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## “We Want to Serve You and Give You a Hand”

The taste of the joy of service found in behind the scenes volunteer service



In Manmin Central Church are many people who serve the members of Christ's body like a candle that consumes itself to light the way for others: they are volunteers in church.

The church has two volunteer groups: the Manmin Volunteers' Group (Guidance Pastor, Daehee Cho; Financial Supporter, Elder Jongsul Kim; Leader, Deacon Seokwan Kong) and the Levite Volunteers' Group (Guidance Pastor, Sooyeol Cho; Leader, Elder Myeongil Hong). Each mission has its volunteers' team and there is a group to provide for the members' security.

On Sundays, they clean the sanctuaries and restrooms, cook noodles for lunch, wash the dishes, show the way to cars for parking, help the members in wheelchairs to get to the sanctuary, stock weekly bulletins in sanctuaries, and check air conditioners and screens during services. They keep their eye on the members' needs and serve them behind the scenes.

They started to do the volunteer work to repay the grace of God, the Lord, and the shepherd, through whom they have further received great blessings in return.

Deacon Jungkwan Ju of Manmin Volunteers' Group said, "I was blessed to read Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee's book *Tasting Eternal Life before Death* and came to the church. I began voluntarily working for the church to pay back God's grace for leading me here. No matter whether it was rainy, snowy, cold, or hot, I've worked with a grateful heart that there was something I could do for the church and now more than ten years have passed. In volunteering I was healed of hyperthyroidism and became healthy. I am always joyful for God always gives me great grace."

Senior Deaconess Heekyung Kim stated, "Doing the volunteer work, I recall the shepherd's heart for souls. I want every single action and word of our volunteers to deliver blessing to the church members. I have been doing it for 15 years without missing a week by God's grace. Our members have grown up in spirit and received recognition in the positions where they are. I am happy."

It is also worth noting that many Manmin's young adults are taking part in volunteer works. This trend is quite opposite to that of the world given that the young people in the world tend to avoid laborious and hard work. In working for the church, many of them receive the Spirit's fullness and blessings.

Brother Hyungjin Park of Young Adults' Mission said, "I was previously unwilling to join in any volunteer work. After I felt God's love however, I came to put great value in it. In doing it I became filled with the Spirit and laid a good foundation in faith. I have met many brothers in faith and received blessings related to my future job. Now we are trying to become the shepherd's fruit through spiritual faithfulness."

Children as well as young adults are experiencing grace and joy in serving others. The Children volunteers' team is conducting the trash pickup day, ushering in Children's Sunday School events, cleaning the sanctuaries after services.

Sister Hyewon Kim said, "I joined this volunteer group because I wanted to clean God's temple and glorify Him. I once found cleaning hard so I did it half-heartedly. I examined myself and thought I shouldn't neglect even a very little thing. I started over in diligent volunteering and felt joy again. I realized God loves me so much and takes delight in my work for Him."

Jesus showed us a great example of service and said, "Whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:12). Following in His example, Manmin members are humbling themselves in service to others to grow as true Christians.

Not only adults but also young adults and children learn to be considerate of others and serve others in doing volunteer works. All of them say that God gives them great joy and peace.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“Then God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:1-3).



God’s children must keep and practice the Ten Commandments even if they cannot remember all Words in the 66 books of the Bible.

The ten points were given by God to His dear children through Moses. They are a summary of all Words of the living God and also serve as a framework for the Bible.

### 1. Ten Commandments: Believers must keep and can keep

Just as there is the law of this world that we must keep, there is also the law of those who accept Jesus Christ and belong to God that must be kept.

The law refers to the commandments in the Bible. They are divided into four major categories: “Do this,” “Don’t do that,” “Keep this,” and “Throw that away.” If we keep them we can stay under the protection of God and Satan can’t bring tests and trials against us. If we break them, it is to sin and puts us under the power of sin and Satan, consequently leading us to Hell.

We should understand the reason God gave us such commandments and tells us to keep them. God didn’t mean to bind us or give us hard time, but instead He wanted to lead us into Heaven in which there is no tear, no pain, no death, and no disease. They are also to let us enjoy blessed lives on the earth. Some may say, “How can a man keep all Ten

Commandments? We can only just try to keep them.” However, 1 John 5:3 reads, “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.”

If we love someone, even though he asks us a big favor, we may be happy just to help him. Similarly, with true love for God it is not hard to keep His commandments.

Moreover, things are different for us living in the New Testament time from people in the Old Testament time who had to keep them with their own willpower and efforts.

Jesus redeemed us from all our sins by being crucified as atoning sacrifice, and anyone who believes this and accepts Jesus Christ receives the Holy Spirit and His help.

With the power of the Spirit, we can keep even the things that we cannot really keep with only our ability or willpower. If the Words of God, the truth are in us, we cannot sin and we will live by the truth.

### 2. God is the Creator, Savior, and the one and only Deity

Exodus 20:1-3 reads, “Then God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me”.

‘You’ in this passage refers to Moses and the people of Israel who received the word. Furthermore, today it also refers to all children of God.

He not only delivered the sons of Israel from slavery in Egypt by manifesting great wonders and signs, but He has also saved us who were slaves to sin. Therefore, as God’s children we must never have any other gods but Him.

God is the only true Deity who is alive and almighty, and He created the heavens and the earth and all things in them.

He masters all things in the universe: the history of mankind; the life, death, fortune, and misfortune of men; and He gives us true and eternal life.

But the worldly people worship many other gods in vain causing

themselves to be separated from God. Some worship a solar deity, Polaris, and some worship rocks or old trees, and even animals, even though none of these can save or bless them.

Romans 1:20 says, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” The Creator’s power is clearly seen in all things around us, and they evidence there is the only one Creator.

All the basic structures and functions of every man on this earth are the same. Africans, Caucasians, and Asians all have two eyes and two ears, and one nose and one mouth. Even their locations are the same.

It is not the same just for men but also animals. This tells us that there is the only Creator. In addition, many natural phenomena reveal the proof of God the Creator.

The earth rotates and revolves, which causes day and night; four seasons; ebbs and the flows of the tide; and circulation of the atmosphere. Many celestial bodies are located and are moving to make the best environment for men and other living things to keep their lives on earth. The sun and the earth also have been moving at the most appropriate distance for immeasurable time, without a single error.

It is possible because the universe and all things in it were designed, created, and are being operated by God’s wisdom. God the Creator made everything and is running everything with His power.

Due to these clear proofs, nobody can give excuse on the final Day of Judgment and say, “I didn’t know there was a God.”

In history, some people recognized the Creator and followed the right way, though they had never heard the gospel.

Admiral Yi Sun-shin of Joseon dynasty always walked the right path and served God only. He didn’t know about God or the Lord, but he didn’t worship the exorcists or meaningless gods. With his good conscience, he

only looked up to heaven and feared only the Creator.

The God of justice opened the way to save this kind of people, through what is known as ‘the judgment of conscience’ as read in Romans 2:14-16.

Among people in the Old Testament time and who didn’t hear of the gospel and didn’t know the law of God, if they followed their good conscience and believed in God, He opened the way of salvation for them.

### 3. The reason God tells us not to have other gods than Him

Some believers resort to or serve other gods. They go to fortunetellers or rely on other kinds of sorceries or magic. Some of them even have lucky charms or amulets. Or some attend the ceremonies of Gentile religions that worship false gods. Then they say it is something sensible and that they are being tolerant. Some unbelievers say, “Christianity tells people to believe in only one God. Isn’t it too inflexible?”

God is the one and only Creator, and no one else but Him can give us blessings and life. Against Him are the futile gods that people worship. They belong to darkness and come from Satan the enemy of God. Satan misleads people and makes them serve things in vain. It receives the worship and leads them to the way of destruction.

That is why if you have other gods in you, though you say you believe God, you have constant trials and tests in your life and suffer in tears, sorrow, or diseases. God of love does not want us to fall into destruction by worshipping other gods, so He commands us to have no other gods. He wants us to gain eternal life and live a blessed life on the earth by serving only Him.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you have seen, heard, and experienced evidences of the living God.

I urge you to unchangingly serve and depend only on Him who created all things and takes control over them. I pray in the name of the Lord by doing so you will enjoy overflowing blessing as His children.

### 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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# How are wonders and signs different?

## [ Q & A ]

**Q.** I found the words, 'wonder(s)' and 'sign(s)' in the Bible. How are wonders and signs different? I want to be able to distinguish between them well.

**A.** As sins and evil get prevalent over time many people deny the existence of God. Others live as if this visible world is all that exists under the influence of materialism. This is why Jesus said in John 4:48, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe." During the Holy Spirit's time, in particular, God has been showing His existence through the works of the Spirit to save people who live in the sin-filled world (Hebrews 2:3-4). Such evidential works are recorded in the Bible as wonders and signs.

### 01. Wonders

#### The term 'wonders' in the Bible refers to God's control over natural phenomena

The 'nature' includes celestial bodies in the universe such as stars and meteorological phenomena on the earth.

Acts 2:19 reads, "And I will grant wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below..." Let's look into the biblical records about 'wonders in the sky above'.

Joshua 10:13 reads, "And the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day."

God administers the motion of all astronomical objects. Under His order, the sun stopped in the middle of the sky and didn't go down almost all day.

A similar thing happened as read in 2 Kings 20:11, "Isaiah the prophet cried to the LORD, and He brought the shadow on the stairway back ten steps by which it

had gone down on the stairway of Ahaz." A recent scientific account shows that there is a day, 24 hours, missing in space in elapsed time, revealing the elapsed time that was missing back in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes and the 'ten steps' is exactly 40 minutes.

Matthew 2:9 says, "After hearing the king, they [the magi] went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was." The star guided the magi to Bethlehem in which Jesus was born. Each star has its own proper motion but here the star moved to lead the magi. This is a 'wonder'.

#### The term 'wonders' include God's works that control weather conditions

'Weather' is the state of the atmosphere

with respect to wind, temperature, cloudiness, moisture, pressure, precipitation, etc. The Bible records many cases where God changed the weather.

Exodus 11:9 reads, "Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Pharaoh will not listen to you, so that My wonders will be multiplied in the land of Egypt.'" Saying this, God sent ten plagues onto the land of Egypt to deliver the sons of Israel from Egypt. Of them there were wonders: God rained hail (Exodus 9:23) and directed an east wind, which then brought locusts (Exodus 10:13).

Additionally, the Red Sea was parted by a strong east wind (Exodus 14:21); the Jordan River stopped when the Israelites stepped into it (Joshua 3:14-17); a drought had lasted for three and a half years, but it rained by the prayer of Elijah (1 Kings 17, 18), and the sea was calmed by Jesus' Word (Mark 4:39).

### 02. Signs

God also performs 'signs', which leave behind a visible trace or evidence of His working. For now we will talk about signs that are performed by God the Father Himself, or God the Son, or God the Holy Spirit.

#### The signs that God the Father performs

Exodus 4:17 reads, "You shall take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs." Most of ten plagues coming upon Egypt are signs which God the Father performed: a staff becoming a serpent, the water in Nile turning into blood, swarms of flogs coming up from Nile, dust becoming gnats, and plagues of swarms of insects, severe pestilence, and boils.

As 2 Kings 32:22-24 says, "So the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib

the king of Assyria and from the hand of all others, and guided them on every side... In those days Hezekiah became mortally ill; and he prayed to the LORD, and the LORD spoke to him and gave him a sign," God also performed a sign for King Hezekiah.

#### The signs that Jesus, God the Son, and the Holy Spirit perform

Jesus performed His first sign when He changed water into wine (John 2:11). He continued to show signs for sick people (John 6:2). He healed the sick of their diseases; revived the dead; and caused the blind to see, deaf to hear, and mute to speak. He caused them to become whole. He did what man can't do.

Then Jesus said in John 14:12, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do;

because I go to the Father."

He also said in John 16:7, "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you."

He meant that a man who received the Holy Spirit with faith in Jesus Christ can manifest His signs as well.

Jesus promised it in Mark 16:17-18, saying, "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So during the Holy Spirit's time, Apostle Paul also performed signs while preaching the gospel (Acts 19:11-12; Romans 15:18).

Today as well, a true Christian who lives only by the Word of God can perform signs by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## “The holiness gospel brought me true happiness and blessing!”

Deaconess Esther Sim, age 43, Singapore Manmin Church

I once visited Manmin Central Church in Seoul, South Korea in 2007 with Missionary Wong Ping Ping, my friend. Everything in the church was awesome! Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee’s message was full of life, his powerful works confirmed the message preached, and the members sang God-given beautiful songs and prayed fervently. I was moved primarily by the earnest love of Dr. Lee who served the church members with the Lord’s humbleness.

Back in Singapore, from 2010, I offered up Manmin’s worship services via the Internet. As Missionary Wong Ping Ping opened Singapore Manmin Church, I started to worship via the live broadcasting of GCN ([www.gcntv.org](http://www.gcntv.org)). Understanding the heart and will of God through the true shepherd, my Christian life was renewed and blessings came upon me.

I found a lot of sins and evil in my heart that I hadn’t realized while listening to the message regarding love and goodness. I also learned



about the different dwelling places in Heaven that are given depending on the measure of faith and the most glorious place being New Jerusalem. The necessity of sanctification dawned upon me.

I tried to cast off untruthful attributes such as hatred, jealousy, and envy and I changed my words and deeds, which pleases my husband.

Knowing the significance of fervent prayer, I pray in Daniel Prayer Meeting online every night and pray alone every morning. I had suffered from headache and vomiting caused by menstrual cramps, but I was healed. And I received financial blessing in my sales of financial design insurance.

This holiness gospel brought me true happiness and blessings. I became eager to spread this blessed message to many people and guided Brother Alex to the church. Then he was also blessed to have a precious son after his five-year marriage by Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer. I give all thanks and glory to God.

Registering in Manmin in December 1995, I felt thankful for the grace of salvation and worked for the kingdom of God diligently. Meantime, I met Deaconess Kyungja Cho and we got married in 2001.

I was even blessed to have Dongeun, my son (now, aged 7) by Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer after our seven-year childless marriage. But soon my Christian life changed into that of a newcomer because I started using my job as an excuse. I worked until late at night for a private math academy and didn’t pray.

On December 25 in 2010, I repented of my past lukewarm Christian life and began praying. But there was one thing in my way: it was movies. I liked action movies so much that I had watched almost all of them available. I sometimes skipped prayer to watch them or watched even sensual genres of them. I was getting distanced from God’s love. Knowing I shouldn’t do so, I once deleted the movies on the computer but soon I downloaded them again. I repeated this several times.

On July 28, 2014, I was back from work and accessed a movie website. After a moment of hesitation, I ended up watching a movie again. From the moment I got pain on my lower abdomen. At first it was not so severe, so I didn’t really care too much. The next day I had intermittent pains, but it was not to the extent that I was disturbed. But that night the pain was very severe when I lied on the bed.

I even had difficulty in breathing around 3 A.M. on Wednesday and was rushed to emergency room. The test revealed my appendix was about to burst and the doctor told me to have a surgery right away. If it got worse, my life would be put at risk. I asked my wife to prepare things for me being hospitalized and told her that I wanted to receive my District Leader’s prayer.

At 9:30 A.M. District Leader Yunsook Song came and prayed for me with the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). She prayed not for my surgery but that I would be healed by faith in the space of the shepherd. Then she said, “If you have an operation, you can’t join Summer Retreat, can you? You know Senior Pastor’s power is really great.” And she left. After the prayer, I felt refreshed and pain alleviated. I was given faith that I would be healed by

## “I give thanks to God for giving me a son, good health, and happiness”

Deacon Youngju Kim, age 44, 2-16 Parish in South Korea

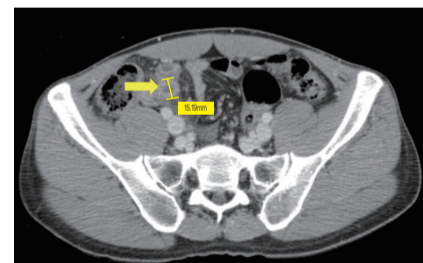


Dr. Lee’s prayer. So I left hospital immediately, came home, changed clothes, and went straight to Manmin Prayer Center’s Divine Healing Meeting.

I repented that I had liked movies more than God. I received Manmin Prayer Center President Boknim Lee’s prayer. Then remaining pain was gone. The only symptom that remained was that I felt very full after eating a half bowl of rice.

I attended the meeting everyday till Friday and prayed for complete healing. Of course, I deleted all the films in my computers both in office and at home. And with a longing heart, I joined Manmin Summer Retreat 2014 that started from August 4.

I was listening to Dr. Lee’s message during the Seminar on the first night of the Retreat, when I passed gas many times. I thought God was healing me of my appendicitis completely. I received Dr. Lee’s prayer for the sick in the ensuing Divine Healing Meeting. Then I could eat well and even after eating two bowls of rice I felt very comfortable. I had a CT scan on September 1st and it showed that I was completely healed of appendicitis. Hallelujah!



Before prayer, swollen appendix due to inflammation



After prayer, normal appendix



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