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“Fulfilling the Providence of God with Deeds of Faith and Truth”

The 39th Church Opening Anniversary Celebration Worship Service and Event



Celebration Event
(pre-recorded)



At the celebration service that began at 3 PM, the Acting Senior Pastor, Dr. Soojin Lee preached a sermon entitled, 'The character produces hope'(Romans 5:3~4). Dr. Lee said, “Manmin, that has overcome many trials only with faith and the Word and grown to fulfill its hopes until now since the church’s opening, is now having time of refinements in order to fulfill the great hope of building the Great Sanctuary and the mission of saving countless souls in the last days, and of entering the New Jerusalem. Just as the Senior Pastor Dr. Lee has fulfilled hopes by turning any trials into blessings only with faith, obedience, goodness and love, we must also receive God’s great blessings and fulfill His providence for Manmin through the deeds of faith and truth.”

The celebration event after the worship service was conducted with a pre-recorded performance video. An impressive stage unfolded in the order of the string ensemble’s performance, Deaconess Seungwon Seo’s praise, and Kyung-Ae Seo’s dance. And a congregational praise was followed under the lead of Deaconess Seungwon Seo. Domestic and foreign members who participated online gave thanks and glory to the Father God of love, praising together.

In celebration of the 39th church opening anniversary, our church held a celebration worship service and event on July 25, which were broadcast live through GCN and Internet.

The worship service was conducted non-face-to-face in accordance with the Government’s quarantine regulations. At the morning worship service, Dr.

Jaerock Lee’s video sermon entitled, 'Who is worthy to be glorified' (Isaiah 42:8) allowed us to look back on the works of God’s power in the history of Manmin, and we gave thanks and glory to the God of love who has been with us through wonders, signs, and answers, and who harbored all peoples of the world into His arms.



Colombia Manmin Church's 9th Anniversary Celebration Service Online

On July 19 (Monday) 9 AM(18 Sun. 7 PM in local time), 'The 9th Anniversary Celebration Service of Colombia Manmin Church was held online, connecting the Colombia Manmin Church and our church, with the speaker Pastor Mikyung Lee, the chairperson of the Pastors' Association.

The worship service was broadcast live on YouTube, Facebook, and JBN TV. In addition to the members in Colombia, members from 17 countries including Peru, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Mexico, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Spain, Italy, the United States, and Canada participated.

In particular, JBN TV (President Esteban Handal) in Honduras received the video clip from our church on the Internet and released it to Honduras and other Latin American countries in real time.

At the Celebration Service hosted by Pastor David Jang, the speaker Pastor Mikyung Lee preached the message entitled, "Until we are perfected before God" (Hebrews 10:22). And then, she prayed with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12) on which the Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed, many

diseases such as poor eyesight, asthma, shortness of breath, knee arthritis, gastroesophageal reflux disease, degenerative arthritis, migraine headaches, and whole-body pain were cured, and many believers glorified God through their testimonies.



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Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

What would you bring if you can take one object with you when you go to heaven? Heaven's roads are made of pure gold; thus expensive gold, gemstones, or money are of no use.

God has made heaven with the most precious and beautiful things that His children want the most, understanding their minds. However, there is one thing from this earth that will be precious in heaven as well. What is it?

1. Spiritual Love

When we go to heaven, all the physical things of this earth will disappear (Rev. 21:1). Even fame, honor, and power will perish eventually (Psa. 103:15). Hatred, quarreling, envy, and jealousy and other sins in darkness will also go away.

1 Cor. 13:8-10 says, "Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away." Prophecy, speaking in tongues, and knowledge of God are all spiritual things, and why would they be done away?

Heaven is a perfect place. Even if we prophesy on this earth, it will only pale in comparison with knowledge in heaven later. We will feel and understand the heart of God and the Lord very well, so prophecy wouldn't be necessary.

It's the same with speaking in tongues. We need to learn foreign languages because there are many and regional differences hinder communication. We also need a great length of time to understand each other's heart and thoughts of those who come from different cultures. Even if we share the same culture and language, it is impossible to understand each other's heart completely or to express our heart perfectly. However, once we go to heaven, we will have only one language. There is no chance of misunderstanding each other. We will be able to convey our goodness of heart as it is.

It's the same with knowledge of God. Through the Bible we learn how we can be saved and what God's will is to some extent, but it is only a small fraction of 'knowledge' in its entirety.

Perfect Love

"Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away." (1 Cor. 13:8)

"But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13)

We learn we have to love each other and not be jealous and try to put it into practice on this earth. But in heaven, we wouldn't need such knowledge at all because there is only love there. Prophecy, tongues, knowledge all belong to spirit, but it is necessary only temporarily, and they will be done away with eventually.

Therefore, knowing about heaven is important but it is more important to cultivate spiritual love, because we can go to a better heavenly place to the extent that we cultivate spiritual love.

2. Love Has Eternal Value

If we love somebody, we see only their good points. In the same way, if we are filled with God's love, we'd be happy and joyous all the time. In heaven such joy will last forever.

If you present a quarter and a 50-dollar bill to little children who do not know the value of money, they're likely to take the coin. They've experienced buying candy with the quarter and learned its value, but they don't know the value of the 50-dollar bill yet. It is similar with our knowledge about eternal kingdom of heaven.

We know it is a beautiful place, but we don't know how beautiful and how splendid it is. However, once we go to heaven, we will fully understand all the mysteries of the spiritual realm and the principles by which it is run (1 Cor. 13:11).

In heaven, there is no darkness or worries but only goodness and love. Thus, we can express our love to the fullest extent. The physical world and spiritual world are completely different. Of course, there is a difference in what we speak, understand, think and communicate depending each one's measure of faith.

1 John chapter 2 likens the level of faith with that of little children, children, young men, and fathers. Those at the level of little children and children do not understand deeply spiritual messages. They lack the strength to practice them. As they become young men and fathers their words, way of thinking and behaviors change.

They feel God's love and understand spiritual words at a different level. They have more strength to practice the word and can overcome the power of darkness. However,

even if we have the faith of fathers, there are still physical limits on this earth. Compared to being in heaven, we are still like children.

3. Feel God's Love Fully

As childhood is a preparatory period for adulthood, life on this earth is a process to prepare for eternal life. Compared to the eternal world, this world is only like a shadow. It passes away. A shadow is not the real entity, but only an image of the real entity (1 Chron. 29:15).

The shadow gives us a rough shape. This world is only a shadow that gives us a glimpse of eternal life; it is not eternal. After this shadow-like earthly life is over, we will see the kingdom of heaven, the real entity.

This world is dimmed as though looking at the reflection in a mirror, but in heaven we will see and know as clearly as looking at each other face to face (1 Cor. 13:12). Paul wrote 1 Corinthians about 2,000 years ago. Mirrors of that the time were made of polished brass or silver and the image was dim.

Of course, some people on this earth vividly see and feel heaven in their spirit. And yet, that is also dim compared to seeing heaven directly.

When we go to heaven later, we will see and feel every detail of the place and understand all spiritual things. We will understand God is truly great and beautiful beyond expression.

4. Among Faith, Hope, and Love, Love is the Best

Faith and hope are crucial for our spiritual growth. We can be saved and become God's children only by faith. Faith is the treasure of treasures because it gives us eternal life in heaven. It is the key to receiving answers. With hope we can take hold of the better heavenly places by force.

Thus, if we have faith we will also have hope. If we believe in God and heaven and hell, we will try to cast away sins and become sanctified with our hope for heaven. Faith and hope are necessary until we go to heaven. Then, what is the reason that 1 Cor. 13:13 says love is the best?

1) Faith and hope are necessary only in this life. Only love remains in heaven

When we go to heaven, we are already in heaven and we don't have to believe or hope for anything. Suppose you couldn't see a beloved person for the period of a week and then a period of 10 years. Meeting them after a week and after 10 years would feel very different. Now, if you are seeing them after 10 years right in front of you, would you still miss them?

In the same way, if you have faith and love God, you will have greater hope of heaven as your faith increases over time. You would also want to see the Lord with increasingly greater longing.

Those who have hope of heaven will not say the narrow way of this life is hard, nor would they be shaken by any temptation. When they reach heaven, faith and hope are no longer necessary. However, love continues even in

heaven, and for this reason love is the best.

2) We can possess heaven with faith, but without love, we can't enter New Jerusalem

We can go into heaven as we act in faith and hope in the Lord (Matt. 7:21). We'll be given spiritual love to the extent that we live by God's word, cast away sins, and cultivate a beautiful heart. And, according to the measure of this faith, we will be given our heavenly dwelling places.

One of the criminals who was hung next to Jesus went to Paradise. It's a place for those who are barely saved by accepting Jesus Christ. They didn't do anything for God's kingdom. The dwelling places for those who tried to live by God's word are much more beautiful than Paradise.

There are also places for those who actually practiced the word of God and have been faithful to God's kingdom. There are places for those who loved God to the utmost degree and cast away all sins. Furthermore, the city of New Jerusalem is a place for those who have perfect faith that pleases God and have been faithful in all His household.

The city of New Jerusalem is a crystalloid of love given to God's children who cultivated perfect love. Originally, there was no one who could enter this city but Jesus Christ. However, if we are justified by the precious blood of Jesus Christ and possess perfect faith, we will be given the right to enter the city.

In order for us to enter the city, we have to follow the way of the Lord, which is the way of love. Only when we have love, we can bear the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit and the Beatitudes, meaning we will become God's true children who have the characters of the Lord.

If we become God's true children, we will receive anything we ask for in prayer and we will enjoy the privilege of walking with the Lord forever.

We can go to heaven with faith, and we can cast away sins with hope. Therefore, faith and hope are a must. However, we can go to New Jerusalem only when we have love. For this reason love is the best.

Dear brothers and sisters, God has believed, hoped, and endured all things to gain true children with whom He could share true love forever. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will quickly cultivate the heart of Jesus Christ and perfect love so that you will enter the city of New Jerusalem.

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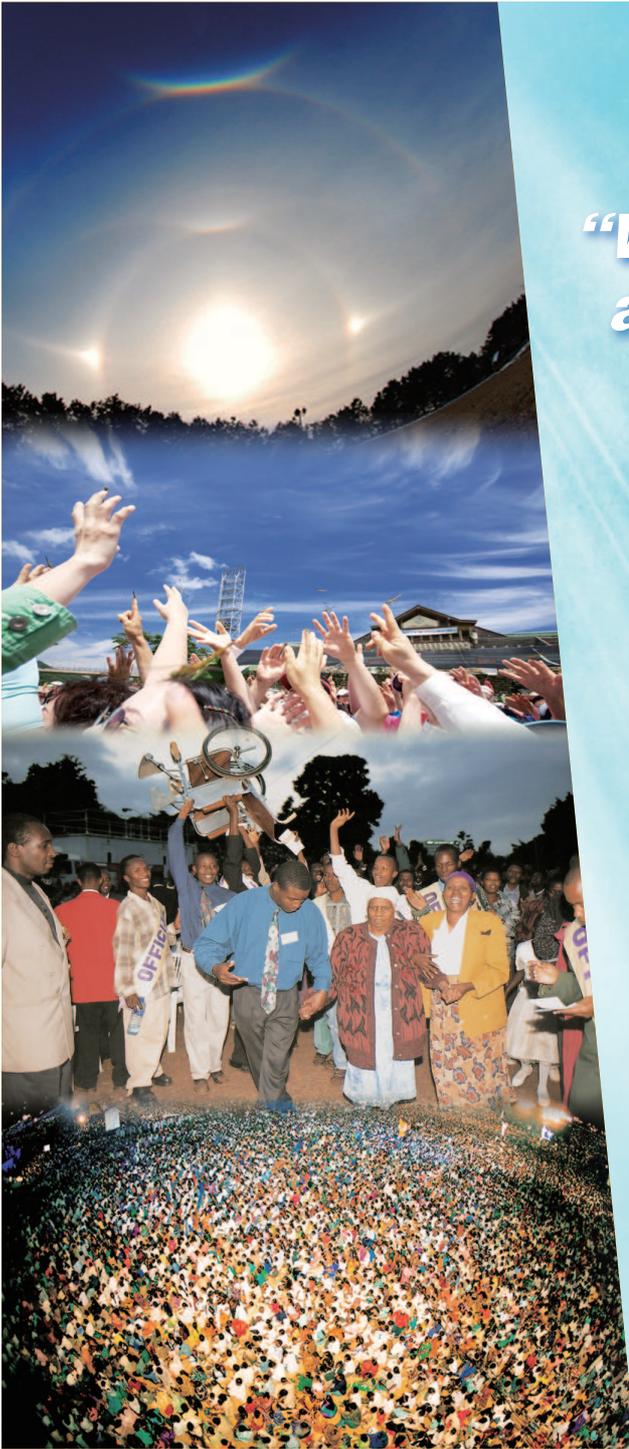
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***“While seeing, hearing,
and experiencing
the works of power,
we have met the
Almighty God of love!”***

The powerful works that have been manifested since the opening of our church planted strong faith in the church members.

Psalm 62:11 says, “Once God has spoken; Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God.” As written, the power is the unique character and ability of God.

When we read the Bible, we see that God performed an infinite number of miracles that nobody else can perform. He also gave us mankind the kind of love that nobody else can give.

God has been showing Himself through signs, wonders, and powerful works in Manmin. While they have been seeing, hearing, and experiencing such powerful works, Manmin members have met not just the ‘Almighty God’, but also the ‘God of love’.

Malachi 3:7 says “Return to Me, and I will return to you.” This is God’s proclamation towards all peoples in the world who are suffering from various calamities because they distanced themselves from God in this end time.

I give all thanks and glory to the living God the Father of love who is gathering all peoples to Manmin through the works of His power.

From Dr. Jaerock Lee’s sermon,
“God is worthy to be glorified”



“I’m running today towards my dream!”

Daniel Biwesa Kashama
(Age 19, Foreigners’ Parish)

Daniel, known to the church members as a gold medalist in the men’s 100m race at the 2018 and 2019 Manmin Summer Retreat.

He started track and field when he was in the 4th grade of elementary school, but he was able to participate in the national competition only after acquiring Korean nationality by the grace of the Lord in the 3rd year of middle school. After two years of initiation, Daniel became the top among high school players. He who is called the ‘future of Korean athletics’ says that his first goal is to represent Korea.

I have loved running since I was little, and I have grown my dream while participating in athletic competitions as a representative of my school and of Ansan City. However, although I was born and raised in Korea, my parents were citizens of the Democratic Republic of Congo, so I could not have Korean citizenship. This made it difficult to participate in the competitions, and I was only able to participate in the Ansan City competition, not the national competition. So, I had no choice but to go to a regular middle school. For me, acquiring Korean nationality has always been a prayer topic.

I’ve been growing up as a Christian in Manmin since my birth. My mother has always been an example of prayer for me, and she says that we should pray in everything we do and that we should put God first in life. She also wanted me to become a Korean citizen so that I could fulfill my dream. Even in difficult circumstances, she always tried to become naturalized by relying on God and receiving the prayer of Dr. Jaerock Lee.

Finally, in early August 2018, when I was in my third year of middle school, my mother succeeded in naturalization after a long wait, and I was able to acquire Korean citizenship. It was even more meaningful because I won a gold medal in the men’s 100m dash for the first time at the Manmin Summer Retreat at that time.

Moreover, by winning first place in both the Ansan Athletics Championships held in August and September in that year, I was connected with the current coach and entered Wongok High School in 2019 as a special athletic student and was able to receive specialized athletics training. I had a late start, but thanks to the grace of the Lord, I was able to achieve good results in various competitions.

In June 2020, I won first place in the men’s 100m youth semifinals of the 74th National Athletics Competition and reached the final, but had to drop out of the event due to an unexpected leg muscle injury. The doctor said, “Don’t compete in this year’s competition.” However, I prayed earnestly to God because I had to pass the final that year to participate in competitions in the next season.

In Joy of that year, the men’s high school 100m final of the 48th KBS Cup National Athletics Competitions was held. Although the pain caused by the injury was not completely resolved, I relied on God to run the game. In the middle of the match, I received Dr. Jaerock Lee’s recorded prayer, and my heart was at peace. As a result, not only did I run well without any problems, but also the record which was 10.95 before the competition was reduced to 10.69.

In addition, I August, I won another medal at the men's high school 400m sprint finals of the 49th Fall National Junior High School Track and Field Competitions. Even at this time, I was not feeling well, so I prayed and received the recorded prayer of Dr. Jaerock Lee. After receiving the prayer, my physical condition improved surprisingly and I was able to run well.

In October, I won at the 41st National Provincial Athletics Competitions by the Minister of Culture, Sports and Tourism, and also won at the 200m race where I first participated.

In June 2021, I participated in the 50th National Athletics Competitions and won at the high school 100m



Daniel and his mother Deaconess Virginia who won gold medals respectively at Men's 100m dash and Women's arm wrestling in the 2019 Manmin Summer Retreat's Athletic Meet.

final with 10.441 seconds. I achieved a personal best by shortening the 10.69 seconds I had last year. It was possible with the help of the Lord.

I am well aware of this grace, so when I wake up in the morning, I receive Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer and begin my day. I entrust my day to Father God by receiving Dr. Lee's prayer three times a day, including before exercise and before going to bed. I also pray to help me to run with an unchanging mindset to glorify God.

My dream is to become a representative player of Korea. I want to be a person who always glorifies God with a humble heart. I give all thanks and glory to God the Father who is my strength and help, and to the Lord of love.

2019 Manmin Summer Retreat's Athletic Meet.



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)