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Pastors and Workers Armed with the Word and Prayer Graduated

“We will deliver the love of the Lord with our lives as Apostle Paul did”



With the heart of the shepherd, Manmin Central Church's pastors and workers called by God have emptied themselves and filled up their hearts with the Word of God in prayer to give the best things to souls who are more precious than the world. (Photo 1: Dr. Esther Chung, President of MIS, Photo 2: Heavenly Voice Chorus' congratulatory performance, Photo 3: Graduates, Photo 4: Pastor Sangtae Kim, Dean of Alliance Holiness Theological Seminary)

Manmin Central Church has been devoted to fostering pastors and workers to spread the holiness gospel and God's powerful works to souls around the world. On February 13, 2014, Alliance Holiness Theological Seminary and Manmin International Seminary (MIS) had their commencement ceremony.

Dr. Esther Chung, President of MIS preached the message entitled with “A Chosen Instrument of Mine” based on Acts 9:15. She started the message saying, “The young man named Saul was a proud man with a sense of superiority over others. He took a lead role in persecuting believers in the Lord. So why did the Lord choose him as His apostle?” She explained the three reasons.

“First, he cherished his duty more than his own life. That is why he could unsparingly give his life for the gospel's sake. Secondly, he had unwavering faith in any kind of situation or condition. Even when he met with a great storm at the sea and when he was imprisoned, he was sure that his God-given vision would be achieved and he believed it without change of heart and mind. Lastly, he thought about the heart of God and the Lord. When he was even in prison he deeply thought about why God had sent him to such a place, so he didn't run away when the prison fell open. He preached the gospel to the jailer there so he and his family were able to gain salvation.”

Dr. Chung also urged the graduates to perform their ministries for the providence at this end time with the heart of the shepherd just as Apostle Paul had worked faithfully until the point of death at the hands of Rome due to the grace of God having chosen him.

The seminary students and freshmen were called by God. From that time on they have been dedicated to arming themselves with the Word and praying to participate in the ministry as pastors. As the Lord's disciples had said in Acts 6:4, “But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word,” they too are preparing for the future ministry. Even during vacations, they arm themselves with the Word by reading the Bible, memorizing verses, and summarizing the sermons. They share what they need for the ministry and have discussions and presentations.

They have their own prayer meeting, and take turn in leading the meeting. They also pray in Daniel Prayer Meeting and then pray for additional three hours. By doing so, they are trained to communicate with God. This commitment helps them not only have knowledge of the Bible, but also cultivates their hearts with the Word, accomplishes the hearts of spirit, and helps them obey the Word of God unconditionally. This in turn sets a good example for the members.

Interview

“I want to quickly become a powerful pastor so that I can solve problems of people who suffer.”



Pastor Soonju Ryu

“In Alliance Holiness Theological Seminary, I learned from lecturers and professors who are outstanding both in spirit and body. I was thankful to them for teaching us with dedication. Above all, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee gave us financial support including tuition fee and an allowance with money he had saved. He made all our circumstances good for us so that we could become proper pastors by helping us focus on the Word and prayer. At first, I thought, ‘Can I keep up with all studies well though I am this old?’ But to repay the grace, I just tried to practice the Word without missing even the smallest things. Then, God allowed me to bear precious fruit.

I desire to quickly become a pastor of power who resembles the shepherd and to be able to deliver love and solve problems of the souls who are impoverished, sick, and afflicted.”

“I will try unceasingly to become a well-prepared world pastor”



Pastor Soyoung Cho

“The life in the seminary reminded me of heavenly life since students encouraged and led one another. I am a little sorry to have to now leave the school, but I am filled with hope that I will put more devotion into leading souls.

While preparing for conducting our ministries, the other seminary students and I checked one another's posture of prayer and practiced answering questions expected from believers. I also accompanied Great Grand Parish Pastors and Grand Parish Pastors who were counseling the members and I was able to learn a lot.

In particular, through his 30 hours of lectures, Dr. Jaerock Lee, Board Chairman of the seminary taught us many things spiritually in detail that we had never experienced before. His teaching was very helpful for my present ministry.

I will try unceasingly to be prepared in spirit and body as a pastor in the world's best church ministered to by the best Senior Pastor with the greatest power.”

The Fruit of Righteousness Sown in Peace

“And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace” (James 3:18).



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

James 3:17-18 says, “But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace”.

The peace in verse 17 is mostly about peace with other people, and the peace in verse 18 is about peace with God. Having peace with God means we do not have any barrier of sin standing between God and ourselves. When we cultivate all the fruits in verse 17 to be pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, and without hypocrisy, then we will be peacemakers. What we sow in peace we’ll reap in righteousness. Let’s look into how to reap in righteousness by sowing in peace.

1. Peacemakers

Many people think of peace with men only and break peace with God. While they are actually violating the truth and compromising with unrighteousness, they think they are wise because they have peace. Or sometimes their mind is weakened in their relationships with others, and they violate the Word of God. A good example is a person who acts as the guarantor for another person’s obligations or a person who lends money.

Proverbs 22:26 says, “Do not be among those who give pledges, among those who become guarantors for debts.” Romans 13:8 says, “Owe nothing to anyone except to love one

another...”

But if a close friend of you asks you to be his guarantor or to lend him money for his business, some of you forget these words. It is unwise, and you are causing yourself difficulties. Maybe if you love him enough, then you can just give him what he needs. Otherwise, you will have difficulties because of money and it will lead to enmity between you. Such occasions take place because they think of peace with men before peace with God.

We should also have proper discernment between compromising with the world for our own benefit and making peace for the glory of God. Daniel and three friends greatly glorified God by making peace with God rather than consider making peace with men as written in Daniel Chapter 3.

After they had been taken as captives into Babylon, one day Daniel’s three friends were threatened with being thrown into a fiery furnace unless they bowed down to an idol set up by the king Nebuchadnezzar.

They could have bowed down before an idol just once in order to have peace with the king. But, this was a great sin in the sight of God and it was breaking peace with God. They chose to follow peace with God at the risk of their own lives by breaking peace with the king.

As a result, the king gave an order to throw them into a furnace which was seven times hotter than usual. But they were not hurt at all; not a single hair of their heads was singed since God protected them. After seeing this miracle the king glorified God greatly and lifted up those three men.

2. Righteousness in the sight of God

By worldly standards, it is said that a person is not evil as long as he does not commit crimes in action, even though his heart has such evil as hatred, anger, envy, quarreling, lust, and greed. But God says one is unrighteous as long as he has evil in his heart regardless of whether or not he commits sins in action. As explained, men’s righteousness and God’s righteousness are different.

The Bible tells us to do, not do, keep, or cast away certain things. If we live by all these words, it is to cultivate righteousness in God’s sight.

When the righteousness of men and that of God are different from each other, we have to follow what is right in God’s sight.

Some people say they believe in God, but they go to fortunetellers and think it is OK to bow down in ancestral worship and before idols saying that it is just a ‘custom’ or ‘tradition’. They say that if we offend our unbelieving family members by not worshiping idols, it will be difficult to evangelize them. But in a spiritual sense, it is to submit to the enemy devil and Satan. If the peace with God is broken, God cannot work anymore and family evangelization is delayed.

Proverbs 16:7 says, “When a man’s ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.” As written, when we first have peace with God, then we can have peace with other people, too. If we break peace with God to have peace with men, that kind of peace can be broken any time and it does not benefit us in any way. We not only have to choose what is more right in the sight of God, but also we have to receive good wisdom in the methodology. Then we can have answers and blessings more quickly and we can have peace with everybody.

The peace with God is not only between God and us. It is also related with being faithful in all God’s household. To be faithful in all God’s household means we are faithful in all the aspects of our lives. Such faithful people will have peace with others through service, sacrifice, love, and generosity. If we have peace with God this way, this will be spiritually confident before God, so we will receive answers to whatever we ask and bear the fruits of righteousness everywhere.

3. When we have peace with God we can receive wisdom from above

Originating with Adam, all mankind became sinners by nature and we couldn’t have peace with God who is holy. But, to become the propitiation for our sins, the sinless Jesus died for us on the cross. He opened the way for us to become God’s children and have peace with God by believing in Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 says, “Therefore,

having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Now, if being forgiven of our sins is not the end, then what do we have to do to have peace with God? Once we are justified by faith, we must grow up to have true faith accompanied by deeds of faith. We have to cast away sins and evil and cultivate the attributes of the righteousness of God in our hearts.

If we still live in sins, our peace with God will be broken. God sacrificed His only begotten Son to have peace with us, and we should not break this peace from our side. We should quickly cast away all sins and evil. In so doing, we will have more peace with God and have a deeper relationship with Him. We should be full of the fruit of righteousness.

Those who have peace with God will cause others to have peace with God, too, so that they too can receive blessings. Because of Moses, who was confident before God, all the sons of Israel were shown the forgiveness and mercy of God. The people committed grave sins by complaining against God and making and worshiping a golden calf. Then, Moses prayed to God in supplication to save them even if it meant he would fall into hell.

Those who have peace with God can comfort and make peace with many people with the wisdom they receive from above. They can also lead those people to the way of blessings. God’s wisdom is the Word of God itself written in the Bible. This wisdom of God comes upon us when we keep His commandments, cast away evil and receive the guidance of the Holy Spirit in an evil-free and sanctified heart.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hope you will keep in mind each of the aspects such as being pure, peaceable, gentle, reasonable; being full of mercy and good fruits. Be unwavering without hypocrisy and have peace with God as well as with men as recorded in James 3:17-18. In the name of the Lord I hope that you will be peacemakers and dwell in the peace and blessings of God. I also hope for you to be able to bear abundant fruits of righteousness so that you will shine like the sun in the kingdom of heaven.

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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Balaam the diviner was blinded by a bribe and forsook the will of God

The background of the matter of Peor

The first generation after the Exodus from Egypt witnessed many powerful works manifested by Moses such as the ten plagues coming upon Egypt; the Red Sea being parted; water coming out from a rock; and the pillar of cloud being with them during the day and the pillar of fire during the night. Nonetheless, they didn't have true faith. In the end, they couldn't enter the blessed land of Canaan and suffered in trials in the wilderness for forty years.



As described in Numbers 22, the sons of Israel journeyed and camped on the plains of Moab. It was the last stop before entering Canaan. Now Balak the king of Moab was

in dreaded fear of the sons of Israel because they had achieved great victories in the wars against several nations. After agonizing, he sent the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian to Balaam with the fees for divination in their hand to tell him to come and curse the Israelites so that he would be able to defeat them and drive them out of the land.

God said to Balaam, "Do not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed." Balaam refused to go with them to the king, following the will of God. Then Balak again sent leaders, more distinguished than the former to honor him and said he would do whatever Balaam asked of him. He again requested Balaam to come and curse the people for him. Balaam eventually was seduced by the lure set before him.

Now God couldn't help but let Balaam make a choice in his own freewill. This is because even if He stopped him for the time being, God already knew that Balaam would later waver at the enticement of greater wealth and fame since his heart was filled with greed and selfish motives. Knowing the will of God, Balaam followed them seeking personal advantage. On the way, God sent His angel to teach Balaam what was wrong with what he was doing, but God didn't stop him from going there and just spoke of what he should keep in mind.

As written in Numbers chapters 23 and 24, Balaam went to Balak with the leaders of Moab. And because he knew how to communicate with God, he told them to build seven altars and prepare seven bulls and seven rams. Then, the words of blessing for the sons of Israel came from Balaam, not the words of cursing. The identical incidents happened three times, so King Balak got furious and told Balaam to go back. Then Balaam prophesied that Israel would become powerful and other nations around it would fall. He then returned to his home.

But here, we have to note that 24,000 people of Israel died of plague because they had played the harlot with the daughters of Moab according to the record of Numbers chapter 25. Revelation 2:14 also implies that Balaam taught Balak how to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel. That is to make them eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality. Balaam used such an evil scheme to lead the Israelites to sin. He ended up being killed by the sword of the sons of Israel as recorded in Numbers chapter 31.

Several Scriptures of the Bible talk about this Balaam who tempted the Israelites to sin for his own benefit though he knew the will of God. 2 Peter 2:15-16 reads, "...having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet." Jude 1:11 says, "...for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah."

How was Balaam able to communicate with God?

Balaam was the son of Beor at Pethol near the River. He knew how to communicate with God. He just knew the way and communicated with God when he needed to do so. God neither chose him nor used him as God's man. That is why he was named as Balaam, 'the diviner' in Joshua 13:22.

Then, why was Balaam able to communicate with God? Some people in the world inherit the nature of being

able to contact and speak to spiritual beings. Some of them are mediums or shamans. Demons can also work on those who have such nature. Balaam was such a person and he just realized the way to contacting God the greatest Deity. He just communicated with God according to the method. Therefore, Balaam's communication with God is totally different from the communication of God's people, that is, the people of spirit and of whole

spirit who have become sanctified. God's people communicate with God all the time. They can understand many profound mysteries and receive answers to whatever they pray for. But Balaam's contact with God was only by understanding and applying methodology. He couldn't receive all he asked for. He couldn't learn deep and profound mysteries of God. He sometimes received His answers but only by the grace of God.

Lessons given to us through incident of Balaam

The incident of Balaam teaches us to cast off untruthful things from our hearts quickly. As long as we have selfish motives, greed, and untruth, even if we clearly know the will of God, it will be easy for us to disobey.

Balaam also knew the will of God, so he sent the fee for divination given to him back to King Balak at first. But when the king sent more distinguished men and said that he would honor Balaam and give whatever Balaam asked, he was

trapped by the enticement.

God told Balaam neither to go with them nor to curse the Israelites as the king asked (Numbers 22:12). Then, he no longer needed to ask God what His will was and even to talk to them. However, Balaam had selfish motives and greed, so his heart wavered under the words of Balak.

You may think you would not be tempted by anything by anyone since you think you have cast away all untruths. But if you still have sin

and evil deep inside of you and love for the world, chances are that you may fall into temptation anytime. We have to keep in our minds that it is not because of the circumstances, but because of the untruth in our hearts.

If we have evil things or darkness in our hearts, they will one day be agitated. We must not fear or exercise caution at temptation, instead we must get rid of every form of evil and cast off the sinful natures at the very root of the problem itself.

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“I met the true shepherd via Enlace TV”

On Sundays, I watched Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons in the morning via Enlace TV which is a leading Christian broadcaster in Spanish-speaking countries.

I had professed faith in the Lord, but I had been distressed in spirit. But Dr. Lee's sermons taught me that a true Christian life is to resemble the Lord. Then, joy came upon me. I wanted a Manmin branch church to be founded in Colombia.

One day, I saw the address of Colombia Manmin Church appear on screen during Dr. Lee's sermon program. I was overjoyed. It took one and a half hours to go to church by bus, but I was so happy.

I registered on June 24, 2012 and read Dr. Lee's autobiography *My Life My Faith* and felt deeply moved. Dr. Lee had suffered from many kinds of serious diseases for seven years, but he was healed of them all at once by God and has achieved his



Sister Maria Gema Sierra Santos
(Aged 74, Colombia Manmin Church)

ministry only in faith. It was amazing.

I am living on pension but I had a problem. My apartment maintenance fee had been fixed, but the amount was too much to pay. So, it was a great burden and an unpaid balance was accumulating. I appealed legally to solve the problem, but it didn't work at all.

I talked to Pastor David J. Jang of Colombia Manmin Church about it and he advised me to pray in Daniel Prayer Meeting held every night. I obeyed with faith and prayed. In the end, it was settled: now I can pay a lowered fee in installments and I don't have to pay late fee and the interest. Hallelujah!

I was overwhelmed with the fact that God is alive and answered my prayer. I express heartfelt thanks to Dr. Jaerock Lee who has been teaching me to lead a true Christian life.



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