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“Your Word Is a Lamp to My Feet and a Light to My Path”

2012 Bible Quiz Contest ‘The Best of the Best’



“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1) Just as recorded, the love for the Word is love for God and a key to receiving blessings both in spirit and body because we can realize God’s will through the Word. ■ Photo 1: Bible Quiz Contest ‘The Best of the Best’ on the special stage of the main sanctuary ■ Photo 2: The winners on the winners’ podium ■ Photo 3: Pop quiz for audience ■ Photo 4: Preparation Committee members and contestants

After Sunday Evening Service on November 11, 2012 the Bible Quiz Contest ‘The Best of the Best’ was held on the special stage of the main sanctuary under the sponsorship of Men’s Mission. It was broadcast live all over the world via satellites and Internet.

To encourage the members to arm themselves with the Word of God, beginning in 2001 through the 12th contest in 2012, Manmin Central Church has conducted the Bible Quiz Contest annually. This year ‘The Best of the Best’ contest was held with the previous winners of the Grand, Gold, and Silver prizes. The contest covered the 937 passages that appeared in the Daily Bible Verse section of the Church Weekly Bulletin from August 2009 to July 2012. There were 20 contestants who participated in it.

In the preliminary contest, there were ten questions used to select ten people for the final contest. There are questions like ‘From among several passages given, write the one that has a meaning that is different from the others’ and ‘Write a passage that comes to mind while you are watching a sermon video or listening to praise.’ In the end, 10 contestants made it to the final rounds. While their scores were collected, a pop quiz was also given to the audience. And then, the 12 questions for the final were given in the form of speed quiz game. In the midst of enthusiastic cheering rendered by the members of the contestants’ parishes, missions, and branch churches, they competed fervently.

Finally, Grand Prize went to Pastor Guemran Hwang (Vice Parish Pastor of Parish 29), Gold Prize

to Deaconess Hyunju Heo (Yeosu Manmin Church), Silver Prize to Deaconess Eunsun Lee (Daejeon Manmin Church), and Bronze Prize to Deaconess Hyunja Byeon (2-2 Canaan Mission).

Pastor Hwang, who received the Grand Prize of honor, said, “For the last 11 years I was able to keep memorizing a verse a day because God blessed me with grace every time I did. I obeyed just to repay the grace I’ve received. In particular, I prepared for this contest with happiness to please Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee and our church members.”

In late 2011, the contestants were notified that the contest would be held. From that time on they kept thinking about the meaning of the verses and meditated on the deep meanings by reading the Bible and listening to sermons related to them. One of the contestants stated, “My prayer and service became renewed while I was memorizing them. I could sense that my faith had increased. Above all, I gained strength to watch over my heart.”

In fact, Senior Pastor Dr. Lee taught the members that they can demolish fleshly thoughts and hear the clearer voice of the Holy Spirit to the extent that they are well armed with the Word. He has emphasized that it is Christian basics to read the Bible and memorize its passages. Furthermore, Christians should contemplate on them and ‘cultivate’ their heart with the Word. The 13th Bible Quiz Contest is scheduled to be held in September 2013.

Why don't you try it?

[Question 1 for the Preliminary]

This is multiple choice: from among the four choices, which one has a meaning different from the others or puts an emphasis on something different? Choose one and write the number.

- 1) Proverbs 15:1
- 2) Proverbs 10:11
- 3) Proverbs 16:32
- 4) Proverbs 15:4

[Question 10 for the Final]

I will give you four passages. Add all the numbers recorded in the passages. What is the sum of the numbers?

- 1) Acts 20:31
- 2) Deuteronomy 5:10
- 3) Psalm 90:10
- 4) Mark 10:30

[Pop Quiz 2 for Audience]

Among the seven churches written about in Revelation, which church was reprimanded by the Lord because it was lukewarm, neither cold nor hot?

- 1) Church in Ephesus
- 2) Church in Laodicea
- 3) Church in Sardis
- 4) Church in Smyrna

Love Rejoices with the Truth

“[Love] does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth.” (1 Corinthians 13:6)

If we love God, we don't act in unrighteousness, but in truth. Moreover, we rejoice with the truth. Love is an active expression of rejoicing with the truth.

John 14:6 reads, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’” Just as spoken in the verse, the truth refers to Jesus Christ, and the truth is the gospel and the Word of God written in the 66 books of the Bible.

If we love God and receive love from Him, we can't help but rejoice with Jesus Christ and with the work of the gospel in which God's kingdom is extended. Then, what does it specifically refer to when it says that we rejoice with the truth?

1. To rejoice with the truth

1) It is to rejoice with the 'gospel'

'Gospel' is 'good news', it is the good news that we are saved through Jesus Christ and we will go to the heavenly kingdom. Throughout the ages and all countries, many people seek the truth. 'What is the purpose of life? What is valuable life?' To get the answers to these questions, they study ideas and philosophy, or they try to get the answers through religion. But no one can gain the truth and enter Heaven but through Jesus Christ who is the truth.

We've heard this gospel, accepted Jesus Christ, received salvation, and gained eternal life. Once we've been forgiven of our sins through the blood of the Lord and our future is moved from Hell to Heaven, we then can understand the meaning of life and live a valuable life. Therefore, it is something obvious that we can rejoice over with the gospel.

Those who rejoice with the gospel will diligently deliver it to others as well. They will fulfill their God-given duties and work faithfully to spread the gospel. 1 Timothy 2:4 says, “[God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” Because you know this will of God, you rejoice when people hear the gospel and saved souls are increasing in number by accepting the Lord.

But some people are jealous of others when they evangelize many people and bear great fruit. Some churches are envious of other churches when other churches are growing and giving glory to God. This is not 'to rejoice with the truth.'

If we have spiritual love in our hearts, then we will rejoice when we see the kingdom of God is being accomplished greatly. Also, we rejoice with somebody who is more faithful and bears more fruits than we as if it were our own fruit. We will rejoice together when we see a church that is growing and loved by God. This is the heart of rejoicing with the gospel, which comes from spiritual love.

2) It means to rejoice with everything that belongs to the truth

It is to rejoice with seeing, hearing, and doing the things that belong to the truth, such as goodness, love, and justice. Those who rejoice with the truth are



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

touched even by small deeds of goodness. Moreover, because all the Word of God is truth, they confess that it is sweeter than honey. So, they enjoy listening to the sermons and reading the Bible all the time. Furthermore, they rejoice in practicing the Word of God.

For example, the Word of God says, 'Serve, understand and forgive,' and they joyfully obey the Word. Those who obey these words dislike hating, being envious and jealous, and judging and condemning others so much. So, those who rejoice with the truth will rejoice when other people are well-off. They are not jealous. It is unimaginable for them to think evil things such as, 'something should go wrong with that person,' or to rejoice because of the unhappiness of other people.

When they see something unrighteous happen, they mourn because of it. Also, those who rejoice with the truth love the heart that belongs to goodness such as unchanging hearts, truthfulness, and integrity. They rejoice with good words and good deeds.

Seeing these children, God will exult over them with joy just as said in Zephaniah 3:17 saying, “The LORD your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.”

Is there anybody who is disheartened thinking that you don't really rejoice with the truth fully? You can check yourself, but you don't have to lose heart or be disappointed. If you try your best, the God of love considers even that effort as rejoicing with the truth.

3) It indicates to believe the Word of God and try to practice it

It's a rarity to find a person who can rejoice with only the truth from the beginning. As long as we have darkness and untruth in us, we may think of evil things or we may rejoice with unrighteousness, too. Only when we change over time through the Word and prayer and cast off all the untruthful heart, can we rejoice with the truth completely. Until then, we have to try hard.

For example, not all Christians feel, 'Oh, I am so happy to attend worship service.' In case of new-believers or those with weak faith, they may feel tired, or their hearts may be somewhere else. But the deed of coming to the sanctuary and attending the worship service is the effort of trying to obey the Word of God. It is also to rejoice with the truth. Why do they try this way? It is to receive salvation and go to Heaven.

We heard the word of the truth and we believe in God, we believe that there is judgment, and also that Heaven and Hell both exist. We also know that the rewards given to each one in Heaven is different. That is why we try more diligently to become sanctified and work faithfully in all God's house. Though you may not rejoice with the truth 100% yet, if you try your best in your measure of faith, it is to rejoice with the truth.

2. Blessing is given when we hunger and thirst for the truth

God's children don't rejoice in unrighteousness, but they rejoice with the truth. This is because only the truth has the amazing power to renew all things of us and make them beautiful.

To the extent that we listen to the gospel, that is the truth, and live according to it, we can be changed more perfectly into God's children. Our faces will shine with joy because we are filled with hope for Heaven and spiritual love. The more we are changed by the truth, the more love we will receive from God and other people. So our lives will become full of happiness.

We should rejoice with the truth. Furthermore, we should have a hunger and thirst for the truth. If you hunger and thirst physically, you will earnestly desire food and drink. When we long for the truth, we have to long for it this way, too, so that we can quickly change into people of truth. We have to live lives of always 'eating and drinking' the truth.

'To eat and drink the truth' is to keep the Word of God in our hearts and practice it. The Word of God, which is the truth, presents keys to solving difficult problems in our lives, secrets of blessing, and the way of salvation and eternal life. So, when we practice it, blessings follow us.

Dear brothers and sisters, if you really love God it will show outside. That is, if we just see and hear something about the truth, we will be glad and happy. So, people will say to us, “You look so happy.” We will shed tears of thanks just thinking of God and the Lord and be touched just by little deeds of goodness and shed tears.

The tears that belong to goodness, such as the tears of thanks and tears of mourning for other souls will become beautiful jewels later to decorate each one's house in Heaven. I pray in the name of the Lord that by your rejoicing with the truth, evidences showing that you are loved by God will overflow in your lives.

The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus

- Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
 5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles' Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
- “[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”(Acts 17:25)
 “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”(Acts 4:12)

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The Love of God Who Desires All Men to be Saved

God set a plan in place for human cultivation to gain true children who can share love with Him and has accomplished His providence. Through His men, God has taught people that He is alive and they need to live by the Word of God. Furthermore, He sent His only begotten Son to men to resolve the problem of sin and fulfilled the providence of the cross.

Also, God sent the Holy Spirit to men who are living in this sinful world so that they can achieve a victory with faith. By this, He demonstrates His love. And He knows very well what men need and provides them with it at the right time, which adds to fullness.

In the commemoration of the Feast of Thanksgiving, I hope you will engrave deeply on your hearts the great love of God who wants all men to be saved as written in 1 Timothy 2:4 and to glorify God as a believer like wheat.

God's touch of love leading His beloved children to the heavenly kingdom

“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (John 3:17-18)

Just because you profess your faith with your lips saying, “I believe,” it doesn’t necessarily mean you have been saved. If you truly believe, you need to show the proofs of your profession in your life. Dead faith, namely, faith with no works, doesn’t lead to salvation (James 2:17). ‘How well we act according to the Lord’s Word’ is the proof of faith which serves as the yardstick for

salvation. Depending on it, there are wheat-like and chaff-like believers divided. So, God always guides His beloved children to discover themselves and be changed, and leads them to the truth by the Holy Spirit.

For them to cast off sins and to let their hearts resemble the Lord’s, He sometimes allows for judgment through the flesh. We should be aware that the judgment through the Holy Spirit, the truth, and the flesh in our lives are all God’s touch of love so that we will be sentenced not to Hell but to beautiful Heaven in the Great Judgment of White Throne.

What does it mean ‘to be judged by the Holy Spirit’?

“Feeling wretched and distressed when men go outside of the truth”

John 16:8 reads, “And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.” When we accept Jesus as our personal Savior, we are given the Holy Spirit as a gift. The Spirit teaches us about sin, righteousness, and judgment while we are listening to the Word of God. Through the Word of God, who is the Light, He lets us discover evil in our hearts.

If we cast away evil that was discovered by the help of the Holy Spirit and dwell in the Word of God, we can always live in fullness of the Holy Spirit. On the contrary, if we don’t cast off the evil and we live in sin, though we know it is sin, we will feel

wretched and distressed. We will have such feelings because in our hearts there is a war between the ‘two desires’—the desire to follow the truth and the desire to follow the untruth.

In other words, the feeling of distress that comes when men live outside of the truth results from judgment of the Holy Spirit. Even though men feel that way, if they don’t cast away the evil and they just continue to live in darkness, sin, and evil, the Spirit in them will be quenched in the end (Ref: 1 Thessalonians 5:19). Therefore, if we feel distressed by the judgment, we need to repent quickly and turn away from the sin and recover the fullness of the Spirit.

What is it to be judged by the truth?

“Things going well or going wrong, blessing or affliction, depending on whether men practice the truth”

John 14:6 reads, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’” Not everyone acts in the truth even if he or she realizes the truth. Of course, there might be someone who practices the truth 100% from the beginning, but most people can’t.

When we live within of the Word of God, which is the truth, we can be under the protection and guidance of God and enjoy the blessing of prosperity. Additionally, we can receive the

blessings of good health and financial success. However, when we don’t live in the truth, financial predicament, ailment, or troubles come to our family, workplace, or business due to Satan’s accusation.

As explained, depending on how much we practice what we realized by listening to the truth, things go well or wrong, or blessing or hardship come. This is the judgment through the truth.

What is the judgment through the flesh?

“In the case where the judgment through the truth results in evident fruit”

When we don’t live in the truth though we listen to and realize it, many problems may come such as a discord in family or physical diseases. Or, business may be faced with difficulties or damaged financially. In this way, the judgment by the truth results in an evident fruit, which is the judgment of the flesh.

If you don’t repent and turn away when the Holy Spirit judges you, you can’t help but be faced with the judgment through the truth. If you don’t repent even amid the judgment, the next is the judgment of the flesh. Through all this procedure, each one’s level of faith is revealed. And we can discern between ‘wheat’ and ‘chaff’. In the Great Judgment of White Throne, the final judgment is sentenced between Heaven and Hell, namely, eternal life and eternal death.

If you despise the voice of the Holy Spirit, refuse to dwell in the truth, and follow the desire of the flesh continually, then you will have no other choice but to suffer from the last judgment of fire. That is the Seven-year Great Tribulation and the fire of Hell that is unquenched forever. Thus, if the Spirit in you laments, you should realize it quickly and repent and turn away. Even if you are under the judgment of the flesh, if you repent and turn away, you can avoid the judgment of everlasting fire.

The God of love helps us dwell in the truth through Jesus Christ and the Helper the Holy Spirit so that all men can reach salvation. With His long-cherished desire to gain His true children who can share love forever, God has believed, hoped, and endured all things.



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‘Healing of Depression and Many Diseases, It Made Me Exhilarated’



Deaconess Soonhee Son and her family (2-19 Parish)

One day in December 2011, all of a sudden I started having a choking sensation and the symptoms continued. I sometimes felt pain on the solar plexus. The medical test showed that I had reflux esophagitis. I started to eat liquid food and take medication, but they didn't work. I couldn't eat properly, so day by day I lost more weight. In August, 2012, I came to know I had lost 10kg (around 22lb) and I became lethargic. When I even lost my appetite, fear was growing in me.

Would I die this way? I thought. I attended church, but I didn't think that I lived by the Word of God. So I couldn't shake off my anxiety. Afterwards, negative thoughts kept arising in me.

I even felt lonely and unhappy about my marriage because my husband was often away because of his work. I thought about divorce. Negative thoughts came to me continually when I was alone and one negative thought was followed by another negative thought. I felt so extremely nervous that my whole body was shaking.

My husband noticed my unusual condition and he was in surprise. And every morning, he put everything aside and drove me to Manmin Prayer Center's meeting. I listened to the message and repented. "God! I didn't lead a proper Christian life. Spare my life, please! I can't just go like this and leave my child behind. I want to give glory to God by being healed."

But the answer didn't come right away. In early September 2012, I was diagnosed with depression that accompanied anxiety disorder. At last, I began to look back upon myself thoroughly and realized that my past Christian life was wrong.

I had hated people around me, and slandered, judged, and condemned others. I had not worshiped in spirit and truth, and I had skipped prayer meetings to watch dramas on TV. These things flashed through my mind. I thoroughly repented for a whole week, shedding tears with a runny nose.

Then, when he came from his mountain prayer house, I received Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer three times in total. On September 21, 2012, before Friday All-night Service, I received his prayer for the sick from the altar together with many members. After the prayer, I was free from the anxiety disorder to some degree and I ate better than before.

On September 28, Dr. Lee advised me, "You must not see, hear, and speak what you must not see, hear, and speak." And he prayed for me for the second time. I engraved his word in my heart once again, and then the fear and anxiety disappeared completely. On October 7, I received his prayer for the third time. Then, peace and joy came down to me from above. I became exhilarated! Hallelujah!

I was also healed of reflux esophagitis and gained weight. Additionally, I was healed of pollakisuria, herniated lumbar disc, phlegm, menstrual pain, and headache. Also, I had had blood-shot eyes when I was tired or ate chicken. But this symptom was also gone. What is more grateful is that my husband came back to church after an 11-year hiatus.

These days, I have a positive way of thinking and thoughts of goodness, so I am very happy. With my thankful heart, I have spread *Manmin News* diligently. I give all thanks and glory to God who renewed me and answered me.

I am a pediatrician who graduated from Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, Tamil Nadu in India. In 2005, I happened to participate in the 2nd International Christian Medical Conference of WCDN (World Christian Doctors Network) held in Chennai in India. WCDN is an organization of Christian doctors throughout the world who spread the gospel by giving divine healing case presentations.

In 1988, 24 years ago, I was healed of breast cancer by the power of God, so I was sure about God the Healer (Exodus 15:26). To me, with such an experience, WCDN's ministry sounded very interesting. In particular, the cases of people who were healed by the power of God through Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer amazed me a lot.

‘Manmin Central Church, an Exemplary Church Where God's Love and Power Abound’



Left, Dr. Dorothy Samuel and right, her husband Mr. D.J. Samuel

In the Conference in India, I came to know Pastor Joseph J. Han of Chennai Manmin Church and since then I have been provided with *Manmin News* in English and Tamil on a regular basis. I received a lot of grace through them. Meantime, in August 2012, I came to hear the news about Manmin Central Church's 30th Anniversary Celebration Events. My husband and I decided to visit the church in Korea and we also wanted to receive Dr. Lee's prayer for my daughter-in-law who had suffered from leukemia since 2011.

Before we departed, Pastor Joseph Han gave me Dr. Lee's autobiography *My Life My Faith I & II*. He asked us to read them before we left for Korea. Reading the books, my husband and I were greatly touched by the life of Dr. Jaerock Lee who asked God for everything in his life, absolutely relied on Him, and obeyed Him. I was convinced that he is a man of God.

On October 2, 2012, we arrived at Korea and Manmin members warmly welcomed us. We enjoyed our visit in happiness. A few days later, we met Dr. Lee in person. He was very humble and sincere, so I could feel God's love through him. He prayed for my daughter-in-law earnestly. Afterwards, we heard that her condition was improved. And Dr. Lee's messages in worship services were very clear and powerful, which touched me.

God works for a sincere leader who reveres Him. It is Manmin Central Church that received the blessing of the leader. Dr. Lee performed his church ministry with God's wisdom and in the Holy Spirit's guidance. Furthermore, the members had one heart and one will with the shepherd.

In this visit, I clearly realized how blessed a life of obedience to God's Word is. I pray that Manmin Central Church, which is an exemplary church for all churches in the world, will accomplish the world mission all the more greatly.