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Realizing 'The Depth of Love' in Seven Steps of God's Love



In 2016 Leadership Conference, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee told the attendees that they can understand God's heart and become His true children who can share love with Him only when they understand the depth of love which is the quintessential core of His heart. Many people came from 20 countries including USA, China, Israel, Kenya, the U.K., and Japan. Simultaneous interpretation service was provided for them in six languages. Photo, 2016 Leadership Conference and Power Worship Dance Team's performance

2016 Leadership Conference

From July 4 to 6 in 2016, Leadership Conference was held in Vivaldi Park in Hongcheon, Gangwon with Dr. Jaerock Lee as the main speaker under the theme of "The Depth of Love" (Romans 13:10).

The main auditorium Diamond Hall and other ten small auditoriums were filled with pastors, church leaders, and members from in and outside of Korea as well as district, sub-district, and cell leaders. The members from 43 branch churches in Korea attended, and approximately 200 people from 20 countries including USA, China, Israel, Kenya, the U.K., and Japan came and attended. Simultaneous interpretation service was offered for foreign attendees in English,

Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Mongolian, and Vietnamese.

Introducing the seminar, Dr. Lee explained why God gave the theme "The Depth of Love". He said the church members had grown up in faith, but he urged them still to fill up their shortages and deficiencies and reach the depth of the Lord's love through this seminar. Then, he elaborated the deficiencies of love in the people of flesh and the shortages and the deficiencies of love in the people of spirit. He cited some members as examples.

As written in Matthew 22:37-40, all the law have converged into 'love for God' and 'love for neighbors', and all is concluded in love. The quintessence of God's heart is love, and when we understand the depth of His love we can understand His heart and become His true children who can share love with Him. Speaker Dr. Lee talked about this and explained

the seven levels of love in depth.

The first step of love is forgiveness in which we forgive someone who cannot be forgiven. We do not set any limitations on forgiveness and do not remember once we forgive. The second step is giving life, in which we set up a proper environment for the person to live and we offer him strength and chances to stand on his own. The third step is patience. It is where we patiently wait for a person to repent, change, and bear fruits. The fourth step is believing that the person will be able to enter New Jerusalem. The fifth is hoping, that is, we watch his one strength although he has ninety nine shortcomings and believe his strength will be enlarged. The sixth step is waiting for him to be renewed patiently though it might take a long time. The seventh step is the one of tears where we shed tears because of pains and sorrow that we experience

during the waiting.

Dr. Lee prayed with tears for the members so that they could understand the depth of God's love and achieve that love and thereby be able to share love with Him as His true children and dwell in New Jerusalem that is the closest dwelling place to God.

He also led a Divine Healing Meeting after the seminars each day. He prayed earnestly for the members' souls to prosper, and for them to be healthy and receive answers and blessings. Many people were healed of their diseases including eyesight recovery cases and the removal of a lump on a woman's thyroid.

This 2016 Leadership Conference served as a great chance for Manmin members to understand the love of God, accomplish His heart, and thereby prepare themselves for the explosive ministry of Manmin in the church's third stage of take-off.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“Father, forgive them;
for they do not know what
they are doing” (Luke 23:34).

“Truly I say to you,
today you shall be
with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43).



Jesus left behind a few words spoken shortly before He breathed His last on the cross, and they are known as “The Last Seven Words on the Cross.” In this edition, the first and second words will be explained.

The First Word, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”

Jesus, the Son of God, was subjected to the brutal punishment of crucifixion because of our sins. On behalf of all mankind, who was to receive the penalty of death, Jesus was subjected to all sorts of suffering and affliction. That is why, without having this knowledge the Roman soldiers and the people of Israel did not hesitate to hold Jesus in contempt and scorn Him, treating Him as if He were an actual wrongdoer while He was hung on the cross.

Yet, Jesus not only suffered in silence but also prayed for God’s forgiveness of the very people who were insisting on having Him killed. This prayer, keep in mind, was not just for the crowd present at the time of Jesus’ crucifixion; it was also for all mankind dwelling in darkness. Jesus’ prayer of love is the very reason that countless people today are able to receive salvation.

The Blameless One who had prayed in love for the sinners in His final moments on the cross wants all children of God today to love and forgive all people. For the same

reason, He has taught us to pray, “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors” in “The Lord’s Prayer” (Matthew 6:12). Even at times when we are needlessly persecuted, Jesus does not want us to react in evil or harbor ill feelings but instead act only in goodness towards those who persecute us (Matthew 5:44-45).

Therefore, taking after Jesus who loved even the sinners who crucified and ridiculed Him, we must love our brothers and sisters and even forgive and love our enemies.

The Second Word, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

There were two criminals who were being crucified on either side of Jesus. One of them mocked Jesus, but the other criminal rebuked the first. Then he pleaded with Jesus. “Jesus,” said the criminal, “remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” To this, Jesus replied and promised the criminal, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.”

There is much spiritual significance embedded in the second words spoken, the first of which is “Paradise” of the heavenly kingdom. In 2 Corinthians 12:2-4, Apostle Paul wrote of having been “caught up to the third heaven...into Paradise, and heard inexpressible words.” In many other parts of the Bible—including Nehemiah 9:6 that tells us of “the heavens, the heaven of heavens”—there are mentions of “the highest heavens” and the like. In addition to the earthly heaven (sky) that is visible to our naked eyes, there are heavens of the spiritual realm (1 Kings 8:27; Psalm 68:33).

“The third heaven”—in which there is the heavenly kingdom—is divided among many heavenly dwelling places including Paradise into which Apostle Paul was caught up as well as the city of New Jerusalem as described in Revelation 21:10-11. New Jerusalem is at the highest level of the heavenly kingdom and will be inhabited by those who have taken after our Lord, have completely cast off all sin and evil, and have been faithful in all aspects.

The criminal who received

salvation while being crucified next to Jesus received the Lord only shortly before his death. Therefore, he had no time to cast off the sin and evil of his heart and he had done nothing to show his faithfulness to the Lord; he had merely been permitted to receive salvation. Such individuals will enter Paradise, the lowliest of dwelling places in the heavenly kingdom. Between Paradise and New Jerusalem there are many different levels of dwelling places and the dwelling place of each individual will be determined according to the magnitude of his sanctification, faith, and faithfulness.

As per the righteousness of God who allows each person to reap whatever he sows in this world and render to every man according to what he has done, the heavenly kingdom is divided into many different levels of dwelling places. In other words, the heavenly dwelling place will differ from one person to the next depending on how much each individual has cast off sin and taken after our Lord. By the same token, the glory, rewards, joy, and authority of each heavenly dwelling place will differ from one resident to the next.

This is why 1 Corinthians 15:41 tells us, “There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.” If one has true faith, he must earnestly desire to reach a better heavenly dwelling place. As Matthew 11:12 tells us, “From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force,” the more each of us defeat the enemy devil and sin and take after the Lord, the better heavenly dwelling place we can enter and reside in.

If we were allowed to enter Heaven with such sins as envy, jealousy, judging, condemning, hate, betrayal, deceit, greed, temper, adultery, and the like, Heaven could not be a holy and joyful dwelling place. Therefore, we cannot enter Heaven with sin and evil still left in our heart but only with what we have cultivated in our heart with goodness and spirit. Furthermore, those who have cultivated a similar amount with goodness and spirit will gather to live

at the same dwelling places. Just as one would find it more enjoyable to work and live with people of similar age groups or personality in this world, the life in Heaven will be all the more comfortable and joyous when they live with people of similar measures of sanctification, faith, and the extent to which they will have taken after the Lord.

Jesus told a criminal crucified beside Him, “Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.” This is not to say that Jesus would dwell in Paradise with the criminal. Jesus said this to the criminal because He is the Master of all the dwelling places of heaven and would rule over them after His resurrection and ascension.

Also, “today” does not mean Jesus went to Paradise the day He was crucified. As the criminal became a child of God after receiving salvation by faith, Jesus was telling him that He would be with him wherever he was from that moment onward. Likewise, when we accept the Lord and receive salvation, from that day on our Lord will remember us and be with us always.

Where, then, did Jesus go on that day, the Friday He died on the cross? Matthew 12:40 tells us, “...so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth,” and Ephesians 4:9 reminds us that Jesus “descended into the lower parts of the earth.” 1 Peter 3:19 also tells us, “He went and made proclamation to the spirits [now] in prison.” Keep in mind that after breathing His last on the cross, Jesus did not go to Paradise but “went and made proclamation to the spirits [now] in prison.” Here, “the spirits [now] in prison” refer to all those who are eligible for salvation but had died before Jesus bore the cross and became the Savior.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, until the very last moment of His life in this world, Jesus prayed in love for all mankind and planted the hope for Heaven in the heart of the criminal who accepted Him. I pray in the name of the Lord that each of you will take a better heavenly dwelling place by force by fathoming His love more clearly.

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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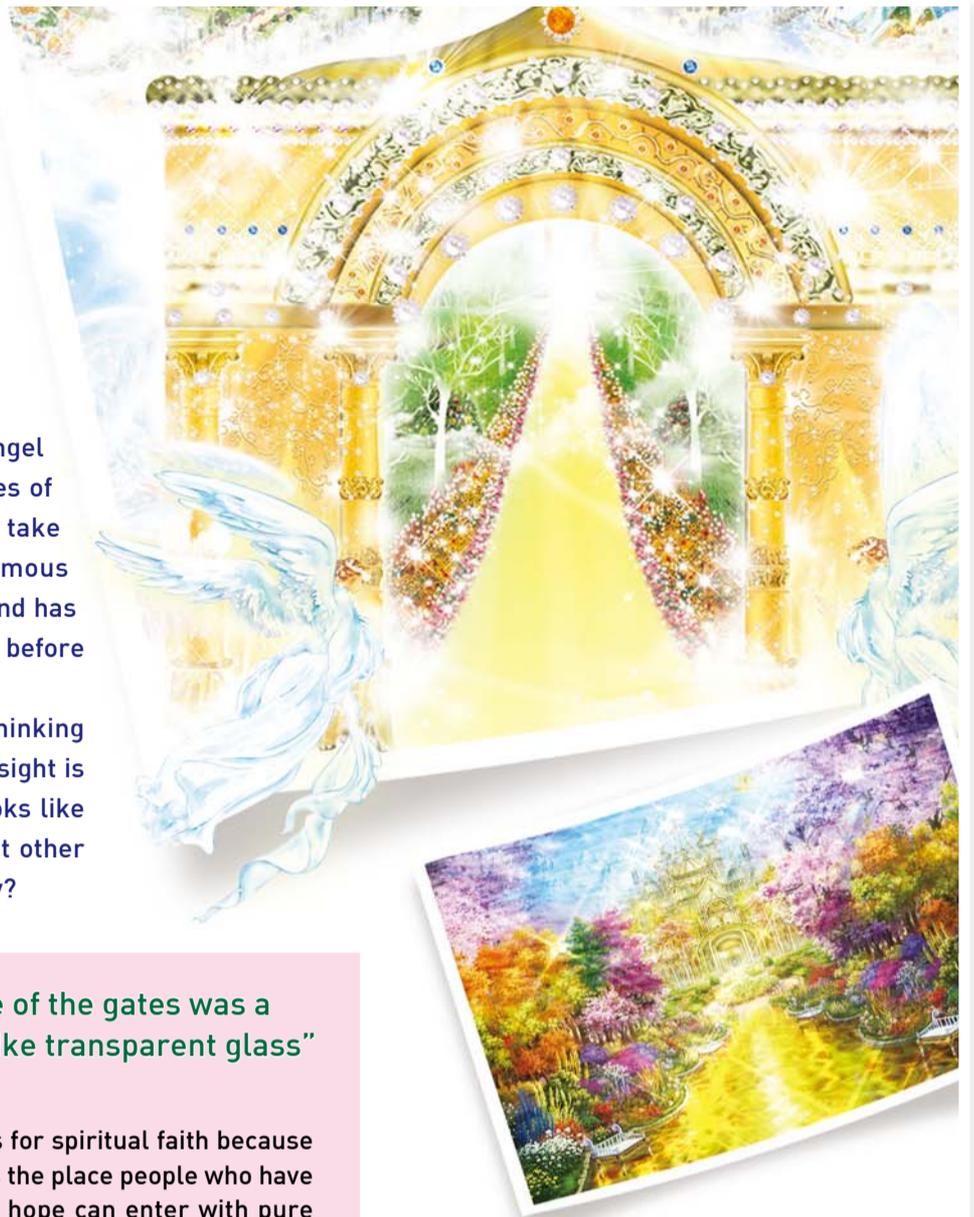
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Twelve Pearl Gates and the Golden Road

The city of New Jerusalem has twelve pearl gates. There is an angel guarding each gate, and just by seeing the angels guarding the gates of the city, we can feel the great honor of New Jerusalem. When we take a closer look at one of the gates of New Jerusalem, it is an enormous arch-shaped gate made of a single pearl. It opens to the two sides and has handles made with pure gold and set with jewels. When one stands before the gate, it automatically opens.

After we pass through the magnificent arch-shaped pearl gate thinking of the life journey of faith on the earth, the first thing coming in our sight is the endless road of New Jerusalem. It is made of pure gold and looks like transparent glass. Then, why does God make the gates of pearl, not other jewels in Heaven and the road of gold? What does it signify spiritually?



“And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass” (Revelation 21:21).

Pearl is made very differently from other jewels. It forms through pain and patience, so it is deemed very valuable. That is why the twelve gates of New Jerusalem are made of pearl. And the road is made of pure

gold which stands for spiritual faith because New Jerusalem is the place people who have faith and earnest hope can enter with pure hearts.

To Pass through the Twelve Pearl Gates, We Should Overcome Trials of Faith Patiently

God allows refining trials to His children. He lets them discover sins and evil in their hearts in various kinds of situations. When children suffer in trials, it is God who suffers in heart most. Nevertheless, He cannot but allow such trials to His children because they have to discover their sins and evil and cast them away in order to enter New Jerusalem.

When you are in trials, you may come to think you are so evil and you are nothing and you may lose heart and feel distressed. But if you pray, fast, and rely on God with all your strength, He will give you grace and strength. As much as you throw away hatred, you will bear the fruit of love. As much as you cast away hot temper and ill feeling, you will bear the fruit of kindness. When you make all your efforts to cast away sins and evil, you will be able to achieve the heart of spirit.

If you understand the love of God who allows the trials, however hard they are, you can overcome everything by the grace of God and become sanctified

Those who obey the truth will not lose fullness of the Holy Spirit but overcome the trials with joy and thanks in any kind of difficulty. They will not even think of them as trials. They will win over all the trials and enter New Jerusalem through the glorious and magnificent pearl gate like a general returning from a victorious battle.

To Walk on Golden Roads, We Should Have Spiritual Faith, Earnest Hope, and Pure Heart

On both sides of the river of the water of life is the golden road. The source of the river of the water of life is the thrones of God and the Lamb. This river flows from New Jerusalem, passes all dwelling places in Heaven, and flows back to the throne of God (Revelations 22:1-2). ‘Water’ spiritually symbolizes the Word of God. We can gain life in the Word of God and enter the way of eternal life by Jesus Christ (John 14:6). That is why the water of life flows from the thrones of God and the Lamb.

Since the river of the water of life flows through all places of Heaven, by following the golden road beside the river, we can find the city of New Jerusalem where God’s throne is located. Not only New Jerusalem, but all dwelling places in Heaven have the golden roads. As the brightness, material, and beauty of houses in each of the dwelling places are different, the brightness of golden roads in each dwelling places is different.

When we walk on the golden road it feels very soft. There is no dirt, nothing dirty in Heaven, and things do not wear off. The roads are not damaged no matter how many people walk on them. On both roadsides are various colorful and beautiful flowers that warmly welcome God’s children.

There are other roads such as flower roads and roads of jewels as well. We will feel different happiness and joy on each road. The flower roads in Heaven are made up of flowers themselves, that is, we will actually walk on flowers. Even though we

walk on them, the flowers will not be damaged or even pressed down. We will feel very comfortable and soft as if we are walking on a very fine carpet. The flowers will be delighted so much and give out their scents when we walk on them. Their scent will be absorbed by our whole body, so that we will be all the more blissful, refreshed, and inspired.

The jeweled roads are covered with many kinds of jewels that give out light that is clear and bright. These roads give out very bright and colorful lights from the jewels, yet when we walk on them, these jewels give out even more beautiful light. The jewels even give out scent that will make us feel more joy. Walking on the road will give you a kind of thrill, refresh you, and fascinate you. But this road of jewels is only in some special places. It is made for those who resemble the Lord and contributed much to fulfilling the providence of human cultivation. The road will be placed in their houses and surrounding areas.



All the days of our earthly life and all our thoughts, hearts, words, and deeds offered up to God will be materials for our dwelling place in Heaven. So, at the pearl gates, we will be reminded of our days of patience we have gone through, and on the golden road, of our days of faith on the earth. Therefore, we should not waste our life given on the earth but should try our best to become sanctified quickly and work faithfully in all aspects. We will thereby be able to be praised as faithful sons and daughters in Heaven and live near the throne of God.

“The God of Love Set Me Free from Diseases and Evil Spirits”

Sister Meenu, age 27, Delhi Manmin Church, India



Sister Meenu (second from left) with her parents (right) and her brother (left)

From 2012, I often saw evil spirits. I was having a hard time and suffering due to fear. I once heard them saying that they would take me and saw their ugly and hideous appearance. When I went to bed, I had a nightmare and was unable to move my body. I even had nocturnal enuresis. I felt so distressed that I often thought about suicide.

Meantime I heard my uncle was suffering from kidney stones. His doctor told him that his hemoglobin level was too low and the size of the stone became bigger, as big as 24mm. It caused his kidney not to function well and chances were that he would have to have a kidney transplant.

One day, my aunt visited my house and heard about my uncle's disease. She said that God can heal all kinds of diseases. She added that through Dr. Jaerock Lee, Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church in Korea, a great number of people all around the world had been healed of various kinds of diseases.

Since I had been very worried about my uncle, I started to attend the branch church, Delhi Manmin Church with earnest hope for his healing in March 2015. The church was having a Special Daniel Prayer Meeting. I prayed and fasted for my uncle. And on his behalf I received the prayer of Pastor John S. Kim with the handkerchief of power that Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed on (Acts 19:11-12).

Then, my uncle began to show improvement. While experiencing this, I was being renewed. As I tried to live by the Word of God, I didn't get

angry and hated nobody although I had been hot-tempered and hated many people. Moreover, evil spirits that troubled me for several years left me and my heart became peaceful and happy.

I wanted my uncle to no longer need the kidney transplant, and prayed for it. And I gave Muan Sweet Water of power to him.

My uncle drank Muan Sweet Water and prepared to receive the surgery to remove the stone. The doctor said that his kidney functioned well so he did not need a kidney transplant. After he experienced this miracle, he accepted the Lord. Hallelujah!

Blessings continued. On November 12, 2015, Rev. Heesun Lee came to our church to lead the 3rd

Anniversary Service and Handkerchief Healing Meeting. My brother and I were also healed. He was healed of inguinal hernia (a protrusion of

abdominal-cavity contents through the inguinal canal due to various causes). And I was healed of nocturnal enuresis.

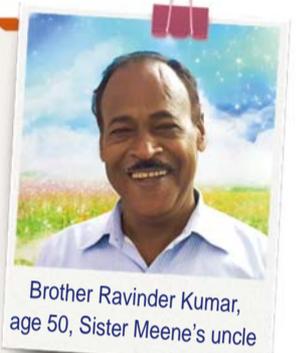
My another uncle and my father who was a famous fervent Hindu in our town were guided to church and they are leading Christian lives

“My Damaged Kidney Functioned Normally Again”

Since 2008, I had taken medicine due to kidney stones but seven years later my doctor told me that I had so many stones in my both kidneys that they did not work well and even got damaged.

My niece Meenu heard about my problem and started to attend Delhi Manmin Church. She received the handkerchief prayer from Pastor John S. Kim for me (Acts 19:11-12) and gave me Muan Sweet Water.

I drank Muan Sweet Water and underwent the surgery to remove the stones. Unexpectedly, all process went successfully. My kidneys had recovered so I did not need a kidney transplant that was expected to be done. It was a miracle! Hallelujah!



Brother Ravinder Kumar, age 50, Sister Meenu's uncle

together with us. I give all thanks and glory to God who let us know the word of life, healed us with the power, and blesses us to lead happy lives.

“I Was Healed of All My Diseases Including Skin Diseases”

Deaconess Eunsuk Jang, age 63, Yeoncheon Manmin Church

It happened in May 2010. My brother had dysphagia that is an incurable disease. He was not eating well and dying. But he was healed of it through Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer in Yeoncheon Manmin Church (Pastor Boongsun Jang). Hearing about it, I registered in Manmin. Afterwards, through Dr. Lee I was also healed of various diseases that had given me problems.

One day thirty years ago, I went to a public sauna. After I came back, I got blisters on the backs of my hands, arms, and legs. It was so itchy that I scratched the affected parts. Then, the parts were covered in boils and there were oozing sores. In summer,

it was okay but in autumn I had this dermatitis and kept suffering in winter and spring.

I often sprayed Muan Sweet Water on the diseased parts and they were cleansed without my knowing it. (Exodus 15:25, the bitter salty water from the sea in front of Muan Manmin Church changed into sweet drinkable water through Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. When the church members use the Muan Sweet Water with faith, they experience God's powerful works.)

I also had postpartum stroke-related symptoms; when cold wind blew, my nose felt cold inside and it was very painful. I had to put some tissue inside

and wear a mask to sleep. But the symptoms disappeared.

I was also healed of herniated cervical disc, gastric ulcer, and arthritis in my fingers. All the lumps on my finger joints were all gone. Hallelujah!

God healed me of all my many diseases and also blessed me to have a house in the countryside after I offered up my offering in Women's Mission's Devotional Service.

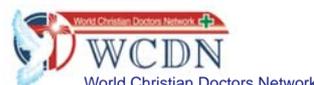
My past life was full of poverty and problems, but since I met the shepherd of life, I have lived a healthy and blessed life. I give all thanks and glory to my God who is so good!



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