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Invitation to the Lord's Comfort



When King Saul was suffering from the evil spirits, David played the harp and the evil spirits left. Though Paul and Silas were in jail they praised God and the gates of the jail opened.

Today, members of our church are experiencing the power of praises that please God in various worship services and meetings.

Ye-Ok Lee (56, 5th Parish) was healed of migraines and vestibular function disorder during the consecutive 2-term special Daniel Prayer Meeting special praise session. As she praised God with all her heart, she perspired profusely during the whole session and her migraine and dizziness disappeared.

Hyena Jeong (17, High School) said, "I was healed of purulent COX-arthritis by Rev. Jaerock Lee's prayer when I was 4-months-old. I am thankful I can praise God with my healthy body. I am so happy that I can give praises to God during the 2nd part of the Friday all-night service."

The 2nd part of the Friday all-night service is live-broadcast on GCN TV (www.gcntv.org). Members from children to seniors receive the fullness of Spirit through praises. The 1st part, the worship service begins at 11 PM of which the initial praises starts 10:30 PM. After the 30-minute break between the 1st and 2nd part, praises and prayers continue until 4 AM Saturday local time.

Tuesday praise and worship services are held for Young Adults' Mission and Canaan Mission at 8 PM every Tuesday. The Saturday praise and worship for teenagers is held at 4 PM every Saturday. The Light and Salt Mission, a mission group for those in distribution and restaurant businesses, has their praise and worship service at 9 PM every Wednesday.

Mock Exams for Bible Quiz Competition

All answers are contained in the Bible, the word of God. We can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit clearly when we plant the word of God in our heart. When we obey it and give out the aroma of Christ we can give glory to God.

Our church members try to read a chapter and memorize a verse of the Bible every day. Since 2000, the Men's Mission has been holding Bible quiz competitions. It's going to be the 19th session this year. The 1st and 2nd rounds will be held on Aug. 25, and the final round will be on Sep. 29.

They had a mock exam this past May 26. Participants fill out the answer sheet and submit, or they can do it online on the church website.

Some gifts will be presented as well. The next mock exam will be held on June 30, July 21, and Aug. 18. There are other tests or Bible reading campaign conducted by different mission groups as well.



Special Daniel Prayer Meetings to Be Held

Mark 9:29 says, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer." Believers must pray not just to hear the word but to live by it and bear the fruits of the Spirit in their heart.

Our church has Daniel Prayer Meetings held at 9 PM every night. We've been praying for national and world evangelism without ceasing. Many members gather from different countries to pray together. They receive fullness of the Spirit, give up their old selves, and are changed by God's love to live a renewed and blessed life.

The 1st term of the Special Daniel Prayer Meeting will start from July 8. Unlike the previous 2-term consecutive meetings, in the 2nd half of this year each term will be held separately in July and then in September.



Fruit of Goodness

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” Gal. 5:22-23

Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Dictionary definition of goodness refers to the state or quality of being good, generosity; kindness, moral excellence; piety; virtue. In spiritual sense, it is to seek goodness in the Spirit, namely to follow goodness in the truth.

The goodness in one's heart is certainly revealed by his actions. Thus, if we bear the fruit of goodness, we will emit the aroma of Christ and become the light and salt of the world.

1. What Is Fruit of Goodness?

1) Outward Representation of the Heart that Pursues Desires of the Spirit

Even some nonbelievers try to follow ways of goodness. They also discern between good and evil according to their conscience. However, each one's conscience is different from one another.

Conscience is the standard to judge between good and evil. It is based on one's nature, which is different according to what they inherit from their parents and how they are raised. Even though children are raised in same family, they turn out differently according to how they accept their education.

People's consciences become different depending on what kind of value system they were taught. Therefore, even those who follow their conscience can't be considered absolutely good.

However, for the believers, they have only one standard to discern between good and evil. It is the word of God, which never changes. It is 'goodness' to take this standard of the truth and act according to it. It is to follow the desires of the Spirit. But having earnest desire to follow goodness doesn't necessarily mean we've borne the fruit of goodness.

Those who follow goodness will show their heart outwardly through their actions (Matt. 12:35; Prov. 22:11). Wherever they go and whoever they meet, they show virtue and love with good words and actions. Let us check whether or not we're actually showing the good deeds, even if we might think we're

longing for goodness.

2) One Can't Help But Choose Goodness in All Things

Phil. 2:1-4 says, "Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others."

Those who have borne the fruit of goodness will cooperate even with the things they don't really agree. They're humble and they don't try to be recognized. They respect even those who are not rich or well-educated and become their true friends.

Even when others harass them for no reason they still have mercy on them. They just humble themselves, so they can pursue peace with everyone and holiness. They do their work faithfully and care for other people's work as well.

Luke chapter 10 tells us about a man who was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. He was robbed and left half-dead. A priest saw him but just passed. So did a Levite.

They knew the word of God and were serving God. They had to keep the Law of God better than ordinary people. But when they actually had to do God's will, they didn't.

On the contrary, the Good Samaritan had goodness in his heart. He couldn't just turn away from the dying man. Even if it meant he had to spend his own time and money, he couldn't just neglect the person in need. When he couldn't help him personally, he paid someone else to help.

If he had just passed him by just because he had a reason, he'd have had the burden for the rest of his life. Namely, he couldn't help but choose to do good. This is the heart of

goodness.

3) He Will Not Quarrel, Nor Cry Out; Nor Will Anyone Hear His Voice in the Streets.

Matt. 12:19-20 says, "He will not quarrel, nor cry out; nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. A battered reed He will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out, Until He leads justice to victory."

If we bear the fruit of goodness, we won't have any conflict with anyone, just like the Lord. We won't speak of others' faults either. We won't try to be lifted up. Even if we might suffer injustice we won't complain.

If there is any conflict, the cause lies within us. It's not because someone is giving us a hard time or because others are doing something unreasonable. It's only because we don't have broad enough hearts to accept them, and because we have the prejudice that makes crashing noises. If our peace is broken and we have ill-feelings in a certain situation, we have to realize we still have evil in our heart.

If we have goodness, we won't break a bruised reed or put out a smoldering wick. If there is any chance of living, we won't take the life away but try to give them life. 'Bruised reed' refers to those filled with sins and evil of the world. 'Smoldering wick' symbolizes those stained by evil so much that their souls are dying.

Today, even in the church there are people who still live in sins and even stand against God. Some act in evil because they want to be loved and recognized in the church but they aren't. Some slander others while some others cause trouble in all kinds of work just because they are not leading them.

Even for people such as these, one with fruit of goodness will accept them. They won't try to decide who is right and who is wrong or bring others to submission. They treat others with a good heart to melt and move their heart.

Of course, there are still people who go the way of death no matter how good you are to them. However, one with goodness will never

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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give up on them but try to save them.

2. Power to Follow Goodness in the Truth

This fruit of goodness might seem similar with other fruits of the Spirit. You might wonder thinking, “The Good Samaritan helped the person with mercy, love, charitable mind, and compassion,” “If you don’t quarrel or cry out, isn’t it peace and humbleness?” “Do all these qualities belong to goodness?”

Of course, love, charitable work, mercy, compassion, peace, and humbleness all belong to goodness. Goodness is the original nature of God and it is vast.

But the specific quality that we’re talking about in goodness here is the power to actually

follow goodness. In case of mercy the focus is to help those in need. For goodness, it is the power to actually choose to show mercy and help the one in need.

Also, not quarreling and not crying out are in regard to peace and humbleness. Here, goodness is to be unable to break peace and to actually follow the humble way.

If we bear the fruit of goodness completely, we’ll be faithful in all God’s household. If we don’t do our job properly, someone else will probably suffer, and God’s kingdom won’t be accomplished to that same extent.

Dear brothers and sisters, the evil people feel uncomfortable when they don’t give out evil. If they are wrongfully accused, they can’t bear it

without giving out evil. They have to let their anger out to eventually feel comfortable. Even if it means hurting others, they still do it anyway.

On the contrary, those who are good will feel uncomfortable when they don’t follow the way of goodness. Even when they have the freedom to enjoy something, if there is slightest chance it might cause discomfort to others, they feel peaceful and happy not enjoying it. When we act in goodness in all things in this way, we can be considered to have borne the fruit of goodness.

May you keep the word of God and bear the fruit of goodness, thereby giving out the aroma of Christ and giving glory to God in all things, I pray this in the name of the Lord!

Ministry of the Helper, the Holy Spirit

The resurrected Lord, before His ascension, advised His disciples not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for the Helper the Holy Spirit. He told them that, when the Holy Spirit came upon them, they’d be His witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and to the remotest part of the Earth.

About 120 people who witnessed the ascension of the Lord came back to Jerusalem from Mt. of Olives. They concentrated on prayer to receive the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost, something amazing happened among them.

There came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. Since then, they boldly preached the gospel and established many churches. Eventually the Roman Empire became a Christian state.

God sent Jesus to redeem us from our sins, and after His ascension, God sent the Holy Spirit to us to confirm His love once again. Let’s take a look at the ministry of the Helper, the Holy Spirit.

01

He Gives Us Power to Overcome the World

Psalm 103:14 says, “For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust.” God the Creator knows about us very well and gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to those children who accept the Lord.

The Holy Spirit dwells in the heart of God’s children. He rebukes them of the things of the world (1 John 2:15-16), helps them discern the perishing fleshly things, and sins

leading to death.

He also groans in their heart so that they can feel the affliction and turn from their sinful ways. He gives them the strength to completely uproot their love for the world, too.

He gives them power to pray. When we pray fervently, we can easily cut off worldly things by the fullness of Spirit. He always comforts and encourages those who try to sever

themselves from the world.

Furthermore, He lets us feel the joy of life in the Spirit so that we’ll love God more than the world (Rom. 14:17). We get the strength to do away with the world by feeling God’s love.

When we try to quit some worldly entertainment, He gives us joy and comfort in our heart and also material blessings.

02

He Guides Us to Understand God’s Heart

The Lord brings us back to the side of God, and the Holy Spirit reconciles us to God as His children (Rom. 8:14-16).

After they accept the Lord, the Holy Spirit guides the believers to lead their life in faith in a way they are supposed to do it.

He teaches them about God and His heart through God’s word. He works with them so that they can practice the word of God.

The Helper, the Holy Spirit lets us realize the heart of God the Father and raises us to become His true children (John 14:26).

He endures with us until we change. He shows us the magnitude of God’s love through His unceasing dedication.

As we come to have the heart of the Lord, we will be able to feel God the Father who is alive in us. The more clearly we know God, the

closer relationship with Him, and the deeper love we will have for Him.

After all, we will become true children who live according to His will with their love for Him. In so doing, they can always walk with God like the patriarchs. As we rely on God all the time, all things will go well with us. We will live a happy life until we reach the kingdom of heaven.

03

He Leads Us to Clearly Understand the Spiritual Realm

The Holy Spirit is the heart and power of God itself. He does the things that are physically impossible so that we can realize that this visible world is not everything there is.

Jesus said in John 4:48, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe.” And the signs, wonders, and extraordinary miracles take place by the power of

the Holy Spirit.

Seeing those works people can believe in God and the existence of heaven. Through the works of the Holy Spirit, people can feel the spiritual realm as if they saw and touched it.

However, Matt. 13:13 says, “... because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.” There are

people who can’t believe in heaven and hell even after hearing the gospel. The works of the Holy Spirit take place so that such people can see and believe in the spiritual realm.

One can have hope for heaven only when he can believe in the spiritual realm. The works of the Holy Spirit are the love of God who wants His children to enjoy greater honor and glory in heaven.

“Happy and Healthy Family by the Lord’s Love!”

Boseung Lim (55, 12th Parish)

I was living a comfortable life as a civil worker in Uljin, Kyeongbook Province until I faced the turmoil of life. In August 1997, I was in a car driven by a drunk driver who was one of my colleagues. While he was trying to get away from the police, he bumped into the guardrail and flew off of the road. We fell 4 meters down.

I was rescued and hospitalized for 9 days. After I came back home, I realized I was accused of being the driver. My colleague, who was the owner and the driver of the car, pinned it on me. However, by the testimony of the rescuer I was finally acquitted after a year and 4 months, and my colleague was sentenced to 6 months of jail time with a 2 year suspended sentence.

However, having pulled many strings, that colleague sued me for libel, and I received a 3-year sentence, and another colleague who was on the back seat of the car received 1 year. The press reported that I was a shameless co-worker without checking the facts. I appealed and the sentence was reduced to 1 year, but I felt so victimized.

After Reading *The Message of the Cross*

In 2003, as I was put in jail at the age of 39, I was so angry I thought of suicide many times. I just couldn't do it thinking of my little children. I had been going to

a church since 2001, so I read the Bible 3 times in jail, but my desire for vengeance didn't go away.

One day, my wife's sister gave me *The Message of the Cross* written by Rev. Jaerock Lee. I felt my soul was completely refreshed from the deepest parts. Reading about why Jesus Christ is our Savior, and why God placed the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, I felt the love of God and was filled with joy.

After I was released in 2004, I went back to the church where I had been going. However, there were divisions in the church and I couldn't go there any longer. My heart became desperate.

Becoming a Manmin Member through a Dream

My wife Seungja Hwang had been attending the worship services of Manmin Central Church through the Internet live broadcasting since June 2005. As the year-end came near, she suggested we go to Manmin Central Church to attend the New Year service. I said there are so many other churches nearby and we didn't have to go all the way to Seoul. But something unexpected happened.

In my dream I was walking in the darkness. I saw bright light far away and went there to find a cross. As I approached, Rev. Jaerock Lee was beckoning me from behind the stage with a big smile on his face. When I went up



to the stage, he opened the space behind it and took me with him into the bright light. After having this dream, I had the conviction and went to Seoul to attend the New Year service in Manmin Central Church. After that we began to attend Pohang Manmin Church.

In August 2006, I went to the Summer Retreat held in Muju. After receiving the senior pastor's prayer from the podium, my son's sickness was healed. He was 14. He frequently had pneumonia since he was 4-months old, and he was admitted often to the hospital, too. He always had to take medicines. However, by the senior pastor's prayer that day, he was healed of all his diseases and became healthy.

Making a Happy Family through Word of Life

I used to love hanging out with my friends, so I used to come home late. My wife and I tried to serve each one's own interest, and my wife often mentioned divorce. However, after becoming Manmin members, we try to understand and serve each other, so there are no more quarrels at home. We have a peaceful family now.

Being thankful for this grace, I delivered *Manmin News* to my neighbors. I wanted to attend the main church and moved to Seoul in 2012. I enjoyed praying at Daniel Prayer Meeting every night. My wife's basic constitution

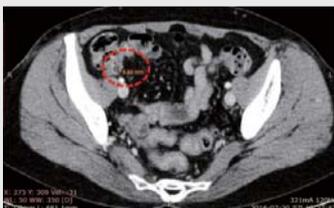
is weak, and she had sunshine allergy, urinary incontinence, bronchodilation, dry eyes, and reflux esophagitis. But all of them were healed.

In August 2014, after a colonoscopy, it was found she had a mucous cyst in her appendix that was made due to obstruction in the exit of the appendix. If this cyst grew or was inflamed, it could develop into peritonitis. In July 2016, she took an MRI and the cyst was 1cm. she didn't feel abnormal with her body, so whenever she had pain, she just received prayer with the handkerchief (Acts 19:11-12).

In March 2019, she made up her mind to get healing from God. She prepared for the special healing session with fasting prayers. When she received the handkerchief prayer of Pastor Soojin Lee, she came to repent thoroughly. Also, the Holy Spirit's fire came upon her and she profusely perspired. Her pain was gone. The medical exam confirmed her cyst was gone. Hallelujah!

Today, I serve the church as a cell leader and Shalom Choir member. My wife is also a cell leader and Golden Choir member. My daughter and son are leaders in the Young Adults' Mission. I am so happy we're all living with the hope of heaven. I give all thanks and glory to God and the Lord who blessed my family in spirit and body.

MRI Picture of Seungja Hwang



Before Prayer
A 1cm mass considered to be mucous cyst present



After Prayer
The cyst is completely gone



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