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‘My Lord who Fills Me with Hope for Heaven, I Love You’ Manmin’s Children Growing up with Faith and Love



The White Stone Choir is giving glory to God with their special song that goes “Our hearts should be clean and spotless, the pretty hearts the Lord has given us. Fill them with hope, faith, and love. Fill them to the brim! It’s the heart given by God longing for our heavenly home.”

Having been provided with food of the truth, Manmin Central Church’s children have grown up to be sincere men and women of God.

As members of Sunday School’s Performing Arts Teams (praise team, dance team, worship dance team, instrument team, and marching band) they have given glory to God in various church events including the Saturday Praise and Worship Service.

The White Stone Choir (Conductor: Praise Missionary Haesuk Yang) that is made up of children. They glorify God with their special performances in services and the church events

which are a source of joy for the church members. Manmin’s Children Volunteer Group cleans the sanctuary on Sundays with their love for God.

Manmin’s children have also grown up with a dream and vision in the Lord and they become outstanding workers in the church.

On May 6 the Children’s Sunday School (Headmaster: Pastor Seongsik Jang) gave the 2012 Children’s Sunday Service to God with Pastor Soojin Lee, president of Pastors’ Association. Children Performing Arts Team led the preliminary praise. Brother Jungdo Kim, a 5th grader, presided over the

service; a 6th grader, Brother Yechan Park, gave the representative prayer; and Sister Jihae Yang, also a 6th grader, read the scriptural reading passage.

Speaker Pastor Soojin Lee delivered the message under the title of “Do Not Be Conformed to This World” taken from Romans 12:2. She said, “Children who love God seek goodness and the truth. They comfort friends in hard time, and like singing God-pleasing praises rather than to sing and dance to the worldly pop songs. They enjoy praying and reading the Bible.” She also emphasized that it is the enemy devil and Satan who control worldly

culture, and children cannot control themselves once they are immersed into worldly culture like game, online games, and TV programs because they are governed by the enemy devil and Satan. She urged children not to forget that when they love worldly things they might love them more than God and distance themselves from salvation.

In the meantime, Korean edition of Children’s Bible Study Book entitled *The Message of the Cross Vol. 1 – Mystery that Has Been Hidden since before the Ages* is to be published in the middle of 2012.

Seminars on Holiness in World Holiness Center

On April 20 and 21, seminars were held at the World Holiness Center in North Port, Florida, in the US. They were under the theme of “Sanctification Revealed in the Bible and Everyday Life”.

The World Holiness Center (Director: Dr. Mikhail Morgulis, president of the Spiritual Diplomacy Foundation) was founded on May 28, 2011 to spread the holiness gospel to the whole world.

Pastor Mark Bazalev gave the greeting speech; Dr. Mikhail Morgulis, an opening speech; and Pastor Vitaliy Fishberg gave a brief introduction on the holiness gospel.

Then Rev. Dr. Esther Chung, Vice Chairperson of United Holiness Church of Jesus



Speaker Rev. Dr. Esther Chung (Right) and the Seminar on Sanctification

Christ and President of Manmin International Seminary, delivered the message under the theme of “Why Does God Want Sanctified Children?” She talked about the reasons why God placed the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the Garden of Eden and she also spoke on the providence of human cultivation. On the second day, she preached the message entitled “How to Achieve Sanctification.” She

explained in detail how to cast away sin and become sanctified, and also talked about blessings given to men of spirit who became sanctified.

On Sunday, April 22, she delivered the messages at a Slavic Pentecost Church, the biggest church in North Port. Later she preached at a Russian evangelical Christian church located in Venice, Florida. Many people in attendance were touched by the messages.

An International Christian Medical Conference in Bulgaria

WCDN (World Christian Doctors’ Network, Chairman Dr. Jaerock Lee) has proved the authenticity of the Bible by the documentation, analysis and presentation of the divine healing cases that have been taking place all over the world. Recently, its ministry has become even more active.

When Dr. Lyubka Tancheva from Bulgaria attended the 2011 International Christian Medical Conference held in Brisbane, Australia, she came to have a vision for the ministry. She organized the WCDN conference in Bulgaria and it was held in Sofia, the capital city, on April 21.

Participants made presentations under the various themes like “Anti-abortion Campaign”, “Stem

Cell Research”, “Rehabilitation of the Disabled” and “Drug and Alcohol Addiction.” They presented many divine healing cases where people were healed of general paralysis, leukemia, and cancer by the power of God the Almighty.

The organizers agreed to constantly extend their ministry into neighboring countries in Balkans next year with the good response to the conference in Bulgaria.

WCDN (World Christian Doctors Network) conducts an International Christian Medical Conference every year with doctors from all around the world in attendance. It is headquartered in Manmin Central Church in Korea and has 16 branches in other countries including USA and Russia.

I Have Committed No Crime

“Then Daniel spoke to the king, ‘O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime.’” (Daniel 6:21-22)

What would you do if you had to take responsibility for mistakes you didn’t make or if you were falsely accused of something you didn’t do? What is a good reaction in such a case? Do you think you should plead innocence right away and try to prove the truth?

Wise and good men don’t harm others or react with evil even when they have to bear disadvantages. They just wait for the truth to be revealed and try to solve the matter in a method of goodness. This is because they believe that God, who is truly alive, holds the hands of men of goodness. Daniel wasn’t worried that he would be faced with loss when he walked the right way following goodness.

1. Daniel kept his faith

When the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, invaded the kingdom of Judah in 605 B.C. Daniel, who was from the noble family of Judah, was taken as one of the captives to Babylon. The king of Babylon tried to integrate them into the society. He brought in some of the Israelites without any physical defect, handsome, showing aptitude for every kind of learning, well-informed, and quick to understand. He taught them the language and literature of the Babylonians for three years and assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king’s table. Daniel’s three friends were also included with them.

However at times there would be some food that had been offered to idols or meat that had been regarded detestable to God. Daniel asked the chief of court officials to permit him and his friends to eat vegetables for ten days and then compare them with other young men who chose to eat the food assigned from the king.

After the ten days, they looked healthier and better-nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. From then on they did not have to eat the food that was offered to idols.

It was difficult for captives to reject the food assigned by the king. Without love and faith towards God, they couldn’t have firmly resisted things God hates and serve God in the country filled with the Gentile culture.

God was so pleased with Daniel and his three friends who kept their faith firmly that He let them be appointed at the king’s court and gave them understanding in every literature and wisdom. He also gave Daniel ability to understand all kinds of visions and dreams.

2. Daniel didn’t harm people who tried to kill him with groundless accusations

Among the three commissioners, King Darius the Mede appointed Daniel as the chief because he was faithful and possessed an extraordinary spirit. The commissioners and satraps envied him and tried to find some grounds of accusation to bring against Daniel. But no evidence of negligence or corruption



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

was to be found in him in regard to both ethics and government affairs.

They devised a scheme with regard to the law of God. They drew up a statute that basically said that anyone who prayed to any god or man except to the king during the next thirty days would be thrown into the lions’ den. They then brought it to the king and asked him to sign the document. That statute was a plot of the wicked officials to be able to bring accusation against Daniel, who knelt and prayed three times a day with windows open toward Jerusalem.

Even when Daniel knew that the document was signed by the king, he continued kneeling to pray three times a day. He ended up being thrown into the lions’ den. Daniel could have told their evil plan to the king because the king trusted Daniel. But, from his goodness he didn’t want to give harm to others. So, he didn’t tell the king about it and took no stand against the evil people.

He wouldn’t bring harm to them even if it meant he would lose his life as a result of those who had falsely accused him. He completely believed that it is only God who controls life, death, fortune, and misfortune.

Then the king arose at dawn, at the break of day, and went in haste to the lions’ den. The king shouted, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you constantly serve, been able to deliver you from the lions?”

What a surprise! Daniel replied, “O king, live forever! My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime” (Daniel 6:21-22).

In such a tense situation, Daniel expressed respect to the king saying, “O king, live forever!” Even though it was because of the statute, most people would have had some resentment toward the king or hated him for being cast into the lions’ den. But Daniel had no such feeling because he had no evil.

Men of goodness like Daniel never say anything that might embarrass their superiors even when

they made a big mistake. It may be an awkward situation but nobody should say anything, since one should never reveal a superior’s mistake to establish personal innocence. Instead, you have to understand their situation where they had no other choice but to do what they had done.

3. Blessings given to innocent men like Daniel

Unlike Daniel, the reason why people profess to believe in God but cannot believe Him completely comes from sin. If you don’t commit sins, you have no fear of death no matter how extreme the situation. This is because you believe God the Almighty will protect you and provide the way of escape. Even if you suffer loss, you completely believe that God will cause all things to work together for good and lead you to the way of blessing.

Daniel also said God had saved him because he was found innocent before Him. It showed us the justice of God who doesn’t cause loss to the innocent. Meanwhile, those men who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought before the king and he had them cast into the lions’ den. They had not reached the bottom of the den before the lions overpowered them and crushed all their bones (Daniel 6:24).

Darius the king wrote to all the peoples, nations, and men of every language who were living in all the land and made the living God who had saved Daniel known to them. He proclaimed the glory of God (Daniel 6:26-27). Through this, we should realize that guilty men are destined to destruction but innocent men like Daniel are free from death, hardship, and obstacles.

4. To become a man who doesn’t do harm to anybody

Daniel didn’t do harm to anybody under any circumstances because he has no hard-feeling and no evil. Here, not doing any harm refers to not only doing no harm to others and causing no conflicts to arise with them, but it is also practicing the truth actively.

In order to become a man who doesn’t do any harm to others like Daniel, we have to get rid of all the feelings that are against the truth. If Daniel had stopped praying for just the 30 days or he had prayed secretly with the windows closed, he wouldn’t have been thrown into the lions’ den. But Daniel firmly kept his faith even if it meant the loss of his authority and his life.

He actively practiced the truth even when he could have avoided the situation. He wouldn’t spare his life to follow the will of God. He didn’t blame God at all or feel any ill-feeling, but just gave thanks and followed in the ways of goodness to all people. When you have such a heart, you can become one who doesn’t do any harm. Then, you can receive God’s blessings.

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. 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)

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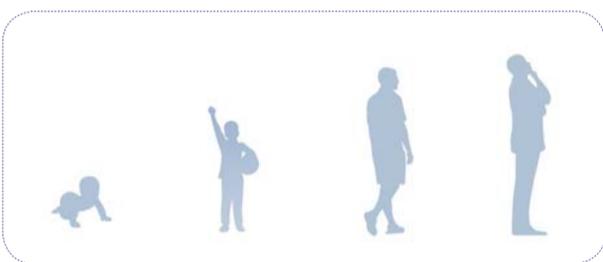
Is There a Measure of Faith? I'd Like to Know Where My Faith Is at!

A) Romans 12:3 says, "But to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith."

Jesus complimented a woman saying, "Your faith is great" in Matthew 15:28. And He reprimanded His disciples for their littleness of faith as written in Matthew 17:20. That is, faith has different measures like great faith and little faith. There are also spiritual faith God acknowledges and fleshly faith with which people can't be saved.

1. The measure of faith according to growth of spiritual faith

1 John 2:12-14 explains about the levels of spiritual faith likening them to the faith of little children, children, young men, and fathers.



'The faith of little children' refers to faith of those who have just accepted Jesus Christ as said in 1 John 2:12. Namely, it is faith of people who gained the right to become God's children by receiving the Holy Spirit as a gift.

'The faith of children' means faith of new believers as written in 1 John 2:14. They attend the church services, learn God's Word, and experienced His grace, but they don't completely live in the Word of God.

Just as young men do everything enthusiastically, people with 'the faith of young men' keep the Word of God to a great extent so they don't become frustrated even in trials and afflictions. They are able to achieve victories in the battle against the enemy devil and Satan. (1 John 2:13)

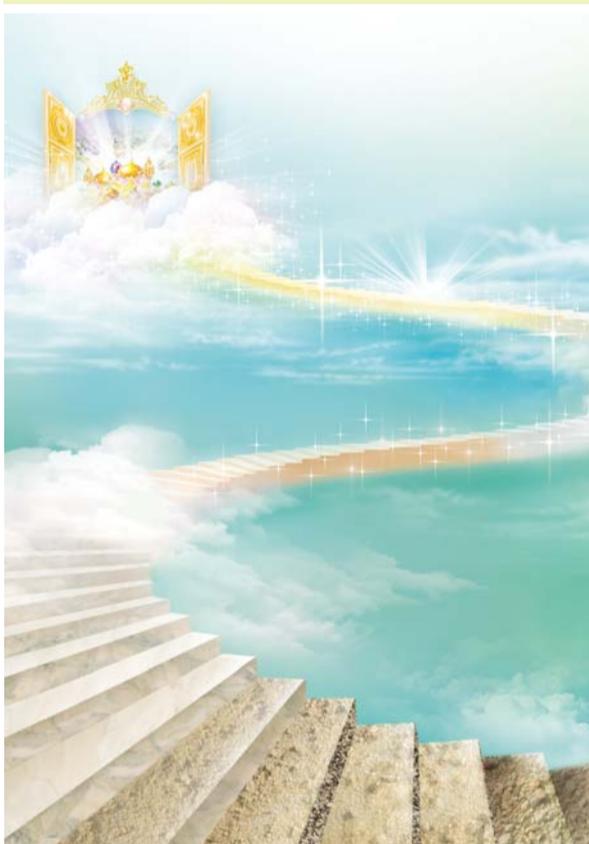
'The faith of fathers' is a mature level of faith (1 John 2:13). People with the faith of fathers try hard to achieve the heart of the Lord by realizing the Word of God and praying fervently, and they take care of other believers with the heart of fathers.

2. The measure of faith measured at the Great White Throne Judgment

In Ezekiel 47:3-5, a man went out with a line in his hand and he measured the water. Here, 'water' spiritually symbolizes the Word of God. This passage carries the meaning that the Lord will measure our faith and make strict judgment on each of us at the Great White Throne Judgment.

"When the man went out toward the east with a line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he led me through the water, water reaching the ankles. Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water reaching the knees. Again he measured a thousand and led me through the water, water reaching the loins. Again he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not ford, for the water had risen, enough

Q Not long ago, I heard shocking news from my friend who has been leading a diligent Christian life. It was that faith has different measures. In addition, salvation depends on faith, and answers, blessings, and the eternal heavenly dwelling place will be different according to our faith. Is it true there are great faith and little faith?



water to swim in, a river that could not be forded."

'Water reaching the ankles' represents the faith of little children, which is the first level of faith. 'Water reaching the knees' is the faith of children, the second level of faith. 'Water reaching the loins' represents the faith of young men and is the third level of faith. 'Water becoming a river I couldn't ford' is the faith of fathers. It represents the mature levels of faith at the fourth and fifth levels of faith.

3. The measure of faith measured by testing the quality of each man's work by fire

First Corinthians 3:12-13 reads, "Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire

itself will test the quality of each man's work." Here, 'foundation' refers to Jesus Christ and 'each man's work' symbolizes the faith and deeds of faith of each man.

Faith of straw stands for dead faith just like straw which is dry and hollow and is burned by fire in a moment. It symbolizes fleshly faith with which people cannot be saved. Faith of hay stands for the first level of faith at which people are forgiven of their sins and become God's children by accepting Jesus Christ. Faith of wood refers to the second level of faith with which people strive to act according to the Word of God.

Just as precious stones remain in fire, even if the shapes change the gem does not. Men with this third level of faith faith like precious stones, are able to keep and practice the Word of God. People with faith of silver, a metal that is less precious than gold but isn't burned by fire, are at the level of faith of having unconditional love for God that is foremost above everything. With this faith their souls prosper and they enjoy good health. At this level they have achieved the fourth level of faith.

Faith of gold refers to the fifth level of faith with which you never sway even in fiery trials. This faith pleases God, bears 100% spiritual fruit, and works faithfully in all God's household. When we possess such a perfect faith and pile up fiery prayer, we can manifest signs written in Mark 16:17-18 just as Jesus said, "These signs will accompany those who have believed." And we can lead many souls to the way of salvation and give great glory to God.

Matthew 11:12 reads, "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force." It means that we can win the battle against the enemy devil and Satan that instigate us to sin to the extent that we cast away sins and achieve the heart of the Lord and we can enter a better dwelling place in Heaven to the extent that we act according to the truth. By doing so, we can enter the best dwelling place in Heaven, New Jerusalem, that is also where God's throne is located.

Men with the first level of faith will go to Paradise, the lowest heavenly dwelling place. Those with the second level will enter the first heavenly kingdom; the third level will enter the second heavenly kingdom; the fourth level, which is the level of sanctification without sins, is the dwelling place in the third heavenly kingdom; the fourth level, that pleases God, is New Jerusalem. (Reference: *The Measure of Faith* authored by Dr. Jaerock Lee).

Faith of straw	Faith of hay	Faith of wood	Faith of precious stones	Faith of silver	Faith of gold
					
					

“I Was Terminally Ill, But I Came to Be Healthy by the Lord’s Grace”

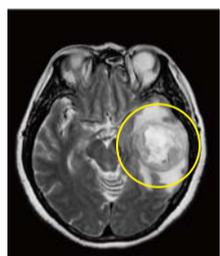
Deaconess Jungsook Lee (Aged 61, Eastern Gwangju Manmin Church)

It happened when I worked for Mujeong Elementary School in Damyang, Jeonnam province. My coworkers thought that what I said and did seemed somewhat unusual. They advised me to see a doctor. I had been suffering from nervousness for decades due to conflicts in family. I ended up having serious neurosis, so I was not able to communicate with people well and suffer from memory loss.

I was leading a time-limited life due to malignant brain tumor

In April, 2012, I was being forced by my coworkers and daughter to go to a neurosurgeon in Jeonnam University Hospital. The results showed a condition so serious that the doctor wanted to see my guardian. I remained in the hospital ER the night after having the MRI test.

The next day I was taken by an ambulance to Hwasun Jeonnam University Hospital that specializes



MRI test result before the surgery: malignant brain tumor

in cancer patients. I had to undergo various tests. After a few days, I even had the hair on my head shaved in preparation for surgery. I only came to know about my disease later. It was a terminal malignant brain tumor. That’s why doctors hurried to get me into surgery. Even after the surgery, doctors told me I might have only five or six months left until death, I didn’t remember it and my family concealed it from me.

I also was treated with drugs and radiation treatment. However, I lost my appetite and my strength. It went against all hope and I was getting fatigued over time. I was discharged from the hospital after around 50 days and I had no choice but to take a leave of absence from my work at the school. I spent day after day suffering due to the after-

effects of surgery.

I was greatly moved by *Tasting Eternal Life before Death*

In the late December 2010, a ray of hope shed its light on me. I had a chance to encounter with a woman in the public bath. She said to me, “You look ill.” I talked to her about my disease. She told me, “Believe God the Almighty. For God, taking care of cancer and a cold are the same. If you come to my church, you will be healed.” It was ear-catching.

She was Senior Deaconess Sundeok Hwang who attends Eastern Gwangju Manmin Church. I set foot in the church for the first time on January 2nd, 2011. I received a good impression of the church. I could feel the heart-warming love between the church members.

On the day, I received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee’s testimony book *Tasting Eternal Life before Death*. I was touched by his testimony that he was a person who had been suffering various diseases for seven years and was on the doorstep of death when he met God and received healing. This book allowed for me to have renewed hope for a new life. I thought I could also be healed.

I thoroughly repented of the sermons every week

Dr. Lee’s sermons deeply touched my heart over time. It was sweet like honey dripping from the comb. His messages became my goal.

In particular, I had a qualm of conscience whenever he talked about deeds of love for neighbors as God’s children. My heart was filled with hatred and resentment. I prayed crying and asking God to help me cast away hatred and resentment.

Two weeks after I started to attend the church, Pastor Yeonok Chung visited me and started to give me a 21-day vowed service together with the church workers. I tried hard to act according to what I realized through her messages delivered in

the service. I thoroughly repented that I had hated people and grumbled against them.

Then, strength was given to me and I felt better even after sitting still for a long time. Pastor Chung saw my faith increase and advised me to go to Seoul and receive Dr. Lee’s prayer.

After receiving the prayer I regained good health and happiness

In February 2011, I received Dr. Lee’s prayer with a fluttering heart and afterwards, I got better and my face became brighter. In the past, I could not clean my house and serve visitors in my home. But now I can clean the sanctuaries! While listening to Dr. Lee’s sermons I came to realize that a true Christian life is to resemble the Lord. So, I prayed without ceasing and I tried hard to act according to the Word of God. As resentment and hatred that had filled my heart disappeared, I was eventually able to sleep and eat well.

I was convinced that I had been healed, so I went to the hospital for an MRI test to give glory to God in March of 2012. The test result showed that I had been completely healed and that there was no possibility of reoccurrence of the disease. Hallelujah!

People who have the late stage of malignant brain tumor usually cannot survive for three years even after the surgery. But I am getting healthier day by day. I cannot help but give thanks continuously. Moreover, I got a good score in the Bible Verse Test conducted in my church. I’ve recently gotten scores of 100 % which was unimaginable before.

These days I deliver *Manmin News* with a grateful heart for the grace of the Lord. I hope many people will meet the Lord and enjoy happy lives. I give all thanks and glory to God, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee who has prayed for me and led me to live a true Christian life.



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