

The Reason These Couples are Glad

A married couple is closer to each other than they are to their own parents and siblings. When they turn their backs on one another, however, they become strangers without any remorse. As the number of married couples becoming strangers in the twilight of their lives has recently been on the rise, a surge in divorce rates is today a serious problem in our society. God tells us, "Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord," and "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her" (Ephesians 5:22, 25). The power of faith rooted in God's Word makes a "beautiful married couple" based on service and love a reality. This edition of *Manmin News* features 3 such families of faith.



"A husband meeting God... he now fixes his eyes only on his wife"
 Ki-Joo Song & Jum-Soon Lee (2-20 Parish)

A slothful husband who does not like to work, parents-in-law sick in bed, and a workload to which there seems no end... she was always pressed to make ends meet no matter how much she worked. The husband used to harbor a morbid suspicion about his wife's chastity from early on in their marriage. Whenever he drank, he would become suspicious, start swearing at her and beating her. It was not uncommon for him to overturn the dinner table if anything displeased him. Then in 2006, a silver lining began to beam on her. "I came to Seoul to help out with my eldest son's restaurant and ended up going to a church. I had never been to one but at the request of my goodhearted daughter-in-law (Deaconess Kyung-Hee Jeon), I just followed along." Upon arrival at the church, the wife immediately fell in love with the messages of life. Suspicious of his wife, the husband had followed her to Seoul. He soon began to enjoy the messages and said he felt good

whenever he was at church. After he began attending the church, the husband's attitude changed completely. He quit smoking and drinking and, having repented of his wrongdoings of the past, has become a kindhearted and tender husband who makes every effort to be good to his wife. "I am so glad these days. Just like a sunflower fixing its eyes only on the sun, I fix my eyes only on my wife. I don't know why I fought so hard with her and even hit her. I am sorry. I want to recompense for all of that with love for the remainder of my life." Since she began attending the church, the wife has been healed of depression, skin diseases, and urinary incontinence. "I had never imagined I could be so glad." The wife's face, which had not known laughter for years, brightened up like the sun. Anything that seems an unimaginable dream is possible in faith and a privilege for God's children.

"Jesus Christ is the Master of Our House!" Hang-Yeol Kim & Jung-Song Oh (Las Vegas, U.S.)

At 9 o'clock every evening, everyone in the family comes together for prayer and praise. This family joins Manmin Central Church in Seoul, Korea, for its worship services on the Internet and is leading a joyful life in Christ. The couple in deeply in love with their God has set an example for their children. Jae-Yoon (17) and Chan-Young (11) have been reborn by the gospel of sanctification and have become children deeply in love with God themselves. "Jae-Yoon used to be a troublemaker and have difficulty adjusting in school. After he began listening to the Senior Pastor's messages, his life has turned around. Almost every day after school, he shares the Gospel with his classmates. In the morning, he devotes himself to 15 minutes for the "Flag Pole Prayer" before school starts. In his sophomore year,

he was in the top 3% of his class and in the upcoming school year, he is placed in advanced classes. His vision is to become a missionary spreading the Gospel. "Meanwhile, Chan-Young sheds tears whenever he prays. He is very discrete and considerate of others. On Wednesday, June 4, during the moving-up ceremony, Chan-Young was awarded the President's Education Award given to all-around students with outstanding scholastic achievements." The husband and the wife say they feel the love of the Lord even more whenever they gaze upon Jae-Yoon and Chan-Young, God's gifts of blessings. Jesus Christ is indeed the Master of this family who truly loves God.

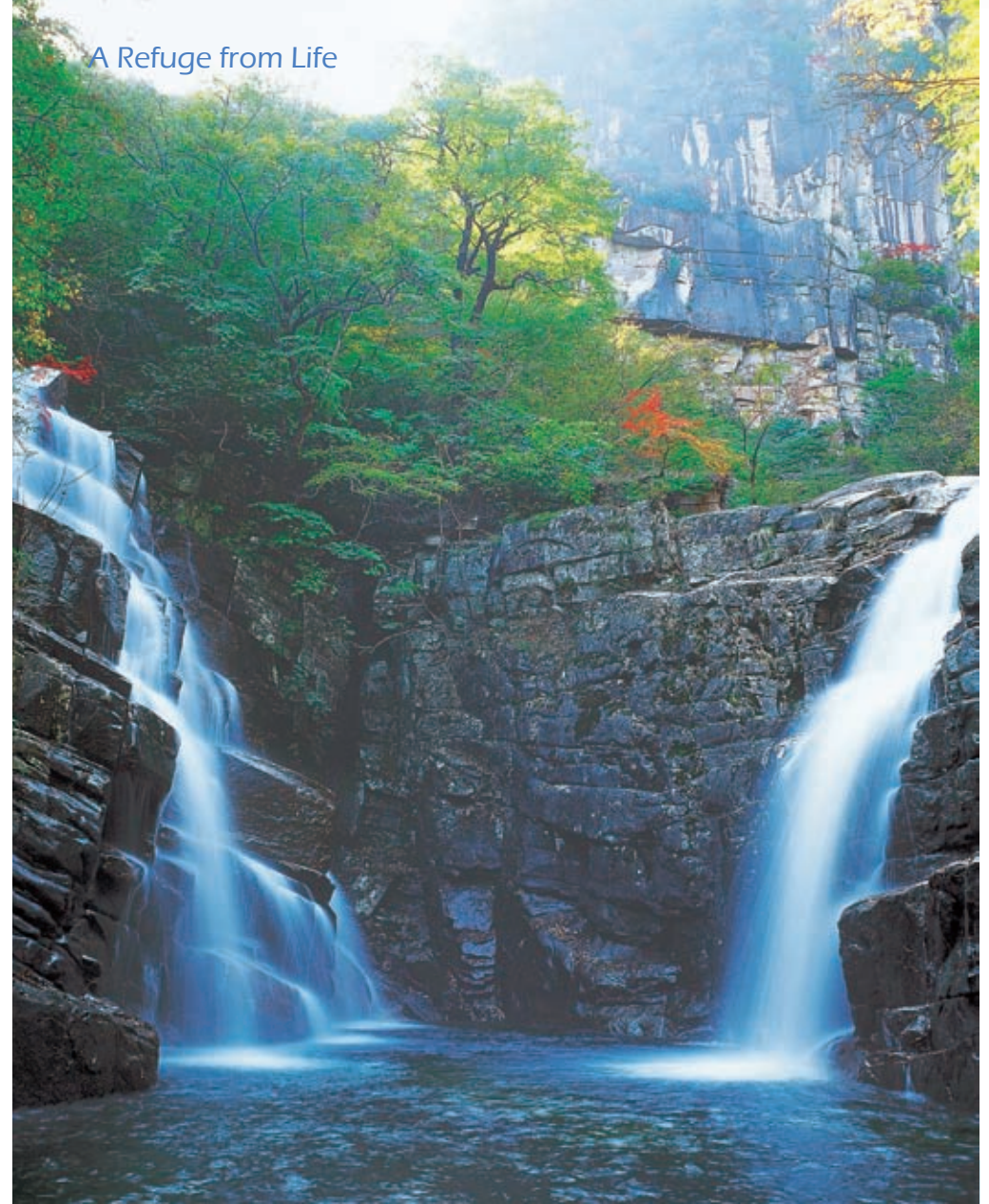


"Love Served by the Same Hope" Jae-Jung Ko & Hee-Yeon Shin (1-4 Parish)



The wife had grown up in a family of faith and she prayed earnestly to share the Gospel with her unbelieving husband. It was "The Lectures on Genesis," however, that brought the husband, who had been clouded by his speculations, over to faith. "Before the wedding, I used to go with my then-girlfriend to the Friday All-night Service. The Service ends at 4 o'clock in the morning and I wanted to take her home. That was the first day of 'The Lectures on Genesis.' I soon found that the Senior Pastor was talking about a world I had not seen or heard of. I was captivated by it and soon fell in love with it." They are grateful to God as they fix their eyes upon

the same place with a hope for heaven. From the way the husband says the wife serves him and the wife says the husband serves her, one can easily see how these "best friends" are considerate of each other even in areas that cannot be easily seen. The two are always busy, with the husband working in the trade industry and serving as the general cell leader of 1 Parish and the wife as a television writer, but they are always filled with glee. Like clothes that fit so perfectly, perhaps a "couple very much in love" is a fruit of small service that has become habituated to every-day life.



A Refuge from Life

"And the LORD will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail" (Isaiah 58:11).

Column Eternal Rewards

If someone proposed, "I will exchange the amount of stones you gather in one day's time with the same amount of gold," what do you imagine would transpire? As soon as the clock strikes midnight and until it strikes again the following midnight, you will find and gather all other appointments and will not want to "waste" your time on eating or resting. This is because the amount of

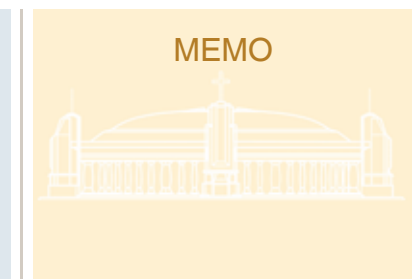
work you put in during that one day's time will determine how rich you will become and you know this very well. Rewards in heaven are exactly the same. Until that last moment at which we are called to heaven, the manner of life we lead here will determine the eternal rewards in heaven. One with such a hope will cherish the slightest space of time and will not delay for any reason in becoming a messenger of the love of Jesus Christ.

from Dr. Jaerock Lee's column series "The Way" carried in *The Hankyoreh Shinmun*

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Confessions of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes the Bible to have been written in the inspiration of God and is the accurate and errorless Word of God.
2. Manmin Central Church believes that the Triune God - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - exists as one and works with each other
3. Manmin Central Church believes that only the atoning blood of Jesus Christ forgives us of our sins.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in Jesus Christ's resurrection, ascension, and the Second Advent, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess "The Apostles' Creed" whenever they gather and believe in it verbatim.



The 2008 Feast of Harvest Service & Communion



Led by Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee, the 2008 Feast of Harvest Service and the Communion were offered to God on July 6, 2008. During the Morning Service, Dr. Lee proclaimed a message entitled "Power" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24) and testified to the origin of the Feast of Harvest and presented ways to receive God's power. During the Evening Service, with a message titled "The Heart of the Lord" (John 6:54) the Senior Pastor urged the congregation that in order to accomplish that heart, "You must treat others with a compassionate heart and live a life of service unto others." After he testified to the spiritual significance of eating of the flesh and drinking of the blood of the Lord, Dr. Lee officiated the Communion, during which the Manmin congregation shared the bread and the wine and vowed their heart not only in gratitude of the Lord's grace and love but also to take more after His heart.

The United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ's 18th General Assembly & Ordination

The United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, marvelously accomplishing national evangelization and world mission efforts with the Five-fold Gospel of Rebirth, Sanctification, Divine Healing, Resurrection, and the Second Advent, held "The 18th General Assembly and Ordination" in the Main Sanctuary at Manmin Central Church, June 30 & July 1, 2008. Following the first-part Opening Service on Day 1, the second-part Assembly began with the proclamation of the Declaration of the Assembly, acceptance of propositions and petitions, deliberations on the budget for the 2009 fiscal year, and ended with a time for all gathered to vow their heart for national evangelization and world mission efforts. On Day 2, Dr. Jaerock Lee, Chairman of the United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, officiated the Ordination for Esther K. Chung and Heejin Lee of Manmin Central Church and Samuel J. Han of Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church of Kenya, which was followed by the special performances by the Hallelujah Praise Team and the Nissi Orchestra of the Performing Arts Committee of Manmin Central Church. In his message entitled "A Good Fight of Faith" (2 Timothy 4:7-8) during the Ordination, Dr. Lee urged each of the newly ordained pastors that in order to wage a good fight of faith the way did the apostle Paul, "You must possess patience and faith, and march onward as you fix your eyes on your heavenly rewards," and to "deny yourself completely and become pastors who magnify God and whom He commends by leading a life in which the Lord is the Master of your life."



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Not many people in this world lead their lives free from anxiety, concerns, and worrying. Yet, in God people can always rejoice, give thanks, and be glad despite whatever problems they face. This is because God who clothes the grass of the field is their Father. Let us examine the peaceful life that is worth pursuing and how we can go about attaining it.

Areas in Life We Cannot Control

Most people have things for which they hope. Just because they so hope, however, it does not necessarily mean all their hopes will be realized. Fruition of any hopes must be accompanied by effort and even effort does not guarantee the fruition of hopes. Our Lord asks us rhetorically, "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?" If worrying resolved a variety of problems in life, why would God have not told us to worry? God who knows all that we need in our lives wants us to live in peace without anxiety, concerns, and worrying. Resolution of problems is achieved not by worrying but by wholly committing everything before God, and only then can we enjoy true rest and receive from Him desires of our heart.

Life cannot be extended by a single hour by the might of man but to the almighty God, nothing is impossible. He can provide His children with everything and anything they need without restraint. For that reason, He assures us in Matthew 6:25, "Do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on."

The birds of the air do not sow, reap, or gather into barns but as God feeds and nurtures them, they roam the skies freely. The lilies of the field do not toil or spin but as God allows them to grow, they grow beautifully. Now, what would prevent God from clothing, feeding, and nurturing man who is worth inexplicably more than the birds of the air or the lilies of the field?

All the Work Done Under the Sun is in Vain

Solomon was a great King of Israel who ruled from 970 to 930 B.C.; as his predecessor David had prepared a solid foundation for the unified Israel's politics, economy, and military, Solomon could rule the country in stability.

As 1 King 10:23 tells us, "So King Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom," we know how great was the glory Solomon enjoyed. At Solomon's court, it is said that every vessel was made of gold so they did not deem silver important, and cedar, which would otherwise be considered precious, was used as commonly as sycamore trees in the vale. When the queen of Sheba,

who had come to visit with Solomon after hearing news about him, "perceived all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his waiters and their attire, his cupbearers, and his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD." 2 Kings tells us that "there was no more spirit in her" (10:4-5). In God's eyes, however, even such glory of Solomon could not be compared to the grass of the field.

In everyday life, people toil in order to make ends meet, to glorify themselves, and to gain and attain all that they desire. Yet, as the flowers in the field bloom naturally without having to toil, this is why we can say King Solomon's glory cannot be compared to that flower. For this reason, King Solomon, who seemingly enjoyed all sorts of wealth and prosperity, asks rhetorically in Ecclesiastes 1:3, "What advantage does man have in all his work Which he does under the sun?" This was to serve as a reminder from a king who realized that everything was in vain and that only the worshipping of God and keeping of His commandments are what apply to every person.

Therefore, it is vital for us to clearly realize what it is that we are to seek in this life through all the toils therein. In order to lead a truly worthwhile life, we must pursue something that will never perish, is true, and is eternal.

Faith: Seeking First His Kingdom and His Righteousness

In Matthew 6:33, Jesus tells us, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." As God already knows everything we need in life, He tells us to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness before seeking the things that we need.

Here, "seeking His kingdom" refers to the seeking of the salvation of souls. It refers to the accomplishing of God's kingdom by preaching the Gospel to the unbelievers and leading them to become His children. We are to become witnesses of our Lord and spread the Gospel not only to our siblings, parents, and relatives but also to our coworkers, superiors, and employees, and pray fervently for our country, countrymen, and for the evangelization of the world. As God's kingdom would prosper when more people receive salvation, we must be spiritually awake, devote ourselves to prayer, and spread the Gospel in season and out of season.

What does it mean to "seek God's righteousness"? God's righteousness refers to the process in which one takes after the Lord. In 1 Peter 1:16b, God tells us, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY," while in Matthew 5:48 we find Jesus telling us, "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

God Clothes the Grass of the Field

"Look at the birds of the air ... Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matthew 6:26-33).

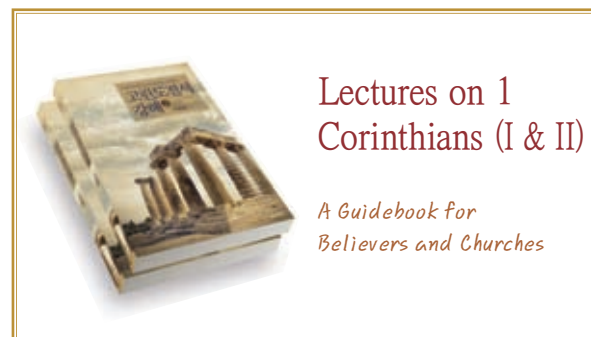
Therefore, "seeking God's righteousness" refers to praying to become a righteous person living by God's Word.

When one accepts Jesus Christ and becomes a child of God, he receives the Holy Spirit as a divine gift and will hear and come to understand God's Word. He will learn about sin and the Judgment, and become an individual abiding by God's Word as he is guided by the Holy Spirit. Walking in the light and taking after God's holiness are the act of accomplishing God's righteousness.

When an individual so seeks God's righteousness, his spirit will prosper and be in good health, just as his soul prospers. Some brothers or sisters may say, "I have been carrying out a variety of God-given duties. I would like to take some time off to devote myself to prayer in order to become sanctified." Such people are essentially not seeking God's kingdom but only His righteousness, but God will not be pleased with this.

God desires people to seek His kingdom and righteousness side by side. When people faithfully and diligently devote themselves to the salvation of souls, He will pour upon them strength and power from above and bless His righteousness to be achieved and His kingdom accomplished marvelously through them. Why, then, are some people still anxious, concerned, and worried even when God has specifically promised them, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you"? This is because of their little faith. As they are unable to believe in the almighty God and doubt nonetheless, they are left to be anxious, concerned, and worried. However, as people who live by God's Word seek first God's kingdom and His righteousness and He is in charge of basic necessities of life and all the other problems in life, there is no reason for them to be worried.

Dear brother and sisters in Christ, by first seeking God's kingdom and righteousness and by becoming a righteous man and woman of faith, may each of you strive to save souls and receive the blessing of having your spirit be prosperous and in good health, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I pray! ✝



Lectures on 1 Corinthians (I & II)

A Guidebook for Believers and Churches

Mongolia

An Interview via Email



Manmin News caught up with Missionary Batzorig who has returned to his homeland with a blazing passion for the salvation of souls.

Please update us on the status of the mission work in Mongolia.

The history of Christianity in Mongolia is less than 20 years. Only about 1-2% of the entire population is Christian while more than 90% is Tibetan Buddhist. As the people have worshipped idols for too long, this land abounds in poverty, diseases, and disasters. Yet, as the people of Mongolia have a heart to seek after a god, they express tremendous interest when the power of God is testified. Most members of Mongolia Manmin Church have experienced God's power.

How did you become a missionary?

I was born in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. All my family, including my parents and older brother and sister had gone to Korea to make money but I had to stay behind for studies. It was difficult to spend too much time alone especially when I was little.

When I visited Korea in December 1999, the church all my family was attending on Sundays was Manmin Central Church. Ever since my mother had been led to it and received the healing of arthritis in both of her legs by the Senior Pastor's prayer, the rest of the family began attending Manmin.

I began going to Manmin once or twice a month and in August 2002, I received the fire of the Holy



Spirit while attending a prayer meeting of the Young Adults Mission of which my sister was a member. Mrs. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center, placed her hand upon me and I immediately began rending my heart in repentance.



From that day on, all I wanted to do was to lead a good and diligent life in Christ. I listened to more than 10 of the Senior Pastor's "The Message of the Cross," "The Measure of Faith," "The Love Chapter," and "Spirit, Soul, and Body" series tapes each day while I was working and made every effort to live by God's will as I understood it little by little.

The messages were so sweet and I was filled with joy to go to church every Sunday.

One day, I became jealous of church workers and began harboring a hope of becoming a church worker myself. On top of that, once I learned there were many Mongolians living and working in Korea, I vowed to share with them this news of blessing. As I served as a cell leader in the Foreign Parish, I became even more passionate and made up my mind to become a missionary

to Mongolia.

Tell us about the GCN broadcast in Mongolia. Even though we are physically apart from Korea, members of Mongolia Manmin Church are growing their faith and receiving God's blessings as they participate in Manmin Central Church's Sunday Morning and Evening Services, Friday All-night Services, and Daniel Prayer Meetings via the GCN broadcast. When they receive the Senior Pastor's prayer on GCN, they have experienced God's healing



of deafness, renal cancer, spinal disc herniation, pulmonary diseases, allergies, and the like, and a variety of problems of life.

What is the vision for your mission work?

Just as Jesus' disciples boldly testified to the Gospel with signs and wonders, I have been focusing the mission work here on spreading the news of the works of God's power and the gospel of sanctification through handkerchief meetings (Acts 19:11-12) and seminar series.

Taking after the heart of the shepherd, I have been offering relief to members of Mongolia Manmin who are suffering financially. I have also been working on the translation of the Senior Pastor's books and to create College and Young Adults Missions here.

I thank God for having been with me and blessed me all along, and I also thank the Senior Pastor for his prayer. I shall do my very best to lead Mongolia Manmin Church to bear great fruit.

"My daughter's been healed of acute otitis media!"

Deaconess Yeon-Hee Cho (28th District; 1-4 Women's Mission)

On or around May 12 of this year, my daughter Min-Joo (second grader) began sniveling and complained of a pain in her ears. I thought it was the case of a common cold but Min-Joo was so sick she was unable to move.

When she was examined at a hospital the following day, Min-Joo was diagnosed with acute otitis media. It was a severe case in which the interiors of the entire eardrum had become contaminated with bacteria, pus, and pressure in the middle ear. We came home only with prescription.

On Sunday, May 18, Min-Joo received prayer from the Senior Pastor and from that day on, she never complained of any pain in her ear.

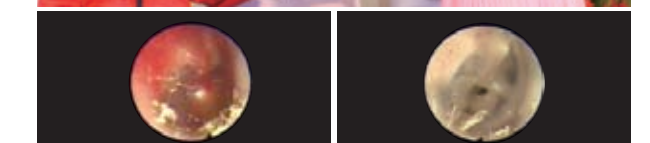
We went back to the hospital the next day and were

told that Min-Joo's condition had markedly improved. From a frame of a Biblical verse hanging on the wall in the doctor's office, I assumed he was also a Christian. "Min-Joo didn't take any medication, doctor. A pastor prayed for her."

He told us that Min-Joo's condition had improved as if she had undergone treatments at the hospital for a week or two.

After receiving the Senior Pastor's prayer again on Friday the 23rd, we went back to the hospital for a third time and a physical exam and an impedance audiometry revealed that everything had turned normal.

"Hallelujah! God has healed her," the doctor said, quite clearly astonished at how Min-Joo hadn't taken any medication. "She's okay now."



< Prior Receiving Prayer > Interiors of the entire eardrum had become contaminated with bacteria, pus and pressure in the middle ear

< After Receiving Prayer > Acute otitis media disappeared