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All thanks and glory be to our resurrected Lord



Commemorating Easter Sunday which is one of the three most important of Christian feasts, Manmin Central Church had the Easter Sunday Service and celebrated Holy Communion (Photos 1, 2). Members gave thanks and glory to the Lord together with overseas pastors and believers who came and shared joy of eternal life and hope for resurrection (Photos 3, 4).

The deeper the church members' love for the Lord becomes, the more greatly their joy and thanks are added. On March 31, 2013, Holy Communion was held during the Easter Sunday Evening Service. The service was also attended by the members of the approximately 10,000 branch and associate churches via GCN TV (www.gcntv.org), which made Easter more meaningful.

Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee preached the message entitled "Grace Given to Us". Prior to Holy Communion, he gave the intercessory prayer of power to issue forth the original voice and drive away all forces of darkness. Through the prayer, all church members as well as pastors, missionaries, and Levite workers came to ride on more rapid spiritual flow.

Special guests from Germany, U.K., Russia, Peru, Japan, and China attended the service. Pastors Rapael Lonji Yanga and Mudidi Mungudia Kabangu from Germany stated together that they visited the church to witness the powerful works manifested through Dr. Lee and spread the holiness gospel in Europe including Germany. They added that Dr. Lee's ministry has showed the best example of Christian churches in this generation.

Pastor Yanga, who had attended Dr. Jaerock Lee's 2004 Germany United Crusade, went on to say that many people described the crusade as that of

a blessing God gave to Germans and through the crusade believers increased faith and churches became strengthened.

Pastor Kabangu watched the Easter Performance and also made comments on it. He said, "It was wonderful. It realistically showed the suffering of Jesus who took the sins of mankind. My heart ached so much seeing the scene where Jesus was scourged." On March 31, 2013, they received Dr. Lee's prayer for their ministry.

Missionary Jane Mpologoma Nabanakulya from the U.K. said that her church members had experienced the power of God and tried hard to be changed through prayer and fasting. She said that she was moved by the Easter Performance that delivers the biblical scenes

vividly where soldiers divided Jesus' outer garment into four parts and women followed Jesus weeping. She added she could see how Jesus was crucified.

Maurine Lasfolk from Sweden paid a visit to Manmin Central Church with her children, and Yulia Gorelova who is a member of London Manmin Church in U.K. also came. They also experienced spiritual blessing given to Manmin on Easter Sunday and gave glory to God. Additionally, Missionary Wong Ping Ping, former producer and MC of Far East Radio Broadcasting and Deaconess Wei Iran, who had been healed of depression by Dr. Lee's transcending-space-and-time prayer, had a happy Easter Sunday during their visit to Manmin Central Church.

Couples and Young Adults' Retreat Hosted by Crystal Forum, Israel

Couples and Young Adults' Retreat was conducted by Crystal Forum (Israeli Pastors' Association) in Nahariya, Northern Israel from March 17 to 19, 2013. It was attended by around 300 people. The attendees praised Jesus Christ, prayed for the Israeli evangelization, and gained spiritual fullness in fellowship of love.



Goodness (9)

Apostle Paul's Goodness (1)

“For I am the least of the apostles... His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me” (1 Corinthians 15:9-10).

Apostle Paul, the greatest apostle of the New Testament times, was a Hebrew of Hebrews and a Pharisee who knew the Law inside out. He was a devout Jew who was educated under Gamaliel who was one of the greatest teachers in all the annals of Judaism, and he was zealous toward God. He was advancing in persecuting believers in Jesus Christ and imprisoning them. When the blood of Deacon Stephen was being shed, he was there at the scene even approving and watching over the cloaks of those who were stoning him.

But after he met the Lord on the way to Damascus he spread the gospel to countless people and established many churches. He became a great apostle for Gentiles and laid the foundation for world mission. He achieved the highest level of goodness of being able to give one's life even for enemies and he glorified God greatly by performing powerful works. Then, what kind of goodness did Apostle Paul have?

1. Once he realized what was right he was steadfast

Paul was a man of deep conviction and insistent on his own righteousness. He enjoyed domination over others with his knowledge and self-righteousness in discourse. His righteousness couldn't accept the teaching that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior. He could neither accept it nor let it pass by him at all. He took a lead in pursuing, arresting, and imprisoning those who believed in Jesus.

However, Father God knew in advance that Paul was not only to be so persistent in his own righteousness but also that he was steadfast in what he once realized right. When the proper time came, God the Father let him experience His grace. While on the way to Damascus to arrest believers in Jesus Christ, God let him meet our Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's name used to be Saul. So, when Jesus appeared in a bright light to Saul on the way to Damascus, Jesus said to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?... I am Jesus the Nazarene, whom you are persecuting.” For three days after the encounter, Paul was blind. He also did not eat or drink anything. When he met Ananias, Paul came to know God's will. He heard that the Jesus he had persecuted until then had chosen him to carry His name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel.

Paul realized the truth and completely changed. Some believers doubted whether Paul's conversion was true or not and they were very leery of him, but Paul did not shrink back. Acts 9:22 says, “But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Jesus is the Christ.” Again, Paul did not persecute Christians in Damascus, but he baffled them and proved to the Jews living in Damascus that Jesus is the Christ.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

2. He was steadfastly thankful for the Lord's grace and his thanks never cooled down

When he realized the Lord Jesus' great love in completely sacrificing Himself to save sinners, Paul came to consider himself to be the worst of sinners. He gave deep thanks for the grace of the Lord who had forgiven all his sins and transgressions, saved him, and also gave him his precious duty.

His gratitude was steadfast in any circumstance. The greater the persecutions and difficulties were, the deeper his confession of gratitude to the Lord was. The pains he suffered while preaching the gospel are found in 2 Corinthians 11:23-27.

“...in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.”

Yet despite all these persecutions, he unchangingly confessed the greater thanks for the grace and love of the Lord from within his heart. He did not feel sorry at all nor was he disheartened or disappointed even in great hardship. Nothing troubled him even in his imprisonment and dangers on the sea. He could consider such persecutions and pains as the motivation that pushed him to run the race of faith more powerfully and still he was thankful and joyful from his heart.

Many people confess they are thankful for the grace of the Lord and have not changed their heart from the first time when they believed. Then, is their confession the same as that of Apostle Paul offered

to God? Many of you claim you are thankful for the Lord's grace, but could you give thanks just as Paul did if you face the same difficulties that he suffered?

I hope you look back at yourself whether you have been frustrated or discouraged by the small troubles that cannot even be deemed to be trials compared with those of Paul. Have you ever been disheartened or frustrated when your jobs were not done as you prayed and petitioned?

Or have you felt discouraged and abandoned because you followed the fleshly thought saying, “Am I now the one who is not loved by God any longer”? If anyone of you has this kind of fleshly mind and faces the same trials the Apostle Paul met, would you have been able to confess with the “thank-you” heart?

Since Apostle Paul met the Lord, he had been steadfastly thankful for the Lord's grace and his burning love for the Lord had never cooled down. He had been faithful in preaching the gospel of the Lord to the point of death, and confessed his gratitude until he died a martyr's death.

He did not have mixed feelings or regret, thinking “... and now I have ended my life here!” He was not scared or afraid of his approaching death. Nor was he shocked. His heart was full of joy and hope of seeing the Lord face to face, the Lord whom he had eagerly longed to see, and in whose arms he put himself. Anybody may be nervous and shrink before death, but Apostle Paul was filled with joy and thanks caused by his hope even before death.

The reason why Apostle Paul unchangingly spoke with the confession thanks in any circumstance and even in the situation of losing his own life was that he had a gentle and good heart.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for you to give thanks in any circumstance, you must be thankful for both the good and bad. Anybody in this world can give thanks when he has things for which to be thankful. However, unlike them, believers in God can give thanks with faith when they face difficulties. We should give thanks to the Lord who makes our faith complete through the testing of our faith and rewards us with the glory that can be compared with nothing else.

Apostle Paul gave real thanks to God who made him perfect through those trials. Because Paul always gave thanks to God the Father who allowed him to receive sufferings and made him perfect through those trials, God could refine Paul at the full measure. That's why he could become a great and blessed apostle who saved countless souls, lead many to salvation and glorified God greatly.

Therefore, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will unchangingly give thanks for the grace of the Lord and work faithfully for the kingdom of God with a renewed life.

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 Four Living Creatures’

The Field that Each Four Living Creature Observes

The extent that one accomplishes the image of God

The **man-like living creature** examines the extent that each individual accomplishes the image of God the Father. To be more specific, it inspects the words that come out of the mouth of the individual. Just as said in Matthew 15:18, observing the words and behavior of people, it measures how much they restore the image of God.

The extent that one is strong and courageous

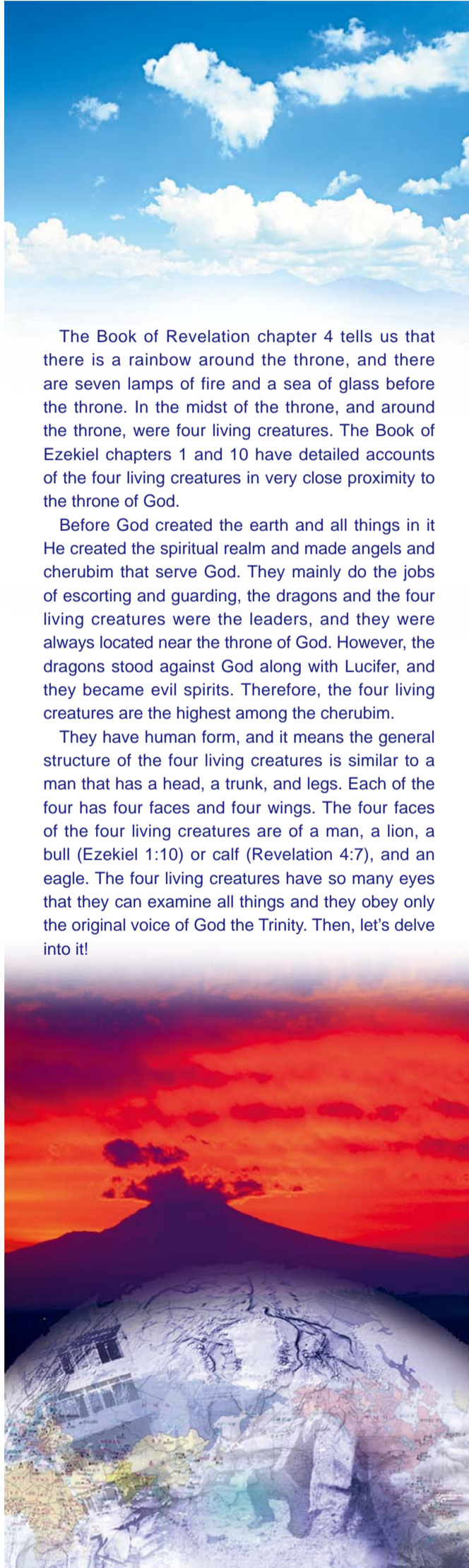
The **lion-like living creature** examines how courageous an each individual is when he is faced with hardship. It observes the children of God to see how firmly they keep their faith in a difficult situation, and how courageously they run their race of faith in the name of the Lord. For example, when they are threatened with death or persecution for their faith in God, the lion-like living creature checks whether or not they surrender. The lion-like living creature precisely examines whether they move on with the courage of their faith or if they retreat. It searches not only the outward appearance but also the inner heart precisely.

The extent that one engraves the Word of God in hearts and accomplishes it

The **eagle-like living creature** examines how indelibly an each individual engraves the Word of God in the depths of their hearts and how well they accomplish it. An eagle has excellent eyesight so that it can capture even a very small object at a far distance. In the same manner, the eagle-like living creature examines not only the outward appearance but also the inner heart. The best way to engrave the Word of God on your heart is to pray hanging on to the Word.

The extent that one works faithfully for the kingdom of God

The **bull-like living creature** examines the field of faithfulness. It examines if one joyfully fulfills his duty with love for God or he is forced to manage his duty because he feels obligated to do it. The way you gird yourself to constantly cultivate the field of your heart through fervent prayer is the most important way to show your faithfulness before God.



The Book of Revelation chapter 4 tells us that there is a rainbow around the throne, and there are seven lamps of fire and a sea of glass before the throne. In the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures. The Book of Ezekiel chapters 1 and 10 have detailed accounts of the four living creatures in very close proximity to the throne of God.

Before God created the earth and all things in it He created the spiritual realm and made angels and cherubim that serve God. They mainly do the jobs of escorting and guarding, the dragons and the four living creatures were the leaders, and they were always located near the throne of God. However, the dragons stood against God along with Lucifer, and they became evil spirits. Therefore, the four living creatures are the highest among the cherubim.

They have human form, and it means the general structure of the four living creatures is similar to a man that has a head, a trunk, and legs. Each of the four has four faces and four wings. The four faces of the four living creatures are of a man, a lion, a bull (Ezekiel 1:10) or calf (Revelation 4:7), and an eagle. The four living creatures have so many eyes that they can examine all things and they obey only the original voice of God the Trinity. Then, let's delve into it!

The Four Living Creatures' Unique Roles to Play

Man-like living creature

The authority to command and move cherubim

The number of the cherubim in the spiritual realm is so huge that it is beyond description. And the four living creatures are the leaders of these countless cherubim. The four living creatures command these cherubim to manage every facet of the jobs of escorting and guarding. Among the four living creatures, the man-like living creature gives the orders to the cherubim.

Lion-like living creature

The authority to control disasters and plagues

In the Book of Revelation by John, you can see the four living creatures are directly connected with the disasters that are brought upon this earth during the Seven-year Great Tribulation (Revelation 6:1, 15:7). When the lion-like living creature opens its mouth, a terrible disaster comes onto this earth. For example, the plague of fire in Sodom and Gomorrah was brought upon them as the lion-like living creature opened its mouth as described in Genesis 19:24. There is a scene in Numbers 16:32-33 that Korah and others received judgment. The lion-like living creature also supervises not only earthquakes or volcano eruption but also the plagues of diseases as written in 1 Chronicles 21:14.

Eagle-like living creature

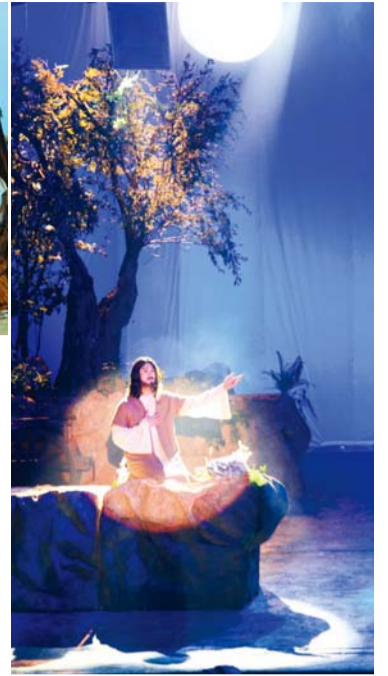
The authority to open and close the gates of heaven

The gates of heaven are the gates to enter the second heaven from the first heaven, where we are currently living. The gates of spiritual world are opened through the movement of its wings. As written in Acts 7:55, the gate of heaven was opened when Deacon Stephen was dying by the stoning and he saw the Lord standing at the right hand of God. The gate of second heaven also opened during the Flood of Noah. At this time, the fountains of the great deep in Eden burst open, and its water poured on into the earth as recorded in Genesis 7:11.

The bull-like living creature

The authority to control the changes of weather in the first heaven

Gathering clouds, making rain come or stop, stopping rain, developing or dissipating typhoons (hurricanes), and causing lightning and thunder; these are all under the authority of this creature. Thus, disasters can be stopped anytime once the bull-like living creature works. If a righteous man who is after the heart of God prays for the change of weather with good purpose, God will give an order to the bull-like living creature.



Act 1
Jesus' Ministry
 Jesus the Son of God came to the earth to save all mankind, proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom, and healed every kind of disease and every sort of infirmity during His three-year public ministry.

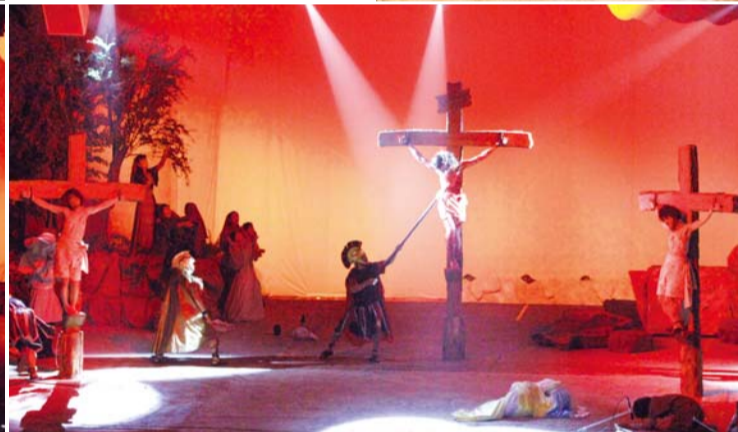
2013 Easter Performance

“The Lord is the Christ”



Act 3
The Lord's Resurrection and Ascension
 The Lord defeated death and resurrected on the third day after His burial. Later He presented Himself alive for 40 days and then He ascended into heaven while men of Galilee were watching Him. It was in this way that He gave the hope for resurrection to them.

Act 2
Jesus' Passion
 In order to redeem us from our sins, Jesus paid the price of justice by wearing the thorny crown, being scourged, and being nailed through on His hands and feet.



On March 29, 2013, during the second half of Friday All-night Service, the 2013 Easter Performance was delivered. The performance reproduced Jesus' ministry, anguish, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension that are recorded in the Bible. The love of the Lord and the hope for the

resurrection were added to the audience. Through the frame narrative Mary Magdalene the apostles Peter and John reminisced about the times when they were with the Lord. It is of note in particular that the songs that performers, choirs, and Nissi Orchestra sang and played as they offered praise in the presentation had

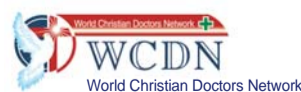
all been given by God Himself just as He had written songs for the Israelites in Deuteronomy 31:19 and 22. They greatly moved the hearts of the audience. In addition, the special stage was built with a 5-degree slope so that it could seem more realistic even to those who were seated at a distance.



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