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The 2015 Summer Bible School enabled children to feel the sky-high love of God, the love that is more spacious than the universe and deeper than the sea. From left top, clockwise, Manmin Children's Talent Show (1), Heaven Photo Studio (2, 3), Power Jesus (4), and other activities (5, 6). The speakers who delivered God's love: Rev. Soojin Lee, Pastor Dongcho Shin, Rev. Heesun Lee, Pastor Mikyung Lee, and Pastor Hyunjin Kim, Principal of Children's Sunday School.



“Do You Want to Enter New Jerusalem?”

From July 26 to 29 in 2015, the Children's Summer Bible School was held under the theme of “Love” (1 John 4:16). Manmin's children felt the perfect and unlimited love of God and the Lord and enjoyed themselves in the Holy Spirit's fullness.

This year as ever, the speakers who give out the Lord's fragrance came and delivered God's love to the children. In the Opening Service, Rev. Soojin Lee explained that God has been cultivating humans on this earth to gain true children. She encouraged them to understand His love and love Him.

In the morning on the second day, Pastor Dongcho Shin delivered the message and prayed together with them. He asked them to eat the Word

of God that is the spiritual bread and to pray, which is spiritual breathing.

One of the important things that open children's hearts is praises. In the morning on the third day, the 8th Manmin Children's Talent Show was held. The participants offered up their love for God with praises, dance, instrumental playing, and other performances. There were ten teams participating. The Grand Prize went to the Holy Power Worship Team; Gold Prize, to Renewed Brothers with Donghwan Kim; Silver Prize, to the Pretty Team; Bronze Prize, to Hanulim; Popularity Prize, to Hope Chorus. Among the participants many had experienced God's powerful healing works manifested by Dr. Jaerock Lee. They

were healed of atopic dermatitis, encephalomeningitis, or Down syndrome and grew up healthily.

In the afternoon, Rev. Heesun Lee led 'Power Jesus'. With longing for clean and beautiful hearts, the children enthusiastically praised God who gave them breath. On the fourth day, Pastor Mikyung Lee led the Holy Spirit's Fullness Prayer Meeting. The children became more filled with hope for Heaven and with thanks for the love of God who is preparing Heaven for them.

Sister Yuseon Kim, age 9, said, “I really like to join Summer Bible School every year. I especially like to praise. When I praise I come to have more longing for a clean and white heart.”

In preparation for Summer Bible School, teachers offered up a full month's period of vowed prayer. The Financial Directors helped both with finance and their hearts. Many parish members volunteered to distribute meals; seminary students helped as teachers, and many Levite workers offered helping hands in many places.

On July 30, teachers had a party

at Muan Sweet Water Site where the salty seawater well at Muan Manmin Church was changed into sweet water. Senior Deaconess Jungryeol Hong, age 48, Vice President of Children's Sunday School Teachers' Association stated, “We are so grateful because God has led us, through this duty as a teacher, to become sanctified, to pile up heavenly rewards, and to enter New Jerusalem.”

Additionally, there were various activities including Bible Study, Experiencing the Cross, and Golden Bell Bible Quiz. They also had fun with God-sent dragonflies. Many places of the church were decorated beautifully so that children could feel heavenly happiness. To make them even happier there was also a snack bar, a 3D video “The Castle of the Shepherd” cinema, and a Heaven photo studio.

This Summer Bible School's programs were broadcast via GCN (www.gcntv.org) so people around the world could join it. The children from Gwangju, Masan, and Gumi Manmin Churches came and joined it.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and 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 15:10).



A proverb goes, “The boughs that bear most hang lowest.” This proverb illustrates that the more cultivated one becomes the more humble he becomes. It is true in the Word of God. In Matthew 18:4 Jesus said, “Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”. When you exalt another and lower yourself, you are deemed to be humble.

1. A humble man's attitude and blessings given to him

The more our faith grows and the more we realize God, the more humbly we confess from our heart that we are not so much as a handful of dust in comparison with our God who is higher and more vast than the universe.

No matter how many spiritual things you may have experienced, you will understand everything you have experienced is only a small piece of the whole. That's why you cannot claim self-righteousness with the human frameworks of thoughts and theories. You must break and demolish your ego.

If you become humble in your heart, you don't look at the speck or transgression of another person, but understand him. You will also consider the other person as more important than you, and try to learn from him and make his good points yours as well. Then, you will not neglect someone because of his personality nor will you be impolite to another person.

Even if the person does something wrong to you, you will advise him in love so that he can realize it on his own. A humble person is favored by people. They feel happiness and are filled with the Holy Spirit by just being with a humble person.

Because he embraces anybody with the heart like cotton, many people come and rest in him. As Proverbs 18:12 reads, “...But humility goes before honor,” a humble man becomes honored by others.

2. The characteristics of a humble person

1) The words of a humble person are in modesty.

He does not humble himself or exalt another just with words, but from the heart he truly considers others as more important than he is and actively sends out words honoring them.

He does not defy or deny the words of another with the standard of his own knowledge. He does not break in or interrupt when someone is speaking, but he listens till the end. Though the words may not sound right to him, he does not immediately consider them to be wrong. He offers only God's Word that can help them discern a situation more accurately.

He does not feel offended but receives a rebuke or reprimand with thanks though a young child or his servant pointed him out. He receives it saying, “Thank you,” although to him he seems to have no fault, and says, “Please pray for me to fully realize what you pointed out to me, and for me to change as soon as possible.”

Suppose one of you is chastised for something that is clearly your fault. If you are not thankful, but instead you harbor ill feelings and complain about the situation, you must realize how arrogant you are.

I have not disregarded those who have little faith, but I show my loving care to them and tried to shake hands with them once more. Their faith is weak now. But they are still the precious souls that God has sent who might change into noble persons who will be qualified to enter New Jerusalem. As God sent them to me, I love and serve each of

Humility

them with the heart of God.

If you accomplish that kind of heart, you make no mistakes in words. You will make others comfortable with humble words and say the only words that are good for edification according to the need of the moment. It will then be given as grace to those who hear (Ephesians 4:29).

2) A humble man thoroughly lowers himself and serves in everything.

You should not expect to be served because you received new church titles of respect. Jesus existed in the form of God but He lowered Himself and put on the form of a bond-servant. He truly served all men; namely, all sinners.

He demonstrated the perfect example of service in washing the feet of His beloved disciples and giving His life a ransom for all sinners. A really humble person follows the example of Jesus' service and presses himself more ardently in serving and loving brothers and sisters in faith.

Then are we to shrink back saying that we cannot do something because we lack in many things? Is it an attitude of a humble person in Christ? No! It is just a form of fleshly humbleness. A really humble person in the Lord confesses the word of Philippians 4:13. “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” He becomes active and takes the lead in doing the works of God with faith and thanks for the grace of God.

When he does the works of God, he does not have the desire to control all things because he is humble in his heart. He is passionate for the works of God but does not press them upon others in his own way. He serves and helps others to be faithful with their own eagerness. If we become united in love, service and obedience in doing works of God, then we will give great glory to God.

A humble person neither boasts of his works nor is proud of them although he has taken the lead and glorified God. He confesses from his heart that it is not he but by the grace and power of God that accomplished such wonderful things, and he gives

glory only to God (1 Corinthians 15:10).

3) A humble man always offers confessions of thanksgiving to God and the shepherd.

The apostle Paul expanded the kingdom of God and performed greater and more powerful works than any other of the apostles. But he confessed his thanks to God and the Lord all the time.

He confessed in Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...” And he professed in Romans 14:8, “For if we live, we live for the Lord, or if we die, we die for the Lord; therefore whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.”

The reason he always confessed the grace was because he was so humble that he fully denied himself and wanted to glorify God alone. He never forgot the great grace of the Lord who had forgiven him for having persecuted Him. And he never forgot the grace by which he was appointed as the apostle to the Gentiles. So he could be steadfastly faithful to the last moment.

It is the same with all of us. The proof of a humble man who never loses the grace of the Lord is that he continually confesses his gratitude and he shows the deeds of his gratitude. Because that person never loses the grace but lives in the grace and the Holy Spirit's fullness, he can fulfill his duties and even do more.

In the same way, if you constantly confess your thanks for the grace, you are humbled and serve others. I hope all of you will realize this fact and always confess your thankfulness for the grace of God and the Lord in your prayers and praises.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, God says in Proverbs 22:4, “The reward of humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, honor and life.” To become humble in the Lord, it seems that we have to lower ourselves and die, but in the end, we are led in the pathway of all honor, glory, blessing, and thanksgiving by God's grace. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will walk in a humble way so that you can enjoy overflowing glory and blessing.

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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Process of Achieving Perfect Goodness

In general, the goodness in the sight of worldly people and the standard of goodness in God's sight are completely different. The only standard of goodness is the Word of God that never changes. In the process of accomplishing perfect goodness according to the Word of God, there are some steps. Let's delve into the steps towards perfect goodness.

Level 1

Though you have some ill-feelings when somebody commits an evil act against you, you do not react in evil.

Suppose somebody is cursing at you and beating on you, and you are not cursing back but are bearing with it. However, inside your heart you have ill-feelings. This kind of person may seem to be very good and mild on the outside and it is better than fighting back, but God still deems it evil if you just suppress your ill-feelings that are burning in your heart. It is because you still have evil in your heart. Therefore, if you truly believe in

God, you must fear God, hate evil, and follow the goodness (Proverbs 8:13).

As the end time comes nearer, the world is full of sins and it is hard to find goodness and people who have true faith (Luke 18:8). But, as the darkness gets thicker, even a small light will be very visible. So, if you act in true goodness in this dark world, you can become light to the world and lead many people to the Light.

Level 2

When an evil act is committed against you here are no feelings of discomfort or ill-feelings, much less paying back evil with evil.

Suppose you are in charge of some work, and the work went wrong due to a mistake of your workers. Check if you would blame it on yourself completely and take the responsibility.

Or, with the bad feeling coming from the difficulty you had faced, did you not still want to blame your worker to some extent, at least in a corner of your heart, and want to rebuke your worker? Those who are good will truly confess it is their fault and look back on themselves. Then, God will give them grace and help them so that the same mistake will not happen (Proverbs 12:2).

Also, think about when you saw somebody else receiving a rebuke. Didn't you think it was good for you because you were not involved? Or, did you rebuke the person as well by standing in the position of the one who was rebuking that person?

If you are truly good, you would feel such great pain in your heart when somebody else is having a hard time because of you. Though the work was not related to yours, you would think, "It would not have happened if I had helped him," You would look back upon yourself with distress.

Level 3

Your goodness moves even the hearts of those who do evil against you by doing good.

At this 3rd level you do not have any ill-feelings or think in evil but only understand and forgive that person even if the person acts in evil, gives you pain, gives you hard times, and hates you. Moreover, your goodness at this level moves the heart of the person and gives joy and happiness to that person. You can do so in any kind of situation and to anybody.

At the second level, you can sometimes move evil doers' hearts with good words or actions. Meanwhile, at the 3rd level of goodness you can move them all the time regardless of the situation or the kind of person involved. Even a person who has acted with evil toward you can be moved in his heart by your words and deeds. And he will repent and turn from his ways.

Therefore, goodness is not just being nice and showing weakness by giving up, instead it is the power to drive away the enemy Satan and devil and destroy their schemes. The second level of goodness is a passive goodness; however, the 3rd level of goodness is an active level of goodness where evil can be repaid with goodness.

You do not calculate your loss or gain. You are willing to sacrifice yourself. Also, even if a person acts like an enemy towards you, you may only think of the way to have peace with him. You would not have hard time but just feel joyful and happy about doing goodness itself.

And God always walks with those who have reached this level of goodness and answers them according to the wishes in their hearts.

Level 4

You will be able to give your life unsparingly even for those who do evil to you.

It is the level of goodness of God who gave His only begotten Son as an atoning sacrifice for sinners, and of our Lord who gave up His life for sinners.

At that time, nobody knew why Jesus had to take so much suffering. There were just some women who truly loved Jesus and followed Him in mourning. Most others considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted (Isaiah 53:4).

Jesus was hung on a tree to redeem us from the curse of death that was inflicted upon sinners, and shed His spotless blood to redeem the sinners from their sins at once. The reason why he was whipped was to free us from all kinds of diseases. He wore a crown of thorns to forgive all our sins that we commit in our thoughts.

He was nailed through His hands and feet to forgive our sins that we commit with our hands and feet. Jesus came to this earth to give His everything for us sinners, and in the end He gave even His life to give us eternal life.

Jesus wanted even the Jews and Pharisees who caught Him to kill Him, and the soldiers who whipped and crucified Him, to realize the providence of salvation of the cross and gain salvation.

Therefore, we must realize the Lord's love and grace and come into the level of complete goodness more quickly. If you reach the highest level of goodness, the enemy devil and Satan cannot hinder you. You will be a delight in God's sight so that you will receive answers to even the things that you just desire in your heart.

His Endless Love Renewed Me

Brother Taesu Shin, age 30, Young Adults' Mission, South Korea



with his mother Deaconess Youngsu Oh
and sister Puruem Shin

Different from my childhood, I wandered in life during my middle and high school years. It was not until I was a 12th grader that I harbored the desire for my mother to live in comfort and set a goal to enter college and succeed.

In 2004, I graduated from high school and began studying for entering college. For my study my family moved to Seoul. My mother and sister started their Christian lives through the guidance of my uncle. I would sometimes not attend Sunday Services using the excuse that I had to study.

In 2007, I was admitted to the division of Computer Science and Engineering in Hanyang University. I had achieved my first goal. But then I set another goal—to earn much money. To achieve it, I moved to another place separate from family. At first, I avidly read many books on investment techniques and studied about it. But soon I became lazy and started to play computer games. I wasn't able to tell my mother about my situation. I got a private loan to survive. The creditor harshly pressed me to pay back my debt. I became a social phobic and even wanted to commit suicide. The private loan company called my mother, and eventually she paid my debt.

I returned home but I still wanted to make a lot of money and live a successful life. I sold shoes and takoyaki on the street. I made quite a bit of money and gained confidence. But I thought I would regret it if I missed the chance to learn, although I made a lot of money and succeeded. So I returned to college in 2010.

Up until that time I attended only Sunday Morning Service. But from the beginning of 2011, I started to attend Sunday Evening Service. It's because I wanted to please my mother and sister who had always prayed for me. In the meantime, time passed into the second half of 2011.

One day when my sister greeted Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee, he asked my sister about me,

saying, "What about your brother?" I heard about it later. But I felt nothing. I heard that he asked about me once again. But nothing changed. But when I heard that he asked about me for the third time, I thought, 'Senior Pastor awaits even such a person like me, though I am nothing.' And about the time I had a dream where Senior Pastor appeared.

In the dream, Senior Pastor was leaning against the wall in a humble room. It seemed hard for him even to sit up. There were workers around him. They said, "Senior Pastor, please rest lying down." But he stood up holding onto the wall with faltering steps. Before I had heard that he had lost all his energy because he had prayed for the church members with tears. But only after the dream, could I feel it was real. And, I realized his sacrifice

was for me.

After I returned to college, I diligently studied. While studying physics, biology, and economics, I yearned to be as the many scholars in the fields. But one day I gained realization; 'Many intellectuals and scholars were recognized for their study and research, but was it useful and valuable when they were faced with death?'

Then I realized that the life for God's glory is the best life. And I set the best goal—to achieve the heart of spirit that resembles the Lord's heart. I wanted my life to be filled with the love of God, the Lord, and the shepherd. I tried to follow Senior Pastor who lives only by the Word. I tried to change even my facial expression, ways of speaking, fashion, hairstyle, and walking posture for God's glory.

Moreover, I armed myself with Senior Pastor's messages such as Love Chapter, the Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit, and the Beatitudes which he received from God through immeasurable amount of fasting and prayer. I thought the messages as a treasure map and believed them completely. And I prayed with the messages, applied them to my life, and tried to cast off evil. In October 2013, I stood on the rock of faith. In April 2014, I was blessed to achieve the heart of spirit. Since I entered spirit, I have had no worries and kept peaceful all the time.

I graduated from university in early 2015 and became a Levite worker in the church. I am happy to work for God's kingdom and now am preparing myself for the era of Canaan Sanctuary. I used to be arrogant and self-centered. I easily vacillated in change and had many worldly things in my heart. What renewed such a person like me was the grace of God and the Lord. And, it was the grace of the shepherd who sacrifices even his life to save his flock.

I give all thanks and glory to God who let me understand the true meaning of faith and lead a valuable life with the Lord-given vision.

“I Came to Hear while Praising!”



Sister Waripan Noksen,
age 42,
Chiang Rai Manmin Church,
Thailand

When I was four, I fell from a tree and got a hearing problem and lost hearing ability. I could not understand what others said and could not speak, so I had many problems in communicating with other normal people in the workplace.

On April 14, 2013 I was guided to Chiang Rai Manmin Church by my friend. I started to keep the Sabbath joyfully. While leading my Christian life, I harbored a heart's desire. "God! I want to talk to others comfortably."

In February 2015, I heard good

news that Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor would visit our church and would lead a Handkerchief Meeting. I started to prepare for it by praying every night in Daniel Prayer Meeting. I earnestly prayed to God, for whom nothing is impossible, with all my heart to recover hearing ability.

On May 12, 2015, I attended the Handkerchief Meeting (Acts 19:11-12). I was praising with a longing heart. I was singing a Manmin

Praise "Let Us Go Forth! Let Us Go Forth!" Then, all of a sudden, the sound of the song came into my right ear. I was so much excited! During the prayer for the sick, greater sound came into my right ear and then faintly into my left ear. By God's power, I came to hear! It is amazing! Hallelujah!

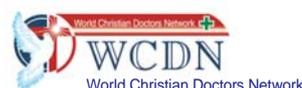


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