 Thanksgiving Sunday services were streamed live on GCN TV and via YouTube and we gave thanks and glory to God for His abundant grace and blessing.

On Thanksgiving Sunday which is dated back to the Feast of Ingathering (Exodus 23:16), we give thanks to God for the fruit that we have gathered from our labors at the end of the year.

In the morning service Senior Pastor Jaerock Lee delivered a message titled with “A prepared vessel” (Luke 10:2). In the evening service, Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee preached a message titled with “How to enter into the joy of your master” (Matthew 25:19-21; 26:26-28) and then she officiated the Holy Communion in which the believers eat the bread and drink the cup respectively symbolizing the Lord’s flesh and blood.

Pastor David Jang conducts revival meetings and pastors’ conference at Cartagena in Colombia

From October 22 to 25, Pastor David Jang conducted revival meetings and pastors’ conference at Cartagena, one of the major ports on the northern coast of Colombia. Speaker Pastor Jang, Chairman of the United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, Latin America, delivered a message titled with “Why is Jesus our only Savior” at Las Palmeras Church and Mansion de Cristo Church (Photo 2), and Amor Fraternal Church (Photo 3). After preaching he prayed for many with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12) and they gave testimonies of their healings.

At the pastors’ conference, he delivered a message titled with “A pastor in the era of the Holy Spirit” and presented a signpost of pastors’ proper attitude and spiritual value in the ministry (Photo 1).



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Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Those of whom the world is not worthy (2)

“... who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, in order that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.” (Hebrews 11:33-38)

When we have the faith of which the world is not worthy, we are filled with love for God. Such fervent love for God brings spiritual courage that drives away all fear in any persecutions. It is because perfect love expels fear. Those who are united with the Lord by faith can overcome the world because He has already won the world (John 16:33).

We can glorify God when we defeat the enemy devil, the ruler of the world and enlighten the world with the light of the Lord. The devil fundamentally tempts people to commit sins and then to fall into hell.

We are God’s children and in our spiritual warfare, it is the most important for us to keep true faith until we are put in the arms of the Lord and then reach eternal life.

In the previous issue we looked into a few pioneers of faith who had the faith of which the world was not worthy: Elijah who called down the answer of fire, Elisha who did not look at a reality, Esther who saved her people, Daniel who did not compromise before the threat of death, Shadrach and Meshach and Abed-Nego who steadfastly kept their faith, Gideon who was a warrior of faith, young David who triumphed over Goliath, and King Jehoshaphat who defeated the allied enemies.

Now let us look into some pioneers of faith in New Testament times who were united with the Lord in faith and overcame the world.

1. Such perfect faith that gave up one’s own life

John 6:53-55 reads, “So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.’” What does then ‘The flesh and blood of the Son of Man’ symbolize in a spiritual sense?

John 1:1 reads that the Word was God and John 1:14 reads that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. That refers to Jesus. And the flesh of the Son of Man refers to the Word of God. Therefore, to eat His flesh we have to make our bread of the Word, which spiritually means that we have to get rid of evils from our heart and instead to fill it with truth and goodness, thereby renewing our mind. We can enjoy good health when we eat various food and take proper nutrients. It also applies to our spirit. Our spirit prospers and our faith grows when we make the bread of God’s words.

When we eat the flesh of the Lord and make our bread of the Word, we should drink His blood at the same time. To drink His blood, we have to obey His words in action that we have learned, through which His blood cleanses us

from all sin. When we eat bread, we usually drink water. Water helps us take nutrients properly and excrete wastes.

Similarly, we have to act upon God's words we have learned. Only then can His words become life and strength within us because untruths leak out from the heart and truths fill it. Hatred departs and love fills, arrogance disappears and humility enters, and hot-temper leaves and meekness dwells.

Only by acting upon His words will His blood cleanse us from all sin (1 John 1:7) and our faith be perfected (James 2:22). The action of obedience to the Word is the proof of true faith in God and by this proof can we be made righteous, no longer a sinner.

In this sense, those who make the bread of the Word and obey it in action can eat His flesh, true bread and drink His blood, true cup so that they can gain eternal life.

And when they eat His flesh and drink His blood and fill the heart with truths, they come to have clear hope for resurrection. They don't have lingering attachments to the world but possess such a perfect faith as enables them to lay down their lives for the Lord.

While they are suffering from temporary afflictions or put to death, they believe and consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with heavenly glory.

They have the knowledge of the Lord's love that sacrificed all His, so that they can readily lay down their own lives for Him. They can choose that way because their love for Him drives away the fear of death.

2. Those pioneers of faith who loved God with their lives

1) The Lord's disciples were martyred under severe persecutions

All Jesus' disciples were persecuted and walked the way of martyrdom. The first martyr was James, brother of John. He was beheaded with a sword in the reign of King Herod.

Peter suffered many afflictions while spreading the gospel: he was seriously threatened by the authorities and imprisoned. Finally, he was crucified upside down and put to death. John was thrown into a pot of boiling oil, but survived in the presence of the Lord. He was exiled to the island of Patmos, where he recorded the Book of Revelation according to the will of God. He was put into

the Lord's arms within his natural lifespan.

Those disciples overcame persecutions and became martyrs because they had such a bold faith that God gave them and had a fervent love for the Lord. They gave Him whatever they had, and didn't spare even their own lives for Him at all.

2) Apostle Paul was beheaded after preaching the gospel to the gentiles

Paul was born with the Roman citizenship and well-educated under Gamaliel, one of the best scholars in his time. It was after he met Jesus Christ that he gave up all he had and began filling up in his flesh afflictions for Him. He was pressed daily due to his concern for all the churches, the body of Christ and rejoiced in suffering afflictions for Him (2 Corinthians 11:23-27).

When people tore off his clothes and beat him with rods and then threw him into prison, he sang hymns of praise to God therein (Acts 16:22-25). Some Jews stoned him and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead (Acts 14:19).

He walked the road of faith until the end because of the love of God (Romans 8:35-37). He used to persecute the churches and take the lead in arresting the believers in Jesus Christ. Now he was so much thankful for the grace of God who came to him and anointed him as the Lord's apostle though he had committed such grave evils. He always felt so much indebted to His love that he sacrificed all he had for the churches, the body of the Lord. He had faithfully preached the gospel as an apostle for the gentiles for the rest of his whole life until he was beheaded and put into the bosom of the Lord.

3) The believers in the early church overcame horrible persecutions at Colosseum

In 60 AD a great fire occurred in Rome. A rumor followed that Emperor Nero made the fire to build a new city of Rome, and Emperor Nero craftily attributed it to Christians to suppress people's chaotic apprehension.

As that result, many Christians were arrested without reason and Emperor Nero took advantage of them for the Romans' entertainment. He let them torn to pieces and death by wild beasts at Colosseum for the Romans' attractions.

By the way, the Christians accepted death without any fear while they died a

martyred death During the martyrdom, some committed their souls to the Lord in a loud voice, some others sang praises toward heaven hand in hand, and still others gave thanks to the Lord. They were devoured by the beasts and drew their last in glory.

4) Leaders in the early church didn't surrender to persecutions

In the second century of AD persecutions for Christianity were enhanced. Christians were prohibited from entering the public places and often stoned on the streets by violent mobs. They had to lead a religious life in danger.

Even severer persecutions were inflicted upon church leaders. Ignatius, Patriarch of Antioch was devoured by a lion at Colosseum. Shortly before his death, he made a touching confession, saying, "I am ground into a grain of God between a lion's jaws and turning into a holy bread for the Lord."

Polycarp was a disciple of Apostle John and ordained as a lead pastor of Smyrna church. He was forced to confess the Caesar of Rome was his Lord, but he never compromised with any threats at all. A Roman consul told him he would be released just with one bowing. But Polycarp said, "Eighty and six years I have served Him, and He has done me no wrong. How then can I blaspheme my King and Savior?" At last, he was bound and burned at a stake and then stabbed to death because the fire failed to consume his body.

5) A great many believers in the catacomb

Christians had to suffer continual persecutions and many of them sought a hiding place. They came to dwell in the underground cemetery named catacombs.

They were always afraid that they might be killed anytime and had to live therein for decades, fettered with horrific apprehension.

It looked like they were at death. But they could overcome such a miserable life thanks to their love for the Lord.

They brought the Lord's love into their remembrance daily through prayers and hymnal songs, and enjoyed talking about the hope for celestial life and everlasting joy.

Such persecutions for Christianity were even more cruel shortly before it was recognized as an official religion in Rome. Christians were deprived of their citizenship, many churches were burned to ashes, and many pastors and church leaders were arrested. The arrested Christian leaders were compelled to worship Roman gods and those who refused to were terribly tormented and martyred.

They could have survived only if they had denied their faith in Christ, but in reality, they died a martyred death even in severe persecutions. In their martyrdom they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to give their lives for the Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

May you possess the faith of which the world is not worthy as an imitator of pioneers of faith and please God with such faith so that you can receive and enjoy all the blessings prepared for those children of God who are in His favor, in the name of the Lord I pray!

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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)

Special

God's grace poured down upon us

On the Thanksgiving Sunday, a high quality of fruits, grains and vegetables are put on the altar and beautifully decorated on it. They remind us of God's abundant grace and the fruits of blessing borne in spirit and flesh.



Commemorating a Thanksgiving Sunday, let us look into what kind of grace has come upon us by the God of love who fills His children with the best things.



Grace 1 God looks at us with the eyes of love

When He planned to cultivate human beings, God foreknew what would happen in the future. When He formed the first man Adam and gave him the freewill, He also knew Adam would betray Him and many of his offsprings stand against God.

At the same time, He expected to gain those children who love God sincerely, and He has never given up the plan for human cultivation. From then to this day countless people were born and died and God has watched all of them with a faithful heart and taken care of their lives in love.

He loved them to the point of laying down His only begotten Son on the cross. God steadfastly looks at the souls on this earth with the eyes of warmth and love. It is the same today. His unfailing love is engraved into the hearts of those who yearn for His love.

While we feel sorry for our weakness, God does not pay attention to it but instead patiently waits for our change thinking we have good points and can be surely transformed and made complete. Thanks to God's eyes of love, we have been able to run the race of faith until now.

Grace 2 God is present with us with His helping hands

The believers in Jesus Christ have no anxiety because they receive whatever they ask for in the name of the Lord, big or small, and the almighty God answers and helps them.

They can be strong and courageous in the same situation that the worldly people may tremble with fear, and they do not lose heart but have hope even in the disheartening conditions. It is because God never abandons them though everyone turns away from them.

When faced with any problem they can never solve, it is made possible with God's helping hands and they

can abide in His comfort and peace. There is nothing we can do on our own: to throw away sins and become sanctified, to accomplish the faith of spirit in eagerness, and to cry out in prayer, and the like. Everything is possible only by God's grace and strength and through the Spirit's help and guidance.

God gives strength to those who are willing to pray from the heart, and comforts those who are heartbroken. When we earnestly desire to be transformed, God helps us discover ourselves by truth, and strengthens us to live according to His words.

Grace 3 God embraces us in His warmth

Only in the warmth of Father God His children are afraid of nothing. In this world full of troubles and hardships they can take true rest and enjoy peace because they cast all anxieties upon Him by prayer and supplication.

By the way, some say they are God's children but do not feel His love so that they fail to dwell in His warmth. They are afraid of God and distance themselves from the presence of God. God loves them unchangingly but they feel He is far away from them because of the barrier of sins built against God. Sometimes their burden of sin is too heavy for them to repent of their sins.

They seem to repent with lips but fail to repent from the heart because the spirit of repentance doesn't come

upon them. They continue to feel so much frustrated and troubled that they cannot lead a happy religious life. It is only when the spirit of repentance comes upon them and they repent with heart that they no longer consider God as a dreadful Judge and instead feel the love and warmth of God who embraces and strengthens them.

As they love God, they come to obey His words and keep His commandments with joy to please Him. Their hope for heaven is not vague at all. They harbor a very clear hope for heaven and have the goal of the city of New Jerusalem, the best place in heaven because they miss Father God, long to see His face, and yearn to be put in His arms.



“Healed of osteoporosis, back pain gone, and bent spine straightened”

Senior deaconess Changsoon Won
(Aged 68, Chinese 2 in Manmin Central Church)

On June 16, 2023 I had severe back pain while going to work in the morning. I could hardly walk that day. Next day the pain was so serious that I went to the hospital and the examination showed the spine rupture.

The doctor said the rupture was due to osteoporosis and it would develop stroke without medication. He told me to receive surgery urgently. He required of me that I should not move for a month even after surgery and then get a physical therapy for three months without labor.

But I had no fear in the least. I've witnessed so many people get healed of their diseases by God's power. In addition, I was healed of spinal disc by the prayer of Senior Pastor Jaerock Lee when I joined in Manmin Central Church, and restored the sight and took off the glasses later.

I resolved and planned to be healed by God's power at the summer retreat full of God's answers and blessings and at a vowed Daniel prayer meeting.

I attended the Daniel prayer meeting and prayed for the divine healing through faith. And I began looking back on my past days with God's words. During the 21-day vowed Daniel prayer meeting in preparation of the event, I tearfully and thoroughly repented of having not performed my God-given duties under the COVID 19 pandemic and got stuck in faith.

On July 16, I attended the Spirit-filled prayer meeting host by my parish and I received Manmin Prayer Center's President Boknim Lee's prayer. At that moment my

whole body was set ablaze with the Spirit's fire and my severe back pain was completely gone.

The healing of back pain encouraged me to prepare for the healing of bent spine at the summer retreat more earnestly. My 10-year laundry job caused me to have the bent spine. I eagerly desired to be healed and earnestly prayed for it in preparation of the retreat.

On July 31, I got on a bus along with many other believers and we sang praises of joy on the bus on the way to the retreat venue. At some point my spine and waist were burning and I became convinced of my healing.

In the first evening of the event Acting Senior Pastor led a Seminar and Divine Healing Meeting and I was totally touched at her message and repented of not acting by faith. When she prayed for the sick from the podium, I received her prayer by faith.

Then, I approached the front and received Mrs Boknim Lee's prayer of handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12). The fire of the Spirit came over my body and it looked like someone were touching my spine. I felt the spine cool and it was straightened immediately. Hallelujah!

It was awfully amazing and marvelous. Father God's great love filled my heart so that I came to yearn for the sanctification of heart and the hope for New Jerusalem overwhelmed me.

I give all thanks and glory to our loving Father God who blessed me to experience the Holy Spirit's works and meet the Lord our Healer.



“Healed of shingles”

Deaconess Soonok Baek
(Aged 62, Parish 4 in Manmin Central Church)

Since my childhood, I had pain and itchiness in the left ear and cried out of pain and itchiness every night. I couldn't fall asleep due to the ear pain, and my grandma would lay her hand on my left ear. I had little hearing ability with the left ear, so I used to lean the face toward the sound. But I couldn't manage to take any medical treatment because of economic condition and just lived in endurance.

In 1994, I was guided to register in Manmin Central Church by God. Whenever I attended the services, I have witnessed and heard so many testimonies from those who were healed of various diseases through Senior Pastor Jaerock Lee's prayer. The idea flashed through my mind that I would be healed as well. Meanwhile I received his prayer by faith and immediately the ear pain was completely gone!

I was so happy that the left ear was healed and hearing ability recovered in 30 years, which planted spiritual faith into my heart.

After that I felt itchy in the left ear and picked it with a finger, and then something small and round like a head of mung bean came out. From then on, I had no problem in my ears and led a healthy life in the grace of God.

In August of 2022, I went through a work of faith by His grace. When I awoke up in the morning, I had such a terrible headache that I'd never experienced before. I went to the hospital and was diagnosed with shingles.

At first, I had a little pain on the sick part but it spread little by little. A week later something mushy like a cyst came to be formed on the affected area and I felt shooting pain. It was so painful that I had to stop at that position without doing anything else.

While praying earnestly, I sought the reason that I could not be protected according to God's will. I remembered I had quarreled loudly against my husband. I repented of my wrongdoings in the past days by the Spirit's help. And I earnestly prayed to accomplish a good heart and practiced obeying God's words.

A few days later I received Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee's prayer and the thrusting pain was instantly gone only with a little pain remaining. Two days later such a little pain disappeared and the cyst was gone too. I was healed of shingles completely.

I give all thanks and glory to our great Father God who solved all my problems.

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