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GCN TV in 2013 NRB Convention & Exposition



GCN TV programming contains the intense love of God who desires all men to be saved. GCN TV's booth in NRB Exposition and NRB President Dr. Frank Wright (Right)

As a broadcaster spreading the power of God and Jesus Christ's love in around 170 countries, GCN TV took part in the 70th NRB (National Religious Broadcasters) Convention & Exposition which is the world's largest annual gathering of Christian communicators. This event was conducted in the Gaylord Opryland Hotel & Convention Center in Opryland, Nashville, United States from March 2nd to the 5th, 2013.

The NRB President, Dr. Frank Wright, spoke about the spiritual 'recession' in Christianity in the United States and the growing restrictions on religious freedom, putting an emphasis on Christian broadcasters' cooperation during the opening general session of the NRB Convention on March 2, 2013.

Pastor Raul Ries and Dr. Tony Evans talked about the importance of sanctification and practicing the Word of God in real lives.

In its booth, GCN TV (www.gcntv.org) displayed Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons produced with HD technology, 3D video presentation entitled "Heaven", Manmin Central Church's 30th Anniversary Celebration Performance, and Easter Performance. Dr. Lee's books and Muan Sweet Water of power attracted a lot of attention from visitors. With an intense interest, many broadcasters and guests flowed in and out of the booth. Muan Sweet Water here refers to the water of power that was changed into drinkable sweet water from salty water by the prayer of Dr. Jaerock Lee and through which healing works have been manifested.

A point in particular, the NRB leadership extended their gratitude to Dr. Jaerock Lee, and Manmin members for their active participation and cooperation.

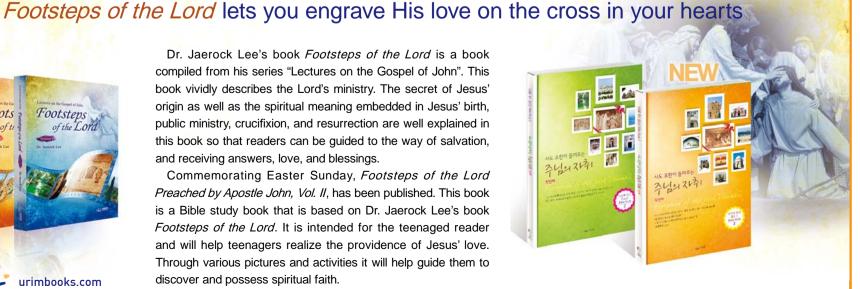
Through this event GCN TV signed broadcasting cooperation agreements with eight broadcasters including Life Zone TV in New York, Yahweh TV, and Radio Vision in U.S. and Credo TV, Romania. Dr. Slobodan Krstevski of Shining Light Ministries that has zeroed in on the Balkan Peninsula discussed the ministry of Eastern Europe and the missionary effort in their neighborhoods and local areas.

GCN TV workers on the mission trip said, "It feels really great to get to deliver the word of life more effectively to more people anywhere anytime through mobile tech-gadgets such as smart phones."

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Dr. Jaerock Lee's book Footsteps of the Lord is a book compiled from his series "Lectures on the Gospel of John". This book vividly describes the Lord's ministry. The secret of Jesus' origin as well as the spiritual meaning embedded in Jesus' birth, public ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection are well explained in this book so that readers can be guided to the way of salvation, and receiving answers, love, and blessings.

Commemorating Easter Sunday, Footsteps of the Lord Preached by Apostle John, Vol. II, has been published. This book is a Bible study book that is based on Dr. Jaerock Lee's book Footsteps of the Lord. It is intended for the teenaged reader and will help teenagers realize the providence of Jesus' love. Through various pictures and activities it will help guide them to discover and possess spiritual faith.



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Goodness (6)

Goodness of Daniel's three friends

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if He does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up" (Daniel 3:17-18).

On the succession of Solomon's son, Rehoboam, the united kingdom of Israel split into two kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. Over time the two countries left God and worshipped idols. It aroused God's furor. As a result, Northern Israel fell due to invasion of Assyria, and Judah in South was also attacked by Babylon three times.

When the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, invaded the kingdom of Judah in 605 B.C., some of its leaders were taken as captives to Babylon; there were Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego.

Although they were captives of Babylon, they didn't forsake their faith in God but they exalted and glorified God instead with God-pleasing goodness. What was their goodness like?

1. They thoroughly hated what God hates

The king of Babylon tried to integrate the people of Israel into the society when they were first taken as captives. The king brought in some of the Jews from the royal family and the nobility, namely some young men showing aptitude for every kind of learning, wellinformed, and quick to understand. He assigned them a daily amount of food and wine from the king's table for three years. Among those selected were Daniel and his three friends. At that time it was a great joy and honor to be chosen as one of those men but they had one thing to worry about.

They were afraid that on the king's table there would be some food that had been offered to idols or meat that had been regarded detestable before God. In Old Testament times the deeds of observing the law were very important. So, when they are food that had been offered to idols or detestable meats, it was deemed a sin before God.

Daniel and his friends asked the chief of court officials to permit them to eat vegetables instead of the food assigned by the king. They proposed that the chief of court officials should let them eat vegetables and then compare them with other young men who would eat the food assigned to them from the king. After he agreed to this, he tested them for ten days and found 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 royal food and wine.

God the Father gave them wisdom and blessing because they feared God and kept themselves according to His commands. God made them outstanding people as said in Daniel 1:17, "To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds."

As a result, Daniel and his three friends were chosen to serve the king and they were also recognized by the king. Daniel 1:20 reads, "As for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found [Daniel and his three friends] ten times better



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

than all the magicians and conjurers who were in all his realm." God allowed them to be not twice, but ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers.

If you were in their shoes, namely, if you had been taken as a captive but you were treated well, could you refuse to be served with the royal food from the king's table? It was not permitted or acceptable. Captives could not choose what they wanted, and it was difficult for them to reject the food assigned by the king just because it was not to their liking. However, Daniel and his three friends knew the food was not acceptable to God and did not compromise even though it seemed an inevitable situation. They fully detested what God deems detestable because they feared Him from the depth of their hearts. Moreover, they unchangingly wanted nothing to do with being defiled by the detestable food offered to idols, even as the time went by and they rose in position.

They were surrounded by a Gentile culture that had nothing to do with God and which sought only worldly pleasure and idol-worshipping that prevailed in the kingdom. Nonetheless, Daniel and his three friends sought after and obeyed the will of God with upright and unchanging hearts, so they were deemed pure in God's

I ask you to realize and resemble the goodness of the inner hearts of Daniel and his three friends who gave up good treatment, even as captives, and chose to eat vegetables. I hope that by doing so you will receive the wisdom of goodness that God gives to you.

2. They did not surrender before the lifethreatening command to keep faith

The three friends were commanded to fall down and bow before an image of gold that the king of Babylon set up. If they did not fall down in homage before it, they would be thrown into a burning furnace. They did not surrender before the life-threatening command but

At that time their king became very furious and asked them "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up?" He said he would give them another chance to bow before it. He also threatened them saying, "Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?" He tried to win their will and exercise power over them with threats and concession. But they flatly answered, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter." They showed their firm willpower not to bow down before and worship an idol despite the threat of being led to death by being thrown into a blazing furnace.

So they courageously confessed, "If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king." They obviously and clearly proclaimed the almighty God to the king.

When they did not compromise at all despite the threats to their lives and maintained their trust in God, God considered it good. Their confession that would be deemed better is shown in the Bible. "But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Even if God did not, that is to say, even if God would not save them from the blazing furnace, they still firmly confessed they would not worship idols. They did not confess it because they were not confident that God would save them. They believed God would be able to save them, but they confessed in their deep goodness that even if He would not save them, their trust in and love for God was and would remain steadfast.

That was because they fully trusted God who is the Master of their souls and could commit everything to God. It never mattered to them to die or live, but they were happy with the fact that they would follow the will of God.

They did not mean for God to reward them to the extent that they were expressing for Him. In the same way, when we meet with trials after we have done our God-given duties, if we do not complain or feel burdensome before life-threatening situations, God will deem our heart good.

God could control the king's heart lest he should command his soldiers to throw the three men into the furnace. But actually God allowed them to be thrown into it. He knew in advance that even if he did it, they would show the proof of their faith in their goodness. God the Father confirmed their faith with irrefutable proof, and blessed them as much, and then revealed His glory more greatly.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, although you face unexpected difficulties and afflictions, I urge you to try to be happy with the fact that you have sowed and acted with the faith in God and unchangingly thankful to God. I hope you will hate what God hates thoroughly without compromising even before the threat of taking your life. By doing so, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will receive great and amazing blessing from God.

The Confession of Faith

- 1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that
- 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
- 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 Anostles 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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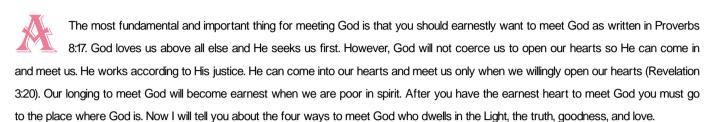
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I want to meet the living God



I want to meet my good Father God as His child all the time and experience Him. What should I do to meet the living God?







You can meet God by obeying His Word

The 66 books of the Bible tell us who God is and what His will is for mankind. It especially tells us about how much God loves us. Through the Bible, we come to understand these things, and to that same extent our faith in God grows up. The reason why you come to the church and learn the Word of God is to meet God through the Word.

As said in 2 Timothy 3:16, "All Scripture is inspired by God," the Bible was written by the inspiration of the Holy

Spirit. So, we should understand the true meaning with the help of the Holy Spirit. Then, the Word will be living and active being able to pierce into the division of our soul, spirit, and even the joints and marrow as written in Hebrews 4:12.

As we obey the Word of God telling us to do, not do, keep, or cast away certain things, various life problems will be resolved, and blessings come upon us.





You can meet God by crying out in prayer with earnest

If we earnestly pray to God in the name of Jesus Christ, we will be inspired by the Holy Spirit, and we will understand the heart and will of God contained in the Word. Also, we will be given the power to follow the Word of God.

Prayer is not a monologue. It is a conversation with God. When His children pray, God hears them and touches their hearts or gives them realization and understanding. This way we can communicate with God the Father. Namely, we can have personal fellowship with God. Moreover, if we pray according to the will of God, He will answer us in accordance with the law of justice. Through these occasions, we can certainly meet and experience God.

We know what the blind man Bartimaeus did to meet Jesus

by reading Mark 10:46-52. He received answer from Jesus by earnestly seeking Jesus with a loud voice. When other people rebuked him to be quiet, he raised his voice even more. It was because his desperation was so great. In the end, he met Jesus and his eyes opened as he wanted.

Many prophets such as Elijah and Peter also cried out in their prayers. Jesus also prayed with all His strength and His sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. If you cry out with such an earnest heart when you pray, you cannot have any idle thoughts or drowsiness. Thus, when you pray, I hope you will pray with all your heart and cry out with the determination that you will certainly meet God (Jeremiah 33:3).



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You can meet God by praising with your heart

When His children lift Him up with beautiful praises, God's heart, eyes, and ears are set towards His children. This is the reason why we are filled with joy and emotions when we sing praises.

In the Bible, we can see that the fathers of faith also offered God praises from time to time. One of the most significant of these figures is David. David enjoyed singing praises when he was tending the flock alone or when he was offering sacrifices to God as the king.

God loved David and was with him all the time in the praises.

The praise sung by David also contained the power of light. When David played the harp, the evil spirits that were afflicting Saul went away as described in 1 Samuel 16:23. In 2 Kings 3, Elisha was moved by God and received God's Word when the minstrel played. When we praise God's goodness, love, and power this way, He accepts our praise with joy and shows His abounding love back to us.





You can meet God by worshiping in spirit and truth

The forefathers of faith beginning with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Old Testament times communicated with God through sacrifices. King Solomon met and experienced God of wisdom from whom all blessings flow, by giving one thousand sacrifices. Those sacrifices are equivalent to the worship services in the New Testament era.

In John 4:24, Jesus says, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." Simply stated, worshipping in spirit refers to a worship making the Word of God 'bread of life' in our hearts in the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. And, that in truth refers to a worship

offered with a right understanding on God, with all our body, hearts, will, and dedication, and with love for God, and with joy, thanks, prayer, praise, deeds, and offerings.

Grace will come upon us from above when we worship with all our heart in spirit and truth. We will be overflowing with hope for Heaven, peace, and joy. This is the evidence that you have met God who is the source of life and peace. If we keep this kind of grace well in our lives, we can always feel God who is with us all the time. We can meet God every day.

After giving birth to my first child, I spent days in agony due to post-natal depression, heart disease, low weight, and severely low blood pressure. Additionally, I married my husband who had

been born into Buddhist family, so I stopped going to church although I had attended church since early childhood.

My mother-in-law often took sorcerers and had them perform exorcisms whenever something bad happened, even when my children caught a cold. However, I had a desire to go to church again someday, so I didn't join her when she went to the Buddhist temple and she prepared the exorcism.

When I was a middle school student, my nose had got a crook in it while playing with friends. Since then, I had got sinus infections and rhinitis. In March, 1993, I ended up having an operation. The aftereffects of the operation followed me; I found it hard for me to breathe and I had earaches. It caused me to have difficulty sleeping. To make matters worse, I heard that my father had been diagnosed with the final stage of liver cancer. He became 'poor in spirit' and came to church. In June, 1993, he earnestly asked me to pray for him in church.

I was healed of all kinds of diseases and achieved family evangelism

In July, 1993, Senior Deaconess Sookhyun Kah of Miryang Manmin Church, who was a regular customer for my home fashion store, came to the store. Right then, she told me to go to her church and gave me Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermon tapes entitled "Sin, Righteousness, and Judgment". This served as a chance for me to attend Miryang Manmin Church and I started to listen to sermon tapes.

The messages in the sermons brought big changes in my life. It was very touching to hear about Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's testimony about meeting the living God. He had suffered many diseases for seven years. I learned that diseases, trials, and afflictions come when we don't live by the Word of God, and when we live according to the Word of God we can enjoy good health and blessings. After one of his sermons, his prayer for the sick

my mother-in-law to my father-in-law. My mother-in-law received the blessing of her back being straightened out and my father-in-law was healed of arthritis.

I experienced the hands of power with a desire to become a good and faithful worker

With a thankful heart for the love of God, I diligently performed my Godgiven duties as a leader of Beautification Department and Evangelization Department and as a district leader. But at some point, I realized that I had neglected accomplishing the heart of the Lord, that is, I neglected the circumcision of the heart which is the most important thing.

On December 12, 2012, I fell from a ladder while decorating the church for Christmas. My CT scan revealed that my nasal bone was fractured and twisted, and the middle of my nose collapsed so I had to get operation. But I had faith that I would be healed by the prayer of Dr. Lee so I didn't have the operation.

At the right time, Pastor Taekyu Moon of Miryang Manmin Church went to Manmin Central Church in Seoul to attend its Friday All-night Service. Then, he received Dr. Lee's prayer for me, recorded it on his

mobile phone and gave it to me.

Hearing Dr. Lee's voice and his detailed prayer, I burst out into tears. For a brief moment I felt like I was shocked by electricity and I was healed. The swelling also subsided. The broken part, that had been crooked and protruded, became normal after I received Dr. Lee's prayer of blessings in the 2013 New Year's Service. Now the people around me say that my nose has become more beautiful and prominent.

In this accident, I repented that I had complained about other workers who didn't seem to be faithful while I thought that I was. I also realized deeply that God wants us to fulfill our duties resembling the Lord. I give all thanks and glory to God who has guided me to the way of blessing through the experience of power in God's delicate love.

"I experienced the power of God listening to sermon tapes"

Senior Deaconess Soonsun Choi (Miryang Manmin Church, South Korea)



was coming out from the tape. I received the prayer and I thoroughly repented that I had dwelled in sins. At the moment, the fire of the Spirit came upon me and I became hot from head to toe. At the same time, a cool breeze was coming into my nose and the symptoms of difficulty in breathing and earaches disappeared. Not long after I was healed of heart disease, depression, insomnia, and low blood pressure. Hallelujah!

I came to lead a happy Christian life after meeting the living God. But my parents-in-law felt displeased with me. I could understand their hearts so I served them wholeheartedly with a smile. I not only worked diligently in my store but also did my chores very well.

God accepted such deeds of mine and blessed my family to be evangelized, from my husband,

God protected me in a big traffic accident

■ Elder Yongcheol Kim (2-16-1 Parish)



Around at 10:50 A.M. on February 18, 2013, I was waiting in my car for the traffic light to change to make U-turn at the intersection in the entrance of Shindaebang Underpass in Cheonan, Chungnam Province.

At the moment, a lorry (truck) whose driver seemed to doze off was suddenly running at a high speed and crashed to the car, a SantaFe, right in front of me. Then, it was about to run into my car, a Carens. It all happened in just a moment, so I just cried out, "Father God!" and put my head down.

The lorry rushed forward and hit my car,

"Bang!" and pieces of broken glass flew into my car. I tried to get out of the car but the doors for the front seats didn't work. My co-worker and I got out through the doors of the back seats.

The window of the driver's seat was broken and the half of the door was torn out. The car body was broken so the front wheel collapsed. The back doors were like crushed paper. But to everyone's surprise, my co-worker and I didn't have anything wrong according to the result of the check-up in hospital.

Through this incident, I repented that I



hadn't given thanks in my Christian life. I give thanks to God who protected me in a huge car accident and let me have a true Christian life. Hallelujah!



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