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Thanksgiving for blessings

There are people who are grateful for small things, while some others complain even when they enjoy many things. Just as we can find shade even in midsummer with the scorching sun, although we are in an environment hard to overcome, there are many conditions to be grateful for. It depends how we think of it.

Try to find the conditions of thanks in your daily life. Then, God, who received the incense of your heart, will not only solve the problem, but also repay you with blessings, giving more conditions of thanks.

“He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me;
And to him who orders his way right
I shall show the salvation of God.”
(Psalm 50:23)

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2020 Thanksgiving Day decoration on the altar

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship and the Online Holy Communion

In celebration of Thanksgiving Day, our church held a Thanksgiving service and the Holy Communion on Sunday, November 21, to give thanks to God for blessing us to reap abundant fruit in the Lord from everything we planted in faith and did throughout the year.

In the Sunday Morning Service, there was a video sermon by the Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee, entitled 'Good Fruits' (Matt. 3:12), and in the Evening Service, the Acting

Senior Pastor Dr. Soojin Lee preached the message entitled, 'Passion' (Isa. 6:8) and then officiated the Holy Communion.

The Holy Communion was held online through GCN (www.gcntv.org). The members in the Central Church and branch churches attended with sincerity after preparing bread and grape juice that symbolize the flesh and blood of the Lord. They meditated on the love and great grace of the Lord through this time.

Feature Story

The origin and meaning of Thanksgiving

When Britain's Great Awakening of Faith swayed across Europe, the Puritans set out to find their own way to defend their faith. It is said that the origin of Thanksgiving Day was when they finally came to the Americas and went through ups and downs, but dedicated their first harvest to God and worshipped Him.

God made the people of Israel to keep three Feasts, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of Harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering. (Exodus 23:14-16) Through the Feasts, He led them not to forget the history of the past and to keep it in mind so that they could go on the perfect path without being biased to the left or the right.

Thanksgiving Day is closely related to Ingathering. Exodus 23:16 says, "... also the Feast of the Ingathering at the end of the year when you gather in the fruit of your labors from the field."

Originally, the Feast of Ingathering is a time to give thanks to God for helping the crops to grow and harvest. After saving the harvested grains, it is to end the farming of the year by offering a Harvest Festival.

God made the Israelites, who had left Egypt and come to the promised land Canaan, to offer thanksgiving with a bountiful harvest so that they could commemorate the hardships they spent in the wilderness for 40 years. In connection with giving thanks to God for saving and guiding them in this way, He proclaimed the

eternal ordinance of dwelling in tabernacles for 7 days every year, which is the Feast of Tabernacles (Leviticus 23:42-43). The Feast of Tabernacles refers to the feast of thanksgiving that is observed after harvesting and storing olives and grapes. On the first day, they rest and hold a holy assembly, and for 7 days, they rejoice and dwell in tents. It is made known from generation to generation that they lived in tabernacles at the time of the Exodus, and on the eighth and last day, they rest and hold a holy assembly and keep it as the great day of salvation (Leviticus 23:34-41).

According to the Old Testament tradition, the Israelites believed that the Messiah would come at the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus let them know that they have to be filled with the Holy Spirit, saying on the last day of the feast, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'"

God made Jesus Christ known to mankind, who had no choice but to go the way of destruction due to the disobedience of the first man, Adam, and allowed them to receive the Holy Spirit and have the authority to become children of God. Moreover, by preparing the kingdom of heaven and guiding us to live according to God's will, He allowed us to live a life of joy, thanks, and prayer. In addition, He gave the blessing of giving to the one who asks, allowing the one who seeks to find, and opening the door to the one who knocks.

For giving us true life and delivering us from death through Jesus Christ, we should offer thanksgiving with all our heart and soul (Psalm 56:12-13).



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Fruit of Kindness

“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)

People often say, “It is absolutely impossible to understand him no matter how hard I try,” or “I can never forgive her.” Kindness as in one of the fruits of the Spirit is mercy of God. If we have this kindness, we can forgive and understand anyone. We can accept any kind of person with love and goodness. Now, let us look into kindness which is one of the fruits of the Spirit.

1. Fruit of Kindness

Kindness as in one of the fruits of the Spirit is a merciful heart. In the spiritual sense, it is to be within the truth and understand those who can't be understood at all and to forgive those who can't be forgiven at all.

God has this mercy and compassion on mankind. Furthermore, He gave the life of His only begotten Son Jesus to save us from the eternal death. Jesus advised His disciples to “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36).

Mercy is similar to love, and yet different. Spiritual love is to be able to sacrifice oneself without seeking one's own whereas mercy is more of forgiveness and acceptance. It is to accept even those who can't be loved at all. You wouldn't hate or stay away from those who have different opinions than yours, but you'd try to give them comfort and strength.

In John chapter 8, some scribes and Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who was caught in the act of adultery. They mentioned the Law that says such a woman must be stoned to death, and asked what He was going to do. He wrote something on the ground and said, “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her” (John 8:7).

Those who had pangs of conscience left one by one and the woman was left alone. Jesus said to her, “I do not condemn you, either. Go, from now on sin no more” (John 8:11). Although it wasn't forgivable, Jesus gave her another chance to turn from her ways.

As above, mercy is true forgiveness and is to be able to love even the enemies. Even if some are found with great iniquities or grave sins, you'd have compassion before judging. You'd hate the sin but not the man, and you'd try to understand them and give them life.

2. Characteristics of Those with Kindness

1) They Are without Prejudice

James 2:1-4 says, “My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and you say to the poor man, “You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,” have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?”

1 Peter 1:17 says, “If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth.” If we have the fruit of kindness, we won't pass judgment or condemn anyone just by looking at their appearances.

We should also think about whether or not we have spiritual prejudice. There are some who are slow to spiritual understanding. They might have some deficiencies in their growth, so they say something out of context or it's hard for people to talk to them. Some of them do not have proper manners. Don't we look down on those people and try to stay away from them?

Or isn't there an occasion in which we speak rudely or show impolite behaviors? Some people pass judgment on those who committed sins as if they were the judge. However, if we have kindness, we will have compassion toward those who are going through punishment of God for their sins; we'd just want them to make a comeback.

2) They Have Mercy on and Help Those in Need

To bear the fruit of kindness, we shouldn't just have pity on or say nice things to those who are in need, but we should provide them with substantial help (James 2:15-16; 1 John 3:17-18).

When we see those who are in pain, it is kindness to be willing to help them and to alleviate their pain. When we see those who are going the way to hell, we care for them even more in order to lead them to the way of salvation.

I've experienced extreme poverty and utter hopelessness

due to incurable diseases. So, when I see those who are suffering from such problems, I feel like their problems are my own. I'd like to solve their problems with all my best. It is my greatest wish to lead everyone I meet to the way of heaven.

And the answer I got after a long, long series of prayers was the power of God. I can't possibly solve the problems of poverty, sicknesses, disasters and hardships for everyone, but God can. So, I wanted to show them great power of God so that they can meet and experience God.

Of course, even for those who witnessed the power of God and came to have faith, they still needed both spiritual and material support, so I tried my best in charitable work as well.

3) They Don't Point Out Other's Faults and Mistakes

If we love someone, we sometimes have to point out their mistakes, too. If we just cover all their faults, it will eventually ruin them. However, if we have kindness, we will feel uneasy to reprimand or give advice.

Even if when we absolutely have to give advice, we'd do it carefully, watching the mood of the person (Prov. 12:18). Especially, those who are teaching the believers should be very careful. Even if what you're saying is correct, if you give advice without spiritual love and within your own self-righteousness, the people won't be changed, but rather, they'd get disheartened and lose strength.

Of course, Jesus once rebuked the Pharisees and scribes saying, "You brood of vipers" and "hypocrites", for they couldn't accept any advice. He meant to give them a chance so that just one more soul would listen to Him. Also, because they were the teachers, He wanted the people not to be deceived by their hypocrisy.

Other than such a special case, we should not disclose other people's faults thereby hurting their feelings or making them stumble. Even if we have to give advice, we should do it with wisdom that cherishes that soul.

4) They Are Generous and Give the Credit to Others

We can bear the fruit of kindness when we do not want anything in return for our giving. Jesus knew

Judas Iscariot would betray Him but He still loved him unsparingly. He treated him the same as He'd treat other disciples. He gave him a chance to repent. Even when He was crucified, He prayed for those who were crucifying Him (Luke 23:34).

As in Jesus's case, it is kindness to forgive even those who can't be forgiven at all. Stephen was being stoned by the Jews who had pangs of conscience after hearing his sermon. Yet he prayed for them saying, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" It means he had already forgiven them, and he had only mercy on them. He had borne the fruit of kindness.

In order to bear the fruit of kindness, we should be able to accept others who have different personalities and opinions than our own. We can change our dislike into favorable feelings if we put ourselves in the shoes of other people. We'd understand them and have compassion on them. We should rid ourselves of hatred and hard feelings as we change our feelings.

When others did something well, we should give them the credit, and when things have gone wrong, we should put the blame on ourselves. We should put others ahead of us and rejoice with them when they are recognized by others.

Dear brothers and sisters, the fruit of kindness is an attribute of God who is full of love. May you bear the 9 fruits of the Spirit and please God in every matter so that you will receive blessings on this earth and enjoy great honor in heaven!

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“The Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting” is held For 21 days from November 22

‘The Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting’ is being held for 21 days from November 22 to December 12 with the subject, “For the Divine Healing Meeting (at Friday All-night Service on December 10) and for the year 2022”, led by Mrs. Boknim Lee of Manmin Prayer

Center.

Although it's being held online due to the COVID-19, many members are participating in the Daniel prayer meeting with a longing heart, since they receive answers and blessings, and experience the works of the Holy

Spirit.

The Daniel prayer meeting is held from 9 to 11 at every night (Except Friday for Friday All-night Service), and you can attend by watching GCN (www.gcntv.org) or Internet live broadcast not only in Korea but also from anywhere in the world.

“God raised my daughter!”



MPutu Ivone
(Age 65, Kinshasa Manmin Church, D.R.Congo)

My daughter Natalie started to get sick in 2007 when she was 10. Although we had been to several hospitals, we could not find the name of her disease. Then, Natalie fell in a coma, and she was diagnosed with meningitis and tuberculosis.

After 4 months in that state, doctors treated her like a dead child and prepared to move her to the morgue, but dramatically Natalie woke up three days later. However, Natalie was not able to speak or walk.

Her doctor told me to take her out of the hospital and said, “Pray to God for the next thing. We did everything we could.” After Natalie was discharged from the hospital, I went to prayer centers and asked God to heal her.

Finally, the God of love guided me to the way of answers. In March of 2021, I came to attend Kinshasa Manmin Church (with Pastor Samuel Han) by the evangelism of a brother named Israel.

For the first week, I only attended the ‘local prayer meeting’ of the church. Then, I came to attend Sunday worship services, and I was so moved by the in-depth sermon that I registered with the church.

After that, changes began to take in Natalie’s body. After sermons, she received the Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee’s prayer for the sick through video, and her condition improved little by little, and eventually, she came to speak and walk. Hallelujah!

Furthermore, in June, when Natalie received the prayer with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12) at the online Divine Healing Meeting, led by Mrs. Boknim Lee, she felt something slipping out of her head. And then, her headache disappeared and her eyesight recovered to see well.

God did a miracle for Natalie. I am so happy to see my daughter who is healthy these days. All thanks and glory be to God the loving Father, who wants to give good things and answers to His children.

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)

“The pain from my rib fracture disappeared after receiving prayer!”

Deaconess Eunsook Lee (Age 56, the 14th Parish)

On August 26, while cleaning the bathroom, I fell and it was very difficult to breathe because of the excruciating pain.

The next day, when I went to the hospital for examination, I found that the 4th and 5th ribs of the right side were fractured. After receiving the handkerchief prayer of power (Acts 19:11-12) from my Parish Pastor on August 30, the pain was relieved and I was able to move to some extent, but I had to take a leave from my job.

From that day on, I attended “the Holy Spirit Daniel prayer meeting” with morning fasting, and I prayed earnestly to receive healing at the Divine Healing Meeting. During that time, God gave me great grace so that I could look back on my faith and repent.

Before attending church, I, as an atheist, only knew that I was the best. But after joining Manmin Church, I found true happiness. At work, my boss always played the sermons of Dr. Jaerock Lee. At first, I didn't listen to those words at all.

However, one day, I listened to his message, and it felt sweet and profound. My heart was happy and peaceful as if I had found an oasis in the desert.

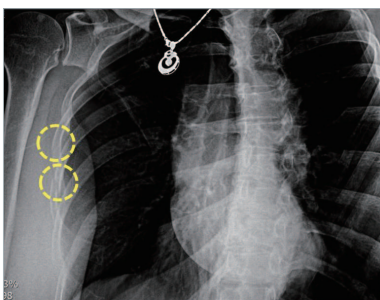
After that, I fell into the Word of God, and sometimes I even stayed up all night listening to the Word. But these days, I enjoyed worldly things such as YouTube videos, not the Word of God. I remembered how I was, and I repented with tears.

After receiving the handkerchief prayer of power (Acts 19:11-12) from Mrs. Boknim Lee, Director of Manmin Prayer Center at the “Tuesday Parish online prayer meeting”, the pain subsided a lot and I was able to go to work. At the Divine Healing Meeting on 13, when Dr. Soojin Lee prayed with the handkerchief of power, the painful area sting, and the pain completely disappeared.

The X-ray picture showed that I had completely recovered. I give all thanks and glory to God the Father, who blessed me both physically and spiritually through this.



Before receiving prayer



After receiving prayer

