

“By cooking for the church events I want to repay the grace of the Lord who changed my life”

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I was in charge of cooking fusion dishes in the restaurant. I could learn the basics of cooking and the restaurant management there, but could not cherish the great love that the Lord had given me deep in my heart.

I worked from early in the morning till late at night due to the long working-hours and out of a sense of duty as a manager. This life style led me to go to church less often and pray less than before, and I finally stopped praying.

Repenting thoroughly with tears in Friday All-night Service

While volunteering to cook for church events, I was persuaded by those who had prayed for me and I attended Friday all-night service. Surprisingly, I received grace and repented with tears and runny nose while singing praises during the second half of the service. I saw Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee praying and shedding tears for us through images on the

monitors. I looked back on my past life and realized that my life had been filled with worldly things while Dr. Lee had urged us to live by the Word of God.

My past life filled with the foolishness came across my mind. God had shown numerous signs, wonders, and powerful miracles through Dr. Lee, but I just considered all of them as scenes in fantasy movies or just meaningless things. During prayer, those who had encouraged me with love such as my mother and my guidance pastors came to mind. Afterwards, I attended every kind of service including Friday All-night service and stopped drinking easily. I wanted to stop smoking, too. I made a resolution to stop smoking during 2010 New Year Service. Furthermore, I tried to listen to praises and even sing them.

I stopped drinking and smoking and served with joy

At that time, I worked for a spaghetti and steak restaurant.

I also belonged to Cooks Department of Reception Committee in Manmin Central Church and cooked spaghetti for foreign visitors. It took a long time to buy many ingredients because the church restaurant did not have all I needed. I might have been tired, but I did everything with joy and I even felt so thankful. When Dr. Jaerock Lee saw the volunteers with love, I felt so happy.

People eat food first with ‘both the eyes and the nose’ and then by the mouth. It means that the best dish is one which looks beautiful, smells fragrant, and tastes good. Besides, what makes it better is the cook’s heart filled with happiness and devotion.

Cooking dishes for church events, I came to know what dishes could make people happy. I confess that it is true blessing for me to pay back God’s love and grace by volunteering to cook for visitors to our church. I give thanks to all those who have prayed for me.

I have attended Manmin Central Church since I was young, but I did not lead a proper Christian life and did not attend the Summer Retreats, either. In 2007, I wanted to participate in the 2007 Summer Retreat. Even

though I had a job interview in a restaurant on the first day of the Summer Retreat, I decided to go to the Summer Retreat. By the works of the Holy Spirit, I could both take part in the Retreat and get a job in the restaurant.

COOKS’ MISSION COOKING THE BEST DISH FOR PEOPLE, “MANMIN CHEFS’ MEETING”

In Manmin Central Church, there are various missions which give brothers and sisters in Christ the opportunities to work for God’s kingdom according to their talents. Among them is Cooks Mission which was recently established. Cooks Mission has brothers and sisters who want to share love by cooking and they volunteer to cook for the kingdom of God.

It is made up of members of Students’ Mission, College Mission, Canaan Mission, Men’s Mission, and Women’s Mission. We often attend Food Fairs and have gatherings twice a month. We are filled with the longing heart to work for God’s kingdom by exchanging the various recipes and practicing with them together.

Deacon Jaeha Lee, President of Cooks’ Mission, said, “People from all around the world visit our church which has been growing up as a global church. We serve the visitors with the dishes which are pleasant to their tastes. We are trying hard to serve them with the highest quality dishes, good enough to have them wonder who cooked such a nice and elaborate meal.”

Members of Cooks Mission stay up late to prepare for the big events like the Church Anniversary Celebration Service. I am looking forward to seeing Cooks Mission organize its professional teams, which includes a Korean Dish Team, Western Dish Team, Japanese Dish Team, Bakers’ Team, and Dessert Team, with praying and the heart of serving the Lord. I hope the Mission will prepare the best dish all the time and give people from all around the world a great experience with it.

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The Explosive Power of God Was Manifested at the Handkerchief Healing Meetings in Thailand!



■ Handkerchief Healing Meeting was held in Chiang Lai Faith Church. (Photo 1) ■ Pastor Sungchil Lee was praying for the sick and Missionary Jaewon Lee was interpreting in Thai. (Photo 2) ■ Sound of Light Chorus was giving special praise in Chiang Lai Radio Station. (Photo 3) ■ Chiang Dao Handkerchief Healing Meeting was attended by people from 7 non-evangelized highland areas. (Photo 5) ■ People were testifying to their healings. (Photo 4-1/2, 6-1/2)

Acts 19:11-12 describes extraordinary miracles manifested through the handkerchiefs carried from the body of Apostle Paul. Similar miracles were performed in Thailand where the national religion is Buddhism. The mission team returning from the 7-day Thailand mission trip on February 17, 2011 told us, “Even unbelievers were healed at that very moment they received the handkerchief prayer and the explosive power of God transcending space and time took place.”

On February 13, the mission team visited a hospital located in Chai Prakan. Many patients, who had already known Manmin Central Church through GCN (Global Christian Network), were waiting and longing to see them. A non-Christian woman, who had suffered from backache and pains in her legs, confessed that God Himself healed her. She found her pains disappeared right after the handkerchief prayer by Pastor Sungchil Lee.

On February 14, the Handkerchief Healing

Meetings were held in seven non-evangelized highland areas of Chiang Dao under the auspices of Pastor Nongnuk (Eden Gold Manmin Church). There were 1,300 participants including the local representatives and the leaders of the areas. Most attendees, including unbelievers, were healed of various kinds of diseases such as general pains, disc disorders, cramp, paralysis, arthritis, and gastronomic disorders to name a few.

This mission trip showed us how the ‘explosive power’, one of the 2011 prayer points of Manmin Central Church, could work. Moreover, we could see that the local pastors and Christians had high hopes that they would understand Manmin’s ministry better and cooperate with us through the broadcasting ministry of GCN and the ministries of Manmin News and Dr. Jaerock Lee’s books translated in Thai.

In the meantime, Pastor Lee led the Establishing Service and the handkerchief healing meeting of Chiang Lai Manmin Church, ministered

to by Missionary Jaewon Lee, on February 12. A host of pastors and Christians from the neighboring countries such as Myanmar, Laos, and Cambodia attended the service and celebrated its establishment. “The power of God manifested

in Manmin Central Church is crucial for people in Thailand”, said a local pastor who runs Chiang Lai radio station. He talked about his plan to secure a channel of radio stations and spread the holiness gospel and the works of power. Last June,

Chiang Lai Manmin Church held its Founding Service together with 13 brothers and sisters. Now, this church has come to have dozens of branch and associative churches which are expected to play key roles in the world evangelization.

In the Chiang Dao Handkerchief Healing Meeting on February 14 a couple asked for handkerchief-prayer for their daughter. Her name is **Rosarin** (15 years old, Photo 1-1-2). She had been suffering from damage to her organs and septicemia since last December. On January 12, she was told that she was not expected to live and had to prepare herself for her death. Her parents asked Pastor Nongnuk for the prayer as soon as possible that night. He prayed for her on the phone laying his one hand on TV screen while Dr. Jaerock Lee was praying for the sick on GCN. After the prayer, her condition improved considerably and she was moved from the intensive care ward to the general ward and discharged.

On February 15, when the mission team visited her home, she looked pale and sat without energy. Pastor Sungchil Lee talked to her about the love of God and faith, and then prayed for her with the handkerchief. At the very moment, her face came to look lively and she began to walk. As the mission team was departing, she was standing with a bright smile as she saw them off.

On the same day, the explosive power of the Holy Spirit was manifested again at the Handkerchief Healing Meeting in Bangkok Puracun Church. **Wanchai** is an 8-year old boy who has been mute since birth. He attended the meeting with his non-Christian parents and came to speak through the prayer. (Photo 2) One hundred percent of attendees who received the prayer were healed. Chiang Lai Faith Church and Muang Noi Church also invited the mission team and held the handkerchief meetings with Pastor Sungchil Lee.



The Holy Spirit who Teaches Us All Things

“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.” (1 John 2:20)

If we come to know the truth, we will receive the Holy Spirit and have an anointing from Him. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit and the Heart of God. John 14:26 says, “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.” What does the Holy Spirit teach us specifically?

First, He lets us know that we are God’s children.

Romans 8:16 says, “The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.” In other words, the Holy Spirit testifies that Jesus Christ is our Savior and we ourselves are God’s children who received salvation.

He also helps us understand various works recorded in the Bible beyond human comprehension and He helps us believe in them. It is not easy for human to understand that God has existed from everlasting to everlasting and created the heavens and the earth with His words. The Bible describes that the dead revived, the sun and the moon stood still, and waters in the sea were divided by the power of God. Such works do not agree with human’s thoughts. However, the Holy Spirit helps us believe that they are true and authentic.

Second, He lets us come to know about sin, righteousness, and judgment.

The Holy Spirit instructs us about what sin and righteousness are and lets us realize there is judgment at the end of time. Through Him, we can realize that God’s children should cast off sins and live in righteousness. In every moment, He moves our hearts helping us hear His voice so that we can put the truth into practice. He teaches us kindly saying “Do not hate others just because something they do isn’t acceptable to you”, “Do not cease praying no matter how busy you are”, and “Do not lie for your benefit”. Our heart will keep being filled with the Holy Spirit if we obey what He teaches us and live according to the desire of the Holy Spirit. By doing so, we will offer joy and thanks to God and bear the fruit of the Spirit.

On the other hand, if we do not obey His Words, He will intercede for us with groaning too deep for words and He will teach us that we have to repent and turn back from sins. But if we continue to disobey His Word He will stop teaching us. His voice will get fainter and eventually we won’t even be able to hear His voice any more. To make the matters worse, if we disobey His voice over and over again and live in sins, the Spirit will be quenched in our heart and salvation will be far from us. However, if we keep obeying His words, we will hear His voice more clearly over time. Then,



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

we will be able to discern between truth and untruth and He will guide us in every aspect of our lives.

Of course, when our heart is filled with untruth, we cannot obey what He teaches us to do. This is because in our heart there is a battle between the desires of the Holy Spirit and the desire to commit sins. In such a case, the Holy Spirit will help us. When we seek the strength and grace of God by meditating on the Word of God day and night, praying, and fasting, He will not only let us realize the truth, but He will also give us the strength to put it into practice.

Third, He will show us the way of blessings in our lives.

When we acknowledge God in all our ways, pray all the time, and commit our works to Him, we will receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit on every occasion. For example, God taught David whether he should fight with the enemy or not fight. He even let him know the military tactics for the fight in detail. Apostle Paul received the guidance of the Holy Spirit who taught him where to go and what to happen there. Likewise, the Holy Spirit will teach us all things to the extent that we rely on God and live in truth.

For instance, when you preach the gospel, visit brothers and sisters in Christ, or pray for them, the Holy Spirit lets you come up with the Words that they need to hear. Moreover, it is very easy for you to receive financial blessings in your workplace or business as long as you receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In other words, the Holy Spirit dwells in your heart and teaches you all things acting like a private tutor for each one of you. He will also make your paths straight by helping you understand the spiritual realm and truth.

Therefore, no one can deceive those who are taught by the Holy Spirit. Let’s say that one tells you that you can go to Heaven just by leading a life of goodness even if you do not believe in Christ.

Then, what shall the Holy Spirit teach you? He will remind you of the Bible verse recorded in Acts 4:12 saying “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.” Let’s suppose another person tries to deceive you saying that “even if you live in sins as long as you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, you will receive salvation. Thus, you do not need to try so hard to cast away every form of sin and evil.” But then, the Holy Spirit instantly teaches you a proper response. That is, He will remind us of Matthew 7:21 saying “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.”

However, even if a specific Bible verse is not brought to mind, those who pray can discern between what is right and wrong. When a person is telling you something that is not true, you will feel distressed because the Holy Spirit is not pleased. Likewise, those who receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit will be able to know all things through His voice and guidance. Therefore, I pray you may have an anointing from the Holy Spirit and know all things through His guidance and then lead a proper Christian life being on the alert so that you will not be misled by authority of darkness.

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Ida Manmin Church Receives the Award of Appreciation at the Ida City

On February 21, 2011, the 54th Ida’s Social Welfare Campaign was held in the Ida Culture Auditorium and Ida Manmin Church under the pastoral ministry being conducted by Pastor Seungkil Ryu, received the award of appreciation from the city in the recommendation of the Social Welfare Association of the Ida City. The church has visited the city’s welfare center for the elderly every month for the last 15 years and actively participated in the city’s welfare administration. The church is well-estimated to be spreading the Lord’s love to the local societies by practicing the Word of God saying, “You shall love your neighbors as yourselves.”

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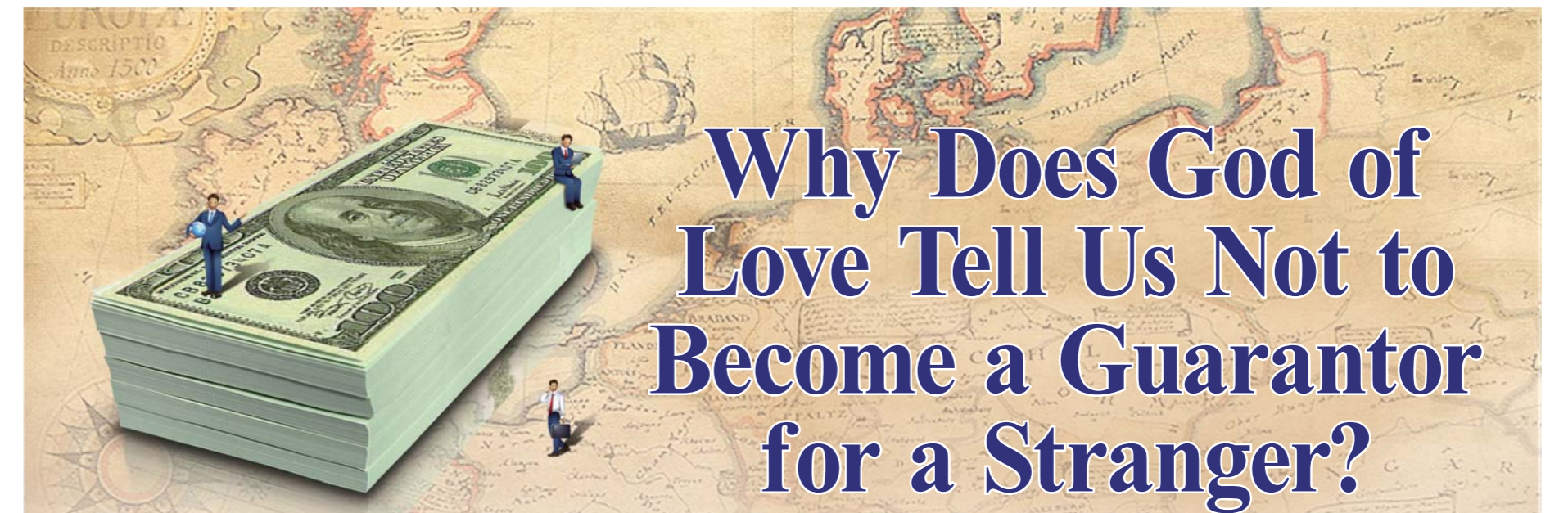
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The Confession of Faith

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

5. 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)



Why Does God of Love Tell Us Not to Become a Guarantor for a Stranger?

A while ago, one of my friends was on the verge of the bankruptcy. He asked me to become his guarantor. On the one hand I wanted to do it for him, but I hesitated because the Word of God struck me saying “Do not go surety for anyone”. I would like to know the reason why the God of love commands us not to stand a surety for anyone.

“He who is guarantor for a stranger will surely suffer for it, but he who hates being a guarantor is secure.” (Proverbs 11:15)

“A man lacking in sense pledges and becomes guarantor in the presence of his neighbor.” (Proverbs 17:18)

“Take his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger; and for foreigners, hold him in pledge.” (Proverbs 20:16)

“Take his garment when he becomes surety for a stranger; and for an adulterous woman hold him in pledge.” (Proverbs 27:13)

A surety or guarantee in finance is a promise by one party (the guarantor) to assume responsibility for the debt obligation of a borrower if that borrower defaults. The person or company that provides this promise is also known as a surety or guarantor. Material security such as lien, pledge, and mortgage of movable assets and real estate or personal security like joint obligation or guarantors are required as collateral.

In general, people get a surety from others when their debts are above their own abilities. There have been many cases that people get into financial problems due to the surety they assumed with good intention to help their parents, siblings, neighbors, friends, or co-workers.

Most people who act as a surety for others face a slew of problems

If your friend asks you to become his guarantor and assume the role as a surety for him because you cannot turn him down then and there, you cannot blame him for the problems that follow but you should rather acknowledge that this is totally your responsibility. In most cases, you will get in big trouble by becoming a security. Therefore, God prevents us from becoming a surety for others as recorded in Proverbs which tells us the wisdoms of life.

Proverbs 22:26 reads, “Do not be among those who give pledges, among those who become guarantors for debts.” Proverbs 6:1-5 says, “My son, if you have become surety for your neighbor, have given a pledge for a stranger, if you have been snared with the words of your mouth, have been caught with the words of your mouth, do this then, my son, and deliver yourself; Since you have come into the hand of your neighbor, go, humble yourself, and importune your neighbor. Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids; deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hunter’s hand and like a bird from the hand of the fowler.” Therefore, you will be faced with difficulties if you do not clearly reject neighbors’ surety requests.

True love does not cause difficulties for others. As Romans 13:8 says, “Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.” We must not do evil to neighbors or cause suffering for them to seek our own good. Thus, we must not ask others

to become our guarantor especially in the church.

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another

Communication between brothers and sisters is to be spiritual, which is communication in truth, spiritual love, faith, and the bond of unity. Let’s say that brothers and sisters stand as a surety for other in the church and they exchange money. What would happen to them if things go wrong?

They would become enemies toward each other. The guarantor’s entire family would suffer from financial matters even if he himself did not complain about it. He could be assuming a huge amount of debt and put his whole family in a miserable situation. There are some people who ended up killing themselves while living in severe affliction or suffering from diseases due to the problems caused by a surety.

There are many kinds of surety including debt surety, a reference, joint surety, and credit guarantee. You need to consider the situation with utmost care. There are situations where you might act as a surety that you can stand but others that you cannot. You must not enter into surety agreements, if it is not well within your ability. Even if it seems that things are going well, nobody knows what will happen.

When we stand a surety for God’s kingdom and His righteousness

How about becoming a guarantor for God’s kingdom and righteousness? Some believers get a loan for God’s kingdom to give the offerings they vowed to offer to God and to participate in the construction of the sanctuary. All things in the heaven and the earth belong to God as recorded in Haggai 2:8 saying, “The silver is Mine and the gold is Mine.” And as God lets us reap whatever we have sown and done for His kingdom, He repays us for everything we have done for God’s kingdom and righteousness with love for Him.

God forbids you from standing a surety not because He does not have love, but because He wants to protect you from hardships caused by rash vows in this world which is full of unexpected incidents. You can receive blessing in everything you do when you live by the Word of God and first seek His kingdom and righteousness.