

# Manmin News

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## Thanks to Our Lord who came to This Earth for Us

### 2018 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



The 2018 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at 9 PM, Dec. 14 Friday, 2018, in front of the main sanctuary of the church. The event was broadcast live on GCN TV. It started off with the united choir singing “Hark the Herald Angels Sing!” The Christmas lights were lit up along with fireworks when the presider and the church members shouted, “Faith, hope, love, and New Jerusalem,” and Pastor Soojin Lee replied, “Let’s go together!” A duet Christmas carol medley followed the

lighting. Then, Pastor Soojin Lee delivered a short message. “The LORD God, the almighty Creator is our Father. God the Father loves all mankind and each of you. For this reason He gave His beloved Son Jesus to be crucified, in order to save you and to give you the glory of heaven. Therefore, let us love one another. Isn’t this the message that the Lord is giving to us? I hope you will love and serve each other, so that you’ll be full of happiness on this Christmas.”

This year’s Christmas decorations had mega-size trees, the paintings of the Lord’s birth, and flower decorations, under the theme “Love of the Lord.” The main sanctuary is decorated with the star that guided the 3 magi, big trees, panoramic LED lights, and luxurious flower decorations, under the theme, “Lord of love.”

At 7 PM, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, Monday, there will be a Christmas Eve Concert and the Celebration Events, and at 11 AM on the 25<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas Service.

### GCN TV Attends the Fellowship of European Broadcasters (FEB) Conference



The Fellowship of European Broadcasters Conference was held from Nov. 29 through Dec. 1, in Dublin, Ireland, and representatives

from GCN TV of our church attended it to make known the ministry of Manmin.

In the opening ceremony on Nov. 29, the president of FEB, Harvey Thomas gave thanks to GCN TV for participation saying, “Manmin’s ministry through GCN TV is a very good example we’d like to take after, and it is a testimony to the whole world.”

On Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>, GCN TV Director Elder Johnny Kim played a video of the powerful ministry of our Senior Pastor, Rev. Jaerock Lee, and introduced GCN TV and Manmin’s ministry that is spreading the holiness gospel and the works of God’s power, to the broadcasters in Europe.

Mr. Mario Skanny, president of a Christian TV production in Croatia, was deeply impressed saying, “I’ve never seen such a

ministry as this. The variety of contents is dynamic and perfect,” Mr. Rob Clark from the Spirit Radio, Ireland said, “GCN TV is full of Spirit and is spreading the gospel to numerous souls around the world. It has great potential to have tremendous influence on Christian world.” Also, Beate Bucsh, the president of Bible TV, Germany said, “The technology of South Korea is remarkable. I’d like to cooperate with GCN TV. Please visit Bible TV whenever you come to Europe.”

During the morning events on Saturday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, Elder Johnny Kim had a public meeting covering GCN TV’s ministry for European Christian broadcasters. GCN TV has been able to recognize the current situations in Christian broadcasting in Europe and established cooperation with Bible TV of Germany.



God Is Light (10)

# Your Righteousness as the Light, and Your Judgment as the Noonday

“Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light and your judgment as the noonday.” (Psalm 37:5-6)

“For those who trust God completely, their righteousness will be revealed as the light and their judgment as the noonday. They will gain victory and prosperity, and they will reveal God’s glory.”

Dr. Jaerock Lee, Senior Pastor of Manmin Central Church

Today, love has grown cold and lawlessness prevails in this world. Even the most basic levels of morality collapsed a long time ago. All aspects of our lives are filled with corruption and injustice. Innocent people are wrongfully accused and suffer. Evildoers seem to prosper. It looks like evil and cunning people are treated better than the honest.

So, what kind of view should we have toward this world, and how are we supposed to conduct our lives? Psalm 37:4 says, “Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.” To delight ourselves in God, we must have the kind of faith that pleases God.

In order to have this kind of faith, we should be able to discern between light and darkness through the word of God. We also have to realize what kind of darkness we have in us that we haven’t cast away yet. Now, let us delve into the kind of faith that can really please God in 6 specific aspects.

## 1. Our Attitude of Heart

In Psalm 37:1, there are two kinds of darkness that prohibit us from pleasing God. One is to fret because of evildoers, and the other is to be envious of wrongdoers.

If people see that evildoers commit acts of unrighteousness, and yet they still seem to be successful, the people complain outwardly or become envious inwardly.

However, this is to doubt the justice of God. For those who are in the Light, they don’t have any form of evil including complaint or envy. Thus, if you fret because of evildoers and are envious of wrongdoers, it means that the possibility exists that you also may become such

an evildoer as well.

There is a positive attitude by which we can please God. As written in Psalm 37:3, it is that we must trust God, do good, dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness transcending the level of not fretting over evildoers.

Let us trust and rely on God always being rewarded by the faithfulness of God. He is the Guide and the Guard for those who depend on God. He always protects those who rely on Him as their Guide and Guard.

## 2. The Reason Why We Must Not Fret Because of Evildoers and Not Be Envious of Wrongdoers.

Psalm 37:2 says, “For they will wither quickly like the grass and fade like the green herb.”

Grass and the green herb symbolize what is passing and meaningless in this world, namely, what God does not make anew. It is saying the success of evildoers is only temporary, just like grass that withers soon and green herb that fades away.

Proverbs 24:19-20 says, “Do not fret because of evildoers or be envious of the wicked; for there will be no future for the evil man; the lamp of the wicked will be put out.”

It describes that the destruction of the wicked is very near and the glory of the righteous never fades. God protects the righteous and allows them to enjoy overflowing blessings in their lives.

The wicked are destroyed in a short time, and their prosperity is passing and temporary. Then, how can the righteous who have gained eternal life complain because of evildoers and be envious of the success of the wicked that fades

away in a short time?

Psalm 37:8 says, “Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret; it leads only to evildoing.”

If you harbor anger and complain toward evildoers, it leads you to evildoing. So, the Bible repeatedly emphasizes that you must never fret because of the wicked.

If you complain about somebody and harbor evil in your mind, no matter what its reason is, it will harm your heart and increase evil in you. Please remember that the true way of destroying evil is not from complaining in anger but overcoming evil with goodness as in Romans 12:21.

## 3. The Way by Which You Can Please God

Hebrews 11:6 says, “And without faith it is impossible to please Him for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

The faith here is the faith by which you can obey God’s word unconditionally even if you can’t understand it through reason. It is the way by which you can please God, sacrifice your life for God, and make something out of nothingness. In short, it is the faith that is true and spiritual faith as recorded in Hebrews 10:22.

The emphasis in Psalm 37 is that God is pleased when we do not fret because of him who prospers in his way but instead we rest in God and wait patiently for Him.

He who is prosperous in his way indicates those who follow their own ways and seem prosperous. It is mentioned again to remind us that we must not fret because of evildoers.

## 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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Exodus 14:14 says, “The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.” When we are still before God and wait patiently in everything, we can leave everything to God so that He Himself may do it. It is the deeds of our faith by which we can open the door of God’s answers. Thus, it will bring the most amazing and powerful works. Therefore, in order for us to please God truly, we have to commit everything to God and patiently wait for Him to work.

#### 4. The Result of Those Who Delight in God

When you delight in God, you do not fret because of him who is prosperous in his way temporarily and do not envy the wicked who are prosperous. However, there is a higher level than this: It is that you can commit your way to God, as in Psalm 37:5-6.

Those who commit everything to God’s will and rely on Him only in any situation, they obey the Word all the time. They love their enemies. They don’t pay back evil with evil but overcome evil with goodness.

God will be pleased with those who have such faith; and He will not only give to them answers and desires of their heart but also manage everything they do. As a result, God will bring forth their righteousness as the light and make their judgment shine as the noonday sun.

When light is shed, the existence of objects is clearly revealed. In the same way, God’s special intervention is clearly manifested to those who commit their way to God and are recognized by Him. If you fully trust God and depend on Him, your righteousness will be brought forth as the light and your judgment as the noonday. And you will gain ultimate victory and abundance and reveal the glory of God. Therefore, you must never sway to the left or to the right like unbelievers, but delight in God by committing everything to Him.

Some people try to seek the righteousness to some degree but do not really commit their ways to God because they have not cast away their evil completely. When somebody harms them or does evil to them, they feel uncomfortable and impatient because of anger.

If they suffer unjustly and are treated wrongfully, they have to talk about it to somebody. They try to prove their innocence. They feel OK only when their innocence is proven and their opinions are accepted, even if it means the peace in the organization is broken and some people have to suffer in the process.

No matter how righteous it seems to them, they must understand it is darkness; they just can’t overcome their own ill-feelings and evil. Most people are generous toward their own faults while they are strict concerning the faults of others. They don’t want to accept other people and they criticize them without hesitation.

However, how would those who have gentle heart and keep away from evil act in a similar situation? They don’t reveal the fault of others. They care for even those who are criticized. God is delighted with such people. He will walk with them and let their righteousness be brought forth as the light and their judgment as the noonday.

#### 5. The Inheritance That Those Who Hope in God Receive from Him

Psalm 37:9-11 says, “For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land. A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.” When we hope in

God, we believe that God’s help is true blessing to us and rely on Him alone. Those who hope in and fear God receive the right to dwell in the land of God.

If you believe that the world is ruled by God and His providence you can commit everything including death and life, wisdom and foolishness, and penalties and rewards into the hands of God. Then, you can hope for and believe the help of God in any situation.

Just as we can find through the illustrations of the great flood of Noah and judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah, wicked men have been judged and completely destroyed by God when their evil had been built up and reached the limitation. But those who have hoped in God have not only received the everlasting inheritance that never fades away but also enjoyed abundance on earth.

Evildoers who have kept themselves away from God are destroyed forever, after passing and temporary glory and pleasure. But those who delight and hope in God and those who confess that God is their only hope will inherit the land. The land means not only various blessings they receive on earth but the kingdom of heaven they will receive as the righteous children of God in the age to come.

#### 6. The Width, Length, Height, and Depth of the Faith in which We Delight in God.

When you read about the life of Ruth in the Bible, many of you may look at only a part of her life that is described in the Bible, and you think your life has become like hers, saying as follows. “I have most certainly honored my

parents.” Or “I have kept my words that I vowed or promised.” With those thoughts, you cannot discover darkness that lies deep within you, thereby having no improvement.

You must not forget that God exalted and delighted in Ruth not just because of a few outward aspects of her including goodness, righteousness, and truthfulness. Even though more detailed things are not recorded in the Bible, we can guess that God who is Light saw everything she had and searched for her deeds, manner of life, attitude in heart, and characters.

If we carefully look into the patriarchs in the Bible, we can find excellent things that they showed. The Bible briefly speaks about them because it doesn’t need detailed explanations. But because God knew their heart and attitude, He let them be written in the Bible so that He would accomplish His will and providence.

If you want to resemble the patriarchs in whom God was delighted and enter the level of light, you must not watch only over their outward merits but also look into how wide, long, high and deep their characters were. In other words, you have to look at everything as a whole according to the fullness of God.

The spiritual realm is endless and everlasting. So, I wish you continue to change and refine yourselves so that you can come forth as pure gold and shining jewels.

May your righteousness shine like an eagle flying in the sky with its wings open wide so that you can inherit the broad land and enjoy great peace in the kingdom of heaven, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I pray!



### The Spiritual Meaning in the Three Gifts That the Magi Presented to Jesus

- **Gold Symbolizes Heart** ●

Gold usually represents wealth and prosperity but as Matthew 6:21 says, “for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also,” so the gold spiritually refers to our heart. Therefore, giving gold as a gift is to give one’s heart. It means we give everything we have to the Lord.

God is delighted with those who give gold to Jesus. God gives them the beautiful kingdom of heaven that is built with gold and precious gemstones. God lets them enjoy eternal life and blessings in heaven later.

- **Frankincense Symbolizes the Fragrance of Christ** ●

Frankincense gives out good aroma and removes bad odor. Spiritually, it refers to the fragrance of Christ. Spiritually giving frankincense to the Lord is giving out the aroma of Christ through deeds of goodness and casting away all forms of evil.

Jesus has redeemed mankind from their sins that are full of filth and stench and He leads us to holiness. And for those who circumcise their hearts and give out the aroma of Christ, they will prosper in all things and be in good health, just as their soul prospers, as in 3 John 1:2.

- **Myrrh Symbolizes Unchanging Faith** ●

Myrrh acts as preservative. In giving the gift of myrrh the magi were giving something that never perishes spiritually. The act of giving myrrh represents unchanging faith. In order not to have unchanging faith, we first have to cast away all forms of evil as in 1 Thessalonians 5:22. As long as we have remnants of evil in us, we might change our mind any time trying to serve our own interests. Those who believe in the name of Jesus Christ will be given the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that their dead spirit will be revived, and eventually they will gain an eternal life in a spiritual body that will never perish.





I was raised in a Hindu family and I used to worship many idols. One day, I lost contact with my grandson who went to another country to work.

The whole family lost heart, and by chance I came to meet a sister who was going to Madurai Manmin Church. I talked to her about my grandson, and she said my problem could be solved in the church where they were having a prayer meeting. I received prayer from the pastor in the church, and to my surprise, our grandson came back home without incident.

After this happened I came to accept the Lord as my personal Savior. That's when I began to attend Madurai Manmin Church in April 2014. I learned the Bible. I was also amazed by the works of God that I had never heard of or seen before. When I relayed this grace to my family, the family of my 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter was evangelized. They also experienced God's healing work. My son-in-law recovered from hearing difficulty in both ears after he received prayer with the handkerchief on which the Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12). My granddaughter also recovered from the danger of miscarriage.

In early 2018, I fell down in the bathroom

while I was preparing to go out. I hit my head on the floor and I could not get up. My daughter and granddaughter were shocked and immediately took me to the hospital in a taxi. It was an emergency, in which I couldn't get up by myself.

The doctor said my head was OK but my back was injured. He gave me a prescription and advised me to wear a back brace all the time so as not to move my back. Later, I received prayer with handkerchief from my pastor Persiel Rajadurai, and she suggested I prepare to receive the divine healing in the upcoming summer retreat.

As I was waiting for the summer retreat in one of the Friday all-night services, I watched the Manmin Magazine video before the message. They showed a testimony of senior deaconess Okjeom Park who had been in a very similar situation as mine. I was touched very much that she was healed of her broken ankle by the Senior Pastor's prayer without getting any medical treatment.

I was convinced that I could be healed through prayer, and I took off the spine braces immediately. I prepared for the Manmin Summer Retreat with prayers and longing.

I attended the summer retreat on GCN live-broadcast on Monday, August 6. I received the handkerchief prayer of Pastor Soojin Lee with faith. The work of God transcending time and space happened to me as well. The fire of the Holy Spirit came upon my body and I perspired profusely. Then, all the pains in my body were gone and I could move my back freely.

Now, I walk 25 minutes every morning to attend the dawn prayer meeting. This past September I also attended the summer retreat held at Chennai Manmin Church. I am healthier than ever, though I am soon going to be 80. Hallelujah!

I give all thanks and glory to God who has healed me transcending time and space.

X-ray Picture



Before Prayer ▶  
The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> lumbar vertebrae are not aligned.

## "I Came to Church of Life through YouTube"

Deacon Chulgook Park  
(Age 37, Chinese 1<sup>st</sup> Parish)



I accepted the Lord when I was 20 and began to go to church. However, I didn't really understand the truth of God, and I was no different from an unbeliever in the world.

One day in 2015, I was watching YouTube and came across the GCN TV program 'Creation and Science.' Rev. Jaerock Lee's lecture on Genesis was inserted in that program, and also it explained in detail about the beginning of human beings, pyramids, and many other things I had been interested in.

Later, I searched for Rev. Jaerock Lee's messages on the Internet, and they were so full of grace that I listened to them every time I had a chance. I listened to the Genesis Lectures, which numbered more than 100 messages. I also listened to 'The Message of the Cross', and 'Measure of Faith.' The more messages I heard, the more I realized they were really the words of life.

I listened to Rev. Lee's sermons on the Internet for 3 years, and in December 2017, I registered as a member of Manmin along with my wife. Listening to the messages of Rev. Lee who is showing the example of a holy life, I was able to quit smoking and drinking. My wife was also changed into a better person. My family became much happier.

In February 2018, my mother-in-law didn't feel well and went to a hospital for exams. They said she had a 99% chance of having ovarian cancer. I had already witnessed so many people getting healed of incurable diseases through the prayers of the Senior Pastor, so I talked about all those healing works through the Senior Pastor and preached the gospel to my mother-in-law.

It was the Lunar New Year holidays, and Senior Pastor had meetings with the church members. My wife and I prepared for this meeting with prayers. Also, my mother-in-law repented of committing sins in the past although she was going to church for 30 years. On February 15, 2018, my family received the Senior Pastor's prayer for the whole group. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, my mother-in-law was examined again in a university hospital, and the doctor said there was no sign of ovarian cancer at all. Hallelujah!

Since she recovered her health, she has been preaching about the living God to her relatives. Her husband, my father-in-law also became a Christian. I give all thanks and glory to God the Father who has guided me to this church of life and who has let my whole family enjoy happiness. Now, I'd like to become a faithful worker for the Lord's kingdom.



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