# Manmin News

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## THE LORD'S BRIDE

1. is as innocent as a dove and thinks and deals with meekness in everything.

2. is as shrewd and intelligent as serpents, pleasing to all and giving off the fragrance of Christ.

- 3. has a beautiful and elegant appearance as silk.
- 4. is not blunt but kind and cheerful.
- 5. is always full of health with a bright face and knows how to feel shy.
- 6. has clear and bright eyes.
- 7. is gentle, humble, cultured, and does not behave rudely.
- 8. is modest in dress, stylish and skillful, elegant but not extravagant.
- 9. is pure, neat, and chaste.
- 10. does not lie, deceive, slander, or gossip.
- 11. has true faith that does not waver under any circumstances and conditions.
- 12. loves the Lord as she loves God and does not worship idols.
- 13. always rejoices, prays without ceasing, and lives a life of thanksgiving in everything.
- 14. is filled with the Holy Spirit, has no deceit or suspicion, and has no evil.
- 15. is faithful in all God's house, loves her neighbor as herself, yields, sacrifices, and serves.
- 16. does not envy, and does not quarrel or judge or condemn.
- 17. rejoices in goodness and lives only for the glory of God.

FROM REV. DR. JAEROCK LEE'S "LECTURE ON PROVERBS"

## **Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting held from March 7 to 27**



The 'Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting' will be held for 21 days from March 7 to 27 under the theme of '2022 prayer topics, sanctuary relocation, and the Divine Healing Meeting', led by Mrs. Boknim Lee, Director of Manmin Prayer Center.

In particular, during the 'Vowed Daniel Prayer Meeting', Mrs. Lee leads the 'Prayer Meeting for the Sick' at 11 am every Monday (March 7, 14, and 21) for patients who registered, ahead of the Divine Healing Meeting which is held at Friday all-night service on March 25.

Our church's 'Daniel Prayer Meeting' is held every evening from 9 to 11 pm (except Friday for Friday All-night Service), and you can participate through GCN TV and the Internet (www.gcntv. org) live not only in Korea but also around the world.

#### **2021** Excellence Award

'2021 Excellence Award Ceremony' was held at Sunday Evening Service on February 27 non-face-to-face.

The winners are workers who have achieved church revival or have been recognized for their achievements in each field by faithfully carrying out their God-given duty in the Lord for one year.

21 district leaders, sub-district leaders, cell leaders, volunteering workers, and full-time workers were awarded on this day.

As district leaders, Senior Deaconess Hyesun Kim(6<sup>th</sup> Parish, Elder Young joon Park(9<sup>th</sup> Parish), Hyesun Jeong(15<sup>th</sup> Parish), and Senior Deaconess Youngsook Jang (Chinese Parish), as sub-district leaders, Elder Hyuksoo Choi(9<sup>th</sup> Parish), Senior Deaconess Hyeran Lim(15<sup>th</sup> Parish), and Deacon Gyehwa Ju(Chinese Parish), as cell leaders, Okhee Kim(3<sup>rd</sup> Parish), Song Song(6<sup>th</sup> Parish), Eunhye Lee(7<sup>th</sup> Parish), Sang-gu Kang(9<sup>th</sup> Parish), Yeon Kim(15<sup>th</sup> Parish), okja Kim(16<sup>th</sup> Parish), Okja Choi(Chinese Parish), and Deaconess Hongryeong Wang(Chinese Parish) received awards.



In the evangelism field, Deaconess Sookbang Jang(Chinese Parish) was awarded, and Deacon Eunsook Kim(Chinese Parish supporter), Deacon Youngmin Yoo(Manmin Volunteers, Parking Service), Senior Deaconess April Joo(Overseas Mission Bureau), Jongwoo Lee(GCN), and Deacon Kyungsuk Koh(Urim Books) received awards.

eye while training three days before the game, and those around him dissuaded him

from participating in the match. However,

relying on God and receiving the ARS

prayer for the sick of Dr. Jaerock Lee, he

participated in the game and was selected

as the Asian Junior National Team member.

## Jinsoo Jeon won championship at '2022 Asia Junior Wrestling National Team Selection'

On February 6, Jinsoo Jeon(Korea National University of Sports) won the championship in the 70kg freestyle at the '2022 Asia Junior Wrestling National Team Selection' held at the Hampyeong Culture and Sports Center in Jeollanam-do.

Jeon suffered a 2.5cm tear around his left



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#### God is Light (3)



# Walk in the Light

"This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5)

Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

"When you accept Jesus Christ and act upon the Word of God, you can have fellowship with God who is Light. Then, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses you from all sins and you can live a life that glorifies God."

The extent of fellowship may decide the degree of spiritual intimacy and love shared between people and the way they work together. If you have fellowship with God the Almighty, you can receive whatever you ask for from Him and everything will go well with you. Now let's look into the fellowship that we need to have with God.

## 1. To Have Fellowship with God like the Forefathers of Faith Did

David loved, revered, and completely relied on God. When he fled from King Saul, and when he fought in war, he asked God every single detail and followed His will. That is why he could achieve victories everywhere he went (2 Samuel 5:19-25). The reason he could have such fellowship with God who is Light is that he pleased God with faith.

In 1 Samuel 17, the Philistines attacked Israel during the reign of Saul. A giant champion named Goliath came up from the army of the Philistines and taunted the armies of Israel and abused the name of God. But there was nobody who would bravely come out to fight with him. David was a boy at that time, but he believed in God who is almighty and that the battle is God's. So, he confidently went to Goliath with a sling and five stones in the name of the LORD God.

David slung a stone at Goliath, and God caused it to strike and sink into Goliath's forehead. Goliath fell on his face to the ground and was killed. Now the war turned in Israel's favor and Israel accomplished a great victory. Since David had such firm faith, he was recognized by God as a man after His heart and did everything with God just as a father and a son work together.

Moses also had such a close fellowship with God

that God spoke to Moses face to face just as a man speaks to his friend. When he asked God to show His glory, He wanted to fulfill his heart's desire in whatever way possible (Exodus 33:11-23).

In Exodus 32, Moses had communication with God on Mount Sinai for 40 days. When he delayed coming down from the mountain, the Israelites made an idol and worshiped it as a god who would lead them. God saw this and told Moses that He would destroy them and make of Moses a great nation. But Moses said to God in Exodus 32:32, "But now, if You will, forgive their sin – and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!"

Because Moses pleased God with such great love and humbleness (Numbers 12:3), he could have deep fellowship with God. Thus, having fellowship with God who is Light means having such close relationship with God as David and Moses had, and with this kind of fellowship, we can receive whatever we ask for based on the trust relationship.

However, many people mistakenly think that they have fellowship with God even though they have just knowledge of the Word of God. If we know the Word of God but do not act upon it, we cannot bring down His strength from above and He cannot guarantee us either. And the answers to our prayer will be delayed.

In addition, we must be faithful spiritually as well as physically. Spiritual faithfulness refers to the circumcision of our hearts and the cultivation of justice, mercy, and faithfulness in our hearts.

Matthew 23:23 reads, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."

To accomplish justice, mercy, and faithfulness is to circumcise our hearts, and they are the weightier provisions of the law.

Of course, as it says, "These are the things you should have done without neglecting the others," we also need to practice basics such as attending worship services and giving the full tithe. But what this passage means that we must know and tell what is more important and how we can do it.

God said in Leviticus 11:45, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." Jesus also said in Matthew 5:48, "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Therefore, to have fellowship with God who is Light just as the forefathers of faith did, we need to resemble God who is holy and perfect by circumcising our hearts and have God-pleasing faith.

## 2. Biblical Background of Circumcision and the Circumcision of Heart

Circumcision refers to the cutting off of the foreskin of males that is practiced as a religious rite by Jews. God commanded it to Abraham for the first time and set it as the everlasting sign of the covenant between God and the Israelites. God commanded every male should be circumcised throughout generations, and an uncircumcised man should be cut off from the people of God. It implies that the command concerning the circumcision is a very important command that is directly related to salvation (Genesis 17:9-14).

But Hebrews 10:1 reads, "For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things..." Here, 'the Law' is the Old Testament, and 'a shadow of the good things to come' is the New Testament, which is the good news from Jesus Christ. It indicates the command regarding 'circumcision' is applied to people in the New Testament time including us as well, but it does not refer to physical circumcision but spiritual circumcision. And the spiritual circumcision is the circumcision of heart (Deuteronomy 10:16, 30:6; Romans 2:28-29).

As the first half of Jeremiah 4:4 says, "Circumcise yourselves to the LORD and remove the foreskins of your heart," the act of removing the foreskins of our hearts is the circumcision of heart. That is, it is obeying the Word of God who tells us to do, not to do, to keep, and to throw away things. But the circumcision of heart is not done with onetime action. And you cannot circumcise your heart overnight just because you have received the Holy Spirit. Until you recover the lost image of God completely, you need to continue circumcising your heart.

First of all, you must throw away 'the works of the flesh', that is, all sins that are revealed outwardly in actions. If you still smoke or drink alcohol, you must stop. If you easily get angry, you need to cast anger away and become a gentle person.

After you cast away sins that come out in physical action, you must throw away sinful natures hidden in heart that are called 'things of the flesh'. When you make efforts with fervent prayer and fasting and receive God's grace and strength and the Holy Spirit's help, you can pull out even the sinful natures that you inherited from your parents. Only when you root out the flesh which includes all sinful natures combined with your body can you stop fleshly thoughts and give out the fragrance of Christ.

Next, you must cast off things that are evil in God's sight. They refer to self-righteousness and self-centered frameworks. Concerning such things as you may think of as righteous, God may not regard them as right and even look upon them as evil. For example, at the night Jesus was captured, Peter struck the high priest's slave Malchus with a sword and cut off his right ear. He did so because he wanted to protect his Teacher from the danger, but it was not righteous.

Keeping the Lord's Day, giving the tithe, and praying are basics that we need to do as Christians after we accept Jesus Christ and receive the Holy Spirit. Moreover, if you want to have fellowship with God and even have relationship close enough to discuss the works of God with Him, you must walk in the Light because God is Light.

Only then can the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse you, and God will even reveal His secret counsel to you as Amos 3:7 reads, "Surely the Lord GOD does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets."

## 3. The Reason God's Children Must Walk in the Light

God's children who accepted Jesus Christ say in prayer, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors" as Jesus taught us in Matthew 6:12.

If you do not forgive your brothers and you want to be forgiven of your sin by God, it is not right. Thus, if you want yourselves to be cleansed from sin by the blood of Jesus Christ, you yourselves must walk in the Light first (1 John 1:7).

Furthermore, God commanded you to circumcise your hearts because you may still have sinful natures in your hearts even though you were forgiven of sin by Jesus' redemptive grace. When you walk in the Light, you can come out of darkness and receive blessing as God's children. That is why God sometimes refines or punishes you with trials so that you can go the right way.

How, then, can the blood of Jesus cleanse us from all our sin? Jesus said in John 6:53-54, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

Here, 'the Son of Man' refers to Jesus, and the flesh of the Son of Man to the Word of God which is the truth (John 1:1,14). Thus, 'eating the flesh of the Son of Man' means making the Word of God written in the 66 books of the Bible the spiritual bread of our lives. 'Drinking the blood of the Son of Man' means sincerely believing the Word of God and practicing it.

When we make the Word of God bread of our life and act upon it, the truth will come into us and be digested and absorbed, and all sins will be discarded. Then, we can become people of the truth and gain eternal life.

Suppose we plant a truthful attribute like love in our hearts and try to act upon it. Then, it will be absorbed and evil elements like hatred and jealousy will be discarded. We can then achieve love in our hearts. To the extent that we pull out and get rid of all evil traits that way, we can achieve cleaner hearts.

Such processes of becoming people of spirit and the truth are processes of building fellowship with the Lord, and through the fellowship, we can become spiritual people who walk in the Light.

When you accept Jesus Christ, you can have fellowship with God who is Light by acting upon the Word of God. Then, the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse you from all sins.

Only when you become spiritual people who walk

in the Light can you truly glorify God in your life. If you push yourself to live completely in the Light, you will be able to have deeper and more intimate fellowship with God. Then, just as Abraham was called the friend of God, there will be no secrets between God and you.

I pray in the name of the Lord that you will walk in the Light all the time with God-pleasing faith, receive God's love and recognition, and give glory to Him.



# "When you come before God, He works miracles."

Eveline Lukwama Kimbangi (Age 46, Kinshasa Manmin Church, D.R. Congo)

I went to Kinshasa Manmin Church by the lead of Brother Israel.

I felt the love of the Lord when I heard Pastor Samuel Han's sermon and it made my heart feel warm. And I was touched by the word and joined as a member of Manmin.

I had a problem which I had had suffered from for a long time. My eyes were itchy from 1999, they were swollen and my vision was blurred. I saw my ophthalmologist but he said there was no problem in my eyes. However, my eyes hindered me from having a normal daily life.

Then I heard good news that there would be an online healing meeting led by Mrs. Boknim Lee. I prayed to be healed at the healing meeting.

I prayed to God saying, "God! I want to read the Bible. Please heal my eyes."

I had a surprising experience when she prayed with the handkerchief of power on which Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee had prayed(Acts. 19:11-12) at the meeting.

A very bright light touched my eyes twice. The first light passed intensely, and the second one shone my eyes. Since then, I have been able to read even small letters clearly. Hallelujah!

I have no symptoms in my eyes now, I can see clearly so there is no inconvenience in doing anything.

I diligently evangelize my neighbors in order to convey the happiness that Father God and the Lord give me. I say to them, "Have a desire in God. If you have a problem, open your heart and come to God. God will do a miracle for you."

I give all thanks and glory to God, the Creator who healed my eyes and gave me true happiness.

#### Feature Story

# Baptism of Fire with the Power of God

Only when you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the baptism of fire after you accept Jesus Christ, can you live a true Christian life circumcising the heart. If you received the gift of the Holy Spirit and gained the authority as the children of God, you should receive the fire of the Holy Spirit so that you can receive strength from God to enjoy the blessing as His children.

## You must receive the baptism of fire to live a life of sanctification and power.

John's baptism of repentance was a symbolic gesture to show people that as water cleans away the filth, the sins of those who repent are washed away. It is to let them repent of their sins, accept the Son of God as the Savior, and reach salvation.

Even today, when you come to church after hearing the gospel, you are baptized with water, but in order to lead a life of sanctification and power as the child of God, you must be forgiven of sins after accepting Jesus Christ, and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the baptism of fire.

Once we accept Jesus Christ and receive the Holy Spirit, all our previous sins are completely forgiven. However, even though we became a child of God and received the Holy Spirit, it does not mean that we got rid of the original sinful nature that makes we sin again.

Because we cannot fully live according to the Word of God due to the root of sin in our hearts, we may get diseases or have problems at home and at work by being accused of the enemy devil and Satan.

On the other hand, if you continue to be baptized with fire after being baptized with the Holy Spirit, not only disease but also the sinful nature in your heart will be burned to solve various problems both in spirit and body.

Even your home, workplace, and business place will be protected by the fiery wall of the Holy Spirit, so that trials and tribulations will go away and you will enjoy God's blessings and prosperity. When the enemy devil and Satan contacts with the fire of the Holy Spirit, they lose their power and become as dead. So, if there is a fiery wall of the Holy Spirit, the enemy devil and Satan cannot approach.

Therefore, the children of God who have received the Holy Spirit should long for the baptism of fire with the power of God. You should be baptized with fire through the fullness of the Holy Spirit to burn the sinful nature in your heart, and when the enemy devil and Satan go away, you can become healthy and prosperous.

#### To receive the baptism of fire, you should be filled with the Holy Spirit and act with faith.

In Acts 2, there is an incident that apostles were baptized with the Holy Sprit and first in obedience to the word of the resurrected Jesus Christ. On the Day of Pentecost, the apostles who were praying in Mark's upper room received the fire of the Holy Spirit like a rushing and strong wind, and received power to preach the gospel boldly.

In order to receive the baptism of fire, first of all, we must break down the wall of sin between us and God. First, we must pray to break down the wall of sin through repentance and to be filled with the Holy Spirit as well as receiving the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Then, the fire of the Holy Spirit will come upon us, and all diseases will be burned, sins and evil will be cast off, and the desires of our hearts will be answered.

Also, as the baptism of fire belongs to the level of God's power, we can receive it only when you show the deeds of faith. We must walk in the truth, and we must offer prayers and praises that truly please God. When we go forward with faith in actions, which build up the incense of prayer and praise every day that can move the heavenly throne, power, that is, the baptism of fire, comes from above.

If you receive the baptism of fire, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit, your spirit and soul will prosper and you will become healthy so that you can become prosperous in all things. Therefore, if you are a child of God who has been baptized with the Holy Spirit, you can lead a life of sanctification and power and glorify God by receiving the baptism of fire.



I wasn't feeling very well before I joined Manmin. My stomach and bowel were not good, so I couldn't digest well and often had diarrhea. I weighed 40kg. I had pains in my neck, arms and back, so I often put a medicated patch on them. It was very hard to walk because of bad headache. I had a headache, felt dizzy and threw up when I got on a bus, so I couldn't get on a bus.

I lived in such pains. But all the diseases were healed after I registered as a member of Manmin Central Church in August, 2003 and received Rev. Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer. I recovered my health and weighed 55kg.

I am 72 years old but I work at a cafeteria by the grace of God. I am told that I am working faithfully and strong so I look like in 30's or 40's.

In the meantime, I experienced the power of God once again in January, 2022.

I got my first vaccination on July 9, last year. After that, my right leg began to hurt. At first, I didn't think it was a big deal and got my second shot. Then the leg got worse.

I couldn't walk very well and bend my legs due to severe pain. When I sat on the floor, I had to sit with my right leg straight. As I couldn't kneel down, I had to sit in a chair and pray. And I worked with a limp at my workplace.

As the leg pain, which I thought was insignificant lasted for 6 months, after 2022 started, I resolved to be healed at the healing meeting in January. I prepared myself with prayer.

On January 21, I attended the online meeting via GCN with anticipation. I still had pain in my right leg, when I sang the song "Get up and walk," but I got up, walked and jumped with faith and praised with vigorous applause. Then my heart was moved and I felt that my legs were getting lighter.

When Dr. Soojin Lee prayed with the handkerchief of power, I received her prayer with anticipation. I woke up the next morning and I found the pain in my leg, which had been bothering me for 6 months, disappeared. Hallelujah!

Now I am happy to be able to walk, run and pray kneeling down.

I evangelized my neighbors and worship together, and I diligently carry out my duty in the church.

I give all thanks and glory to God the Father of love for healing me.

### The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is Godbreathed 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)