

Brimful Works of the Holy Spirit: In Light of the Bible, Wondrous and Extraordinary Works are Very Logical

Throughout history, God raised up His men and women whom others could plainly see and distinguish as workers and messengers of His power (Acts 3:22), to let His will be known, manifest His love and power, and testify to the fact that He is alive. After proclaiming the Word, Jesus manifested signs in order to affirm to all witnesses that His Words were those of God.

What, then, can we say of our time?

At a time when the hearts of people are drenched in sin and evil and have thus become hardened, God is showing the proofs through the works of the Holy Spirit in order to enable people to believe (John 4:48). In our generation, even Christians say that the miracles of Jesus' time are any events of the Biblical era. However, as God the Almighty is able to manifest His works in any shape or form, according to our own faith, He manifests wondrous and extraordinary works even when we scratch our heads and ask ourselves, "Is this possible?" <Editor>

The secret to Highest-quality "red melons"? The Muan Sweet Water!

Deaconess Hye-Hyung Cho (8 Parish; 2-3 Women's Mission)

My sister-in-law, a farmer in Buyeo County in South Chungcheong Province, attends another church but has been listening to the Senior Pastor's messages via GCN and on the Internet.



The melon on which the Muan Sweet Water was used (right)

And her heart has been replete with grace from his written works. She began farming red melons (melons whose interior is crimson in color) and has signed a delivery contract with a department store but they failed to meet the department store's size standards and her crops were disqualified. She incurred a huge loss when she delivered the melons to ordinary small businesses. I shared with her the testimonies of a Manmin member who had had a bountiful harvest of red peppers through the use of the Muan Sweet Water (Exodus 15:25) and planted faith and assurance in her heart.

My sister-in-law had always recognized God's power through the Word and later told me that she had begun using the Muan Sweet Water this year on the melons. However, as she did not have enough of the Sweet Water, she could use it only to the crops housed in 2 of the 5 buildings in which she cultivates the melons. Wondrously, the size and the taste of the melons cultivated with the Muan Sweet Water were of the highest quality but the other sets of melons on which the Sweet Water was not used were different in appearance and taste.

Time-and Space-transcending Works Manifested via GCN

Arokom (Chennai Manmin Church, India)

I run a plastic goods store in the Villivakkam region in Chennai, India. About 3 months ago, I began feeling a sharp pain whenever I urinated and underwent a urine test at a local hospital but the doctors were clueless as to the cause of the pain. I was constantly tormented by the sharp pain but without any particular and concrete solution, I was hopeless. My wife and I clung to God in prayer.

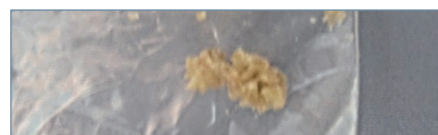
On Sunday, August 17, I was participating in the Morning Service via GCN and my stomach began to hurt tremendously. In the message that day, the Senior Pastor said, "Believers with faith work diligently for the 6 days of the week, close their shops and stores on the Lord's Day, and keep it holy." That's when it hit me and I immediately did as I had heard.

Following the message, when I received the Senior Pastor's prayer for the sick, the pain in the stomach disappeared and I was soon at peace. When I came home after the Service and urinated, a stone of about 0.6 centimeters (about 0.23 inches) in diameter fell out from within my body.

I learned that the cause of the pain had been this urinary stone and today, I am as healthy as ever.



Arokom (right) with his family



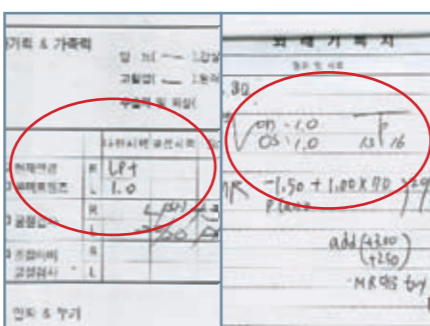
Urinary stone

Revival of Optic Nerves

Deaconess Kyung-Nam Hong (27 Parish; 3-4 Women's Mission)

I had been unable to see even the faintest traces of light with my right eye and on January 3rd, I underwent an examination at a local ophthalmologist's office. I was told following the exam that the optic nerves in the right eye had almost died and the retina had been detached. It was a case of retinal detachment and if it should get worse, the globe would shrink and, if left untreated, the optical canal would sink in and my face would look ghastly. I underwent an operation right away but my vision would shake, feel cold, and the constant blinking left me unable to keep my eyes open.

<Results of the right eye exam>



(Prior to receiving the prayer) (After receiving the prayer)

unable to see light vision acuity improved to 1.0/1.0

Then in March, through the handkerchief prayer (Acts 19:11-12) of Rev. Mi-Young Lee, the tremor in the eye stopped and I could begin making outlines of objects.

During the divine healing meeting held in the second part of the All-night Service on the last Friday of May, the Senior Pastor prayed from the pulpit and I saw the fire of the Holy Spirit emanating from his hands. Soon afterwards, my vision improved and I can now even read the small prints of the Bible.

Might of the Handkerchief in the U.S.

Rev. Powell Varko (Heights Russian Church)



I minister to Russian-Americans in Texas and Tennessee in the United States and would like to take this opportunity to testify to God's work manifested through the handkerchief on which Dr. Jaerock Lee has prayed. After being told that he would no longer be able to walk, Alexander Shumanian(22) spent 18 months in bed. When I told him about the handkerchief of God's power and prayed for him, he said he felt warmth in his legs, stood up on his own, and began taking steps. His doctor said it was a miracle that the nerves in Alexander's legs were being revived and marveled at God's healing.

Luthmila had been suffering from a tumor in the stomach. Two days prior to her scheduled operation, Luthmila came to me and received the handkerchief hand prayer.

A full examination she underwent afterwards revealed that the tumor had disappeared and she had to cancel the operation.

The boyfriend of my church member Riew Ba was diagnosed with thyroid gland cancer and a tumor the size of a fist could easily be felt in his throat. After receiving the handkerchief prayer, the tumor was nowhere to be seen.

There are so many other testimonies of people who have received God's healing through handkerchief prayer.

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ARISE, SHINE, (ISA 60:1)

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"You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; They will be glad in Your presence As with the gladness of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil" (Isaiah 9:3).



The 2008 Inauguration Service

Ninety workers who are to propel Manmin's spiritual growth and development have been inaugurated. The Sunday Evening Service on September 21 was offered to God as "The Inauguration Service" for new assistant pastors, elders, and senior deaconesses. The sum of 90 new workers -- 3 assistant pastors; 23 elders; 43 active senior deaconesses; 15 honorary senior deaconesses; and 6 associate senior deaconesses -- is the twice that from 2007. The Evening Service was divided into 5 sessions, during the first of which Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee proclaimed a message entitled "Complete Faithfulness" (Revelation 2:10). The second session was reserved for the inauguration of assistant pastors; the third for elders; the fourth for senior deaconesses; and the fifth consisted

of "A Word of Encouragement" by Elder Boaz Lee (The United Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, Vice President), "A Word of Congratulations" by Professor Byung-Jong Kim (Dept. of Art, Seoul National University), "An Address in Reply" by Rev. Dr. Esther K. Chung (former president of Seoul Women's University), a special performance by the Hallelujah Praise Team, the presentation of offerings, conferment of plaques of inauguration, and benediction. The newly inaugurated Rev. Dr. Esther K. Chung, President of Manmin International Seminary, remarked "I am grateful to have become an assistant pastor at Manmin Central Church that pursues the world mission with the fiery works of the Holy Spirit. I am aware of my grave responsibilities and shall devote myself more for the kingdom of God" (more on Page 4).

My Life, My Faith Impression Competition Gratitude Service & Award Presentation Held

The Gratitude Service & Award Presentation for "The My Life, My Faith Impression Competition" was held at the Korean Christian Cultural Center on Saturday, September 6, 2008. During the Gratitude Service presided by Editor-in-Chief Jong-Kwon Im of the Christian Press, President Hyung-Won Kim of the Korean Broadcasters and Journalists Association offered intercessory prayer, the Hallelujah Praise Team offered praise, and it included a sermon message of Rev. Hun-Jun Im of Jesus' Grace Church. In the second part of the event, award presentations were held following the "Word of Congratulations" by Rev. Dr. Esther K. Chung (former president of Seoul Women's University) and Rev. Choon-O Kang, Publisher of the Ecumenical Press. The Grand Prize was awarded to Heun Kim (Graduate School of Education, Ewha Womans University). *My Life, My Faith*, published by the Christian Press, is a steady bestseller in the "Religion" category at Kyobo Book Centre, the largest and most famous book store in Korea.



Final Round of 'The 8th Bible Quiz'

The Final Round of "The 8th Bible Quiz" (hosted by Men's Mission) took place in the Main Sanctuary of Manmin Central Church following the Evening Service on September 7, 2008. Forty-six competitors, 30 from Manmin Central and 16 from Manmin branch churches all of whom had scored 190 or higher out of 200 in the 2 preliminary rounds, participated in the Final Round. The Grand Prize was awarded to Rev. Heung-Yong Park (Daejeon Manmin Church); the First-place Prizes to Pastor Geum-Ran Hwang (Light & Salt Mission) and Deaconess Mi-Sun Lee (Canaan Mission); the Second-place Prize to Rev. Hyun-Bo Park (Masan Manmin Church); and the Third-place Prize to Deacon Jae-Suk Lee (Men's Mission). Rev. Heung-Yong Park, recipient of the Grand Prize, remarked, "In the 4th Quiz I was awarded the Second-place Prize and in the 6th, I was given the First-place Prize. I give all thanks and glory to God who has awarded me with the Grand Prize this year."



Keeping the Lamps Alight

It is rare to succeed without effort. A student must study for good grades and the probability of success increases only when an entrepreneur strives.

It is the same with one's life in Christ. In the Bible is a "Parable of Ten Virgins" in which we read of 10 virgins who waited for their bridegroom with their lamps but only the prudent five virgins who had prepared enough oil for their

lamps could welcome the bridegroom. The foolish five virgins fell asleep without having prepared oil and were not invited to the wedding (Matthew 25).

The Parable tells us that merely being a "Christian" does not warrant one's salvation. Each of us must always make sure whether or not the lamps of faith, hope, and love are brightly alight.

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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.

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Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

Complete Faithfulness

"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10).

When given a duty after one has accepted Jesus Christ, he bears fruit just as a variety of grains and crops bear fruit in an autumn field. Each fruit borne must become ripe to be harvested; by the same token, when one is given a duty he must make every effort to faithfully carry it out and bear the finest fruit.

As God has promised us, "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life," when we are faithful to the point of death we will be awarded crowns of life. On top of that, when we are faithful in all God's household, we will receive the crowns of gold and the crowns of righteousness.

How, then, can we become God's workers who are completely faithful to our God-given duties with an earnest hope for heaven?

Love for God must be in our hearts.

"Be[ing] faithful until death" refers to spiritually killing oneself daily and obeying the will of the Lord. In other words, it is to obey and live by God's commandments and calls for a kind of devotion that does not spare one's life in order to accomplish God's kingdom. As Jesus tells us in John 14:15, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments," it is not at all burdensome to keep His commandments.

However, "be[ing] faithful until death" requires one to forgo his will, personal satisfactions, and a comfortable life. At times, he will not be able to rest or eat but instead fast, pray, and mourn bitterly for other souls. He must toil for God's kingdom and be subject to unjust affliction and persecution. It is not an easy path but it can be trodden in gladness in one's love for God.

More than anyone else, Paul the Apostle toiled and became subject to persecution while spreading the Gospel. Still, as he confessed in Colossians 1:24, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions," Paul rejoiced even when he suffered for the sake of other souls. Despite any kind of threats, Paul did not fear or step back and died a martyr's death. Furthermore, we read in 1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who

fears is not perfected in love." As one loves God, he does not fear anything. As Senior Pastor, there had been many occasions on which I had come close to giving up my life but in my love for the One who had given me overflowing grace and blessings, I could overcome them all.

An individual with a duty from God has tasted the grace of God who has given him salvation and a hope for heaven, the grace of the Lord who has rid him of the affliction of disease and the burdens of life, and the grace of the Holy Spirit who has comforted him and filled his heart with joy. On top of that, God has led him in these last days to learn the Providence of the cultivation of mankind and prepare himself as a bride with the kind of faith that is always awake. God has thus clearly shown him the way to New Jerusalem, the best of all heavenly dwelling places and even given him a duty to be faithful to Him. As much as the individual fathoms this love in his heart and his heart is replete with that love, he can be faithful.

If he finds it difficult to keep God's commandments and to be faithful to Him, this is most likely because his heart lacks love for God. Therefore, remembering always the grace we have received without a price, each of us must love God not with the fleshly love that can change and sway according to our interests but with the spiritual love, and become a faithful worker who does not think of even afflictions as afflictions.

Sincerity must be in our hearts.

When one receives a God-given duty, he initially confesses, "I am thankful merely for the salvation I have received. Thank You for giving me such a precious duty. In love for God and in love for others, I vow to be faithful." With the passing of time and according to varying circumstances, however, we often see how one's heart and confession change.

For instance, when others do not recognize or take notice of his work even after having toiled, he becomes disappointed and grows weary. When he sees others advancing ahead of him in similar situations or finds shortcomings as a worker, he becomes discouraged. Even though he is to carry out each and every task only with "Yes" and "Amen,"

he finds himself taking a step back when he comes across tasks that will not benefit him. Instead, he is zealous only in tasks from which he can reap benefits. Should he continue his ways, he will end up falling through the cracks while carrying out God's duties. Unable to man the post to which he has been assigned, he may claim his faithfulness but as he is unable to bear fruit, he becomes disheartened. At times, he regrets having received his God-given duty in the first place and even wishes to relinquish his duty. This is because his faithfulness had not stemmed from a sincere heart; he had sought to seek and receive others' recognition through the duty and to satisfy his own needs. Had his love for God been sincere, that individual's heart would not have changed from the time when he first received the duty. He ought to rejoice and be grateful for having become God's worker. Even when he is not recompensed or rewarded and is instead subject to unjust affliction and placed in lowly places, he ought to be grateful. Just as we find in "The Parable of Unworthy Slaves" in Luke 17, he will merely consider all such afflictions and mistreatments as "part of the job." Even at times when he finds his own shortcomings, he does not become discouraged but humbly seeks God's strength. This is possible because he acknowledges from the depths of his heart that he amounts to nothing on his own.

While carrying out the God-given duty, one may at times discover a heart to sway according to his interests but he must not become disheartened or allow his passion for God to grow cold. An image of a true worker of God must reflect the desire to cast off such thoughts and transform himself. When he strives every day to have the confession he had given to God on the day he was given the divine duty realized, he will become a spiritual worker faster and more easily. The fragrance of his heart will become beautiful day after day and bear abundant fruit. Pure gold is purified by fire; by making opportunities of every trial he faces, he must strive to create a heart which itself is the truth.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, in 1 Timothy 1:12, Paul the Apostle confesses, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service." The Lord has given each of us a divine duty and we can only be thankful as He strengthens us. Through your complete faithfulness, may each of you confess in tears on the Day of Judgment, "Thank You for giving me a precious duty and allowing me to come to a beautiful and glorious place," in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ I pray! ✝

Heartfelt prayer is required.

Creating a heart replete with love for God and sincerity requires heartfelt

prayer. If one's life in Christ pertained only to listening to and knowing God's Word, it is worthless. If one still lacks love for God and sincerity in his heart, that means heartfelt prayer is still lacking in him.

No matter how often and how much he has listened to God's Word and has received grace from it, it is difficult to live by the Word without heartfelt prayer. Therefore, each time he listens to the Word, the worker must earnestly call out to God in prayer, vowing faithfulness to become a spiritual worker. As he stores up heartfelt prayer, his love for God will grow and become more intimate. This is because, as much as he transforms his heart into a spiritual one by accomplishing the Word through prayer, God's love will be that much closer to his heart.

Furthermore, when the worker prays to God from the depths of his heart, he can go forth to God with a sincere heart in which there are no lies. He will be able to acknowledge his shortcomings and openly commit them to God. Only then will God pour upon him the grace and strength to be transformed. He will be able to love God not only when he is filled with the Holy Spirit but also when he feels and finds shortcomings within him.

The strength to carry out a God-given duty stems not from worldly talents or wealth; it comes from grace and strength poured upon an individual and when the worker stores up heartfelt prayer day after day, he accomplishes a heart filled with love and sincerity, and will end up coming forth as a worker of great strength. Uttering "I lack strength to carry out my duty" without heartfelt prayer merely constitutes an excuse.

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The 2008 Inauguration Service: Precious Duties of Heaven

What is a more precious duty: a President of a country or a Sunday School teacher? Wouldn't being a President of a nation be more important than being a Sunday School teacher?

When asked this question, however, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, without skipping a beat, said he would choose being a Sunday School teacher on any given day. The term of a U.S. President is 4 years but the duty of Sunday School teacher God had given him is a duty that will receive eternal recognition in the heavenly kingdom. No matter how precious a worldly duty, fame, or reward may seem at present, they will all perish. Former President Carter was well aware of the eternal rewards and glory for all those who are assigned heavenly duties.

In the Main Sanctuary of Manmin Central Church on Sunday, September 21, new 90 workers were inaugurated. Among those glorious and proud faces, *Manmin News* sat down with Senior Deaconess Duk-Boon Jang, mother of a popular boy band "Super Junior" member Hyuk-Jae (stage name "Eun-Hyuk") who has been a spiritual guardian for her son's fans, and Elder Joong-Ik Chun, who had fallen from the top of a 15-meter-ladder attached to a fire truck while quelling a protest at Jogyesa (chief temple of the Jogye Order of Korean Buddhism) but was protected by the grace of God and is now living a new life marked by his love for neighbors and evangelization effort. <Editor>



Interview



"Before they are my son's fans, each of them is a precious sheep of the Lord."

Senior Deaconess Duk-Book Jang (9th Parish)

Q What grace have you received from God?

Ten years ago, I saw how my husband (Deacon Gang-Heon Lee) was leading a joyous life in Christ at Manmin Central Church. I began accompanying him and realized how good the messages were and I was especially touched by praising before the Services and special performances. I was also deeply moved by God's healing of Deacon Yoon-Sup Kim, who had been in a wheelchair as a first-degree disability citizen.

My husband, a social welfare worker, suffered from a severe case of xerophthalmia. He was forced to quit his job and because of that, there was a time when the four of us lived in a one-room apartment, but not one of us felt burdened or weary. I'm still delighted whenever I recall those days when we would share with each other the testimonies and grace in the car on the way home from church.

My husband was completely healed of xerophthalmia through the Muan Sweet Water (Exodus 15:25) and the Senior Pastor's prayer for the sick towards the end of each service.

Q You take care of your son Eun-Hyuk's fans?

When my son Hyuk-Jae made his debut as "Eun-Hyuk" of Super Junior and received enthusiastic support and love from his fans, I have become a manager spiritually caring for his fans. It all began when I first started dining

with a few fans who had come to the church to see my son and began planting faith in their hearts.

To this day, more than 200 people have joined Manmin on account of Hyuk-Jae. On their birthdays, I make certain to send them text messages and during the week, I visit them at their homes. At times, I counsel them on family matters and their future. Some days, I receive more than 100 text messages but I do my best to respond to every one of them in gladness. Before they are my son's fans, each of them is a precious sheep of the Lord.

Regardless of the reason they first set their foot at Manmin, I hope each of them to meet the Lord and grow up to be the salt and the light of this world. You have no idea how delighted and proud I am of some of those kids who have adjusted so well to the church, become workers, and lead faithful lives of prayer. Perhaps this is how our shepherd feels when he looks upon Manmin members. I realize that while taking care of them, the depths and widths of my heart have also expanded.

Q What are your goals and hopes?

When I found out that I was to receive the duty of senior deaconess, I asked my husband to make a list of things I ought to fix in my everyday life, and those items are my prayer topics these days. I vow to become a senior deaconess beautiful both in spirit and in flesh, molded by the teachings of Our Lord. This is such a big yet precious duty for me.

Q We heard there was a turning point in your life?

In November 1993, after reading the Senior Pastor's *Tasting Eternal Life Before Death* and listening to "The Message of the Cross" series, I received teeming grace and joined Manmin Central Church. I was baptized in the following year and I saw a vision in which dark clouds cleared up and a new light took their place. From that point on, I diligently kept up with my life in Christ and passed the police lieutenant promotion examination. It was precisely at this point, oddly enough, that I began to think I had earned all of that by own might and to befriend the world.

December 23, 1998, was the turning point of my life. While quelling a protest at Jogyesa, I plunged to the ground from the top of a 15-meter (49-foot) ladder atop a fire truck. My colleagues were gravely injured but I walked away unscathed. I still cannot forget the feeling of an enormous hand supporting and embracing me as I was falling to the ground. This was a moment of momentous change in my life.

Q We know you have led many souls back to God. Do you remember to this day anyone in particular?

When working, I come across many different types of people and many people in different situations, including people who are dead drunk, complaining of some injustice that had been done unto them, or schizophrenic. At times, I become offended and upset but I am

grateful for the opportunities to discover and transform myself. As the Lord has even forgiven someone like me whose heart is unclean and like a thorn bush, I believe that anyone can be transformed when he or she meets God. When I was a Team Leader in the Criminal Investigation Section, I came across the likes of burglars and murderers and in order to evangelize to them, sometimes I went into a lockup and held their hands to pray with them.

I particularly remember Deacon Dong-Sun Lee, who had been a head priest at a Buddhist temple but has since converted; Deacon Gi-Ok Park, who had come to the brink of giving up his life from the debt incurred from gambling; and Soo Kim, who has received the blessing of pregnancy through the Senior Pastor's prayer.

Q We heard there was a turning point in your life?

I am thankful to be a part of my church that has planted in my heart faith and a hope for heaven. I am only grateful even more for the duty of elder. I will strive to be a model both in flesh and in spirit by becoming the salt and the light of this world with more mature faith.

I receive abundant grace whenever I see the Senior Pastor serving even the littlest of children, just as Our Lord had shown Himself as an example of service.

With a humble attitude and thinking of my body and my face as the frontier of evangelization, I will make every effort to be a true witness of Our Lord by giving thanks and rejoicing under any circumstances.

"I will make my body and my face the frontier of evangelization."

Elder Joong-Ik Chun(12-1 Parish)

