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"Holiness gospel, the secret to a true life of faith!"

"My life has changed, full of happiness Through the Message of the Cross and Heaven sermons!"

Change





Nothing had really changed in my life as a believer before I started listening to Senior Pastor Dr Jaerock Lee's sermons 'The Message of the Cross', 'Spiritual Faith', and 'Spiritual Love'. I received grace to discover traits such as irritation, strife, and arrogance within myself and started to be transformed

getting rid of evil and filling the heart with goodness and love.

Many changes have occurred not just for me but for my family as well. Recently I've been full of hope for heaven and joy through listening to his sermon 'Heaven'.

"I earnestly desire to live by the Word Feeling the love of God and the Lord!"

Sona Tayate (Age 40)

As I listened to Dr Jaerock Lee's sermon 'The Message of the Cross', I found answers to questions I didn't know before: why God placed the tree of knowledge of good and evil and why Jesus Christ is our only Savior. I also learned how to live a true Christian life through the realization of God's providence for human cultivation.

These days, I'm striving to throw away arrogance in my heart and try my best to avoid committing even the smallest of sins. I can feel the love of God and the Lord through Senior Pastor's sermon, which strengthens me to live according to the Word.



"The Lord has freed my husband And me from evil spirits!"

Anita (Age 30)

I've been tormented by evil spirit from a young age. My husband would also collapse whenever he was attacked by evil spirit. But when we received Senior Pastor's Prayer for the Sick recorded on the Internet, evil spirits departed from both of us. I give thanks to the Lord for leading us out of the control of the enemy devil into a space of bright light. I am extremely happy to be able to learn God's Word recorded in the Bible and pray to Him in the love of the Lord. I am always at peace feeling the presence of the Lord.

Blessing



"Holiness gospel, the secret to a true life of faith!"

"Abounding blessing was given In obedience to the command of the Sabbath!"

Blessing



Rani (Age 37)

My husband and I searched for a true God, one who truly protects and blesses. One day we came across a surprising video at a store. It was titled 'Power' and showed Senior Pastor Lee's various overseas crusades in which many healing works and subsequent testimonies took place.

Thus, we came to believe God the Creator is the one, true God and accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. Since then, we obeyed the Word of God and kept the Lord's Day in obedience to the command of Sabbath. God blessed us and my husband's pay increased five times.

"Healed of a broken nerve in my daughter's leg, Healed of burns on my hand!"

Answers



Vasanti Devi (Age 40)

Through Senior Pastor's sermon 'The Message of the Cross', I realized the love of God and the Lord and came to live a faithful Christian life. Not only that, my daughter, who had been unable to walk due to a broken nerve in her leg, came to walk freely. We had met with many doctors for her, but no effective at all. It was through Senior Pastor

Lee's Prayer for the Sick that her leg was healed.

I also had a burn incident on my hand. I was cleaning my shoes with chemicals at the company when I burned my hand. My skin felt like plastic but through his prayer, it was made clean and well. I give thanks to the Lord who healed me through Senior Pastor's prayer.

"My life has changed discovering and throwing out sin!"

Preeti (Age 65)

I've had problems with my thyroid gland for long. I couldn't feel hunger and my whole body was in pain. Due to anxiety, I often went outside as I couldn't stay at home. I was advised to take medication all my life.

But I stopped taking medicine since I learned through holiness gospel that God is our Healer (Exodus 15:26) and we were

healed by Jesus' scourging (Isaiah 53:5). My life started to change as I earnestly tried to get rid of sinful natures. I attended a Divine Healing Meeting via YouTube and received prayer from Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee. After that, I received a positive diagnosis at the hospital and there were no more issues with my thyroid gland.





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Goodness (19)



Senior Pastor Rev. Jaerock Lee

Mary Magdalene's Goodness (2)

"And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume." (Luke 7:37-38).

When Mary Magdalene came to Jesus with the sincerity of such a good heart, she was forgiven of her sins, set free from every kind of curse, and healed of her diseases by the power of Jesus. And she became a healthy and beautiful woman.

Above all, her broken heart was renewed and came to be full of Jesus' love, which overwhelmed her life with thanksgiving and happiness. Afterwards, she attended to Jesus as her Lord and followed Him until the end with ardent love that nobody could stop or take away.

Then, what are the spiritual implications of Mary Magdalene wetting Jesus' feet with her tears, wiping them with the hair of her head, kissing His feet, and anointing His feet with the perfume?

1. Mary wet Jesus' feet with her tears, wiped them with her hair, and kissed His feet

Mary Magdalene lived hopelessly suffering from evil spirits. One day she heard about Jesus who healed the sick and preached the gospel of the kingdom, and it made her heart flutter. She believed that meeting Him would remove herself from the pitch darkness of her life, and she was looking forward to seeing Him. Though she was a frail figure, with money that she earned and saved from needlecraft, she prepared the costly perfume. Finally, she learned that Jesus was at the home of Simon, a Pharisee in her town.

Mary went to Simon's home with the alabaster vial of the perfume that she had prepared with her whole heart. When she arrived, there were many people. The moment they recognized her, they threw a disapproving glance at her as though they said, "It is not the place where a sinner like you can come." But due to her strong scent of determination and longing for Jesus, they made way for her without knowing why.

The minute she entered the house, she was able to notice at a single glance that it was Jesus sitting across the room. When she saw the benign and gentle Jesus, she felt that He would forgive and accept anybody and began to shed endless tears. Because He was an extremely noble Person, she could not approach facing Him, but moved towards Him from behind until she stood behind Him.

As she approached and ended up at His feet, she burst into tears. Her tears were falling and wetting Jesus' precious feet. Since her birth, Mary had neither felt happiness nor received love from others. But now Jesus was right next to her and she could feel that He was full of love, knew everything about her, and would embrace her. Her sudden appearance bewildered people and the sound of her weeping filled the house.

They judged her, thinking, 'Who is that woman? What is she doing?' or 'Oh, no! It's unseemly!' After weeping for a while, Mary wiped Jesus' feet with the hair of her head and kissed His feet. People could not control their shock and began to talk in whispers.

In those days, most people in Israel wore sandals, so it was very natural that their feet were covered with dirt. Moreover, there was not enough water to wash their feet. Thus, for Jesus' feet, it was the same. Actually, it was widespread custom that the house owner was to provide guests with water so that they could wash their feet, but Simon the Pharisee had not even offered Jesus water to wash His feet.

But Mary Magdalene drenched Jesus' feet with her tears, washed them with her hair, and even kissed them. In those days, Jewish women did not heedlessly reveal their hair. But Mary washed Jesus' feet with her hair. Through her actions, Mary expressed her love and devotion for Jesus and her earnest desire to serve Him with a perfectly humble heart.

It was furthermore the manifestation of her faith with which she would receive solutions to all problems by meeting Jesus. However, no one could have known her heart. They regarded her to be a bad **4 Manmin News** NO. 743 MAY 14, 2023

woman who manipulated the man she was married to and caused him to do bad things. It seemed like they would have dragged her out right away if it had not been for Jesus.

Mary Magdalene did not care about the disapproving looks of people. Nothing mattered because Jesus would know her heart and her truthfulness and He would receive her love. She could feel satisfied owing to one thing: Jesus did not consider her a sinner although everyone else criticized her with a finger pointed at her. So, she did what she wanted without hesitation. That is, she wet Jesus' feet with her tears, washed them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfume.

2. Mary broke an alabaster vial and poured the perfume on Jesus' feet

Mary Magdalene broke an alabaster vial of perfume and anointed Jesus' feet with the perfume. It demonstrates not only her enthusiastic love but also includes spiritually deep meaning.

Here, 'an alabaster vial' that contained the perfume is a high quality of container. It spiritually represents our body. 'To break an alabaster vial' means to devote ourselves to the Lord sacrificing our body. No matter how expensive the perfume is, only when we break the vial that contains the perfume can it come out. In other words, only when we break our self-framework of thoughts and speculation regardless of authority or decency and entirely give up our 'selves' will it be possible for us to make such a commitment. But still no matter how good it was, the vial was just a container for the perfume. What was of value was the perfume inside.

The Bible does not tell us how much the perfume was but the perfume was the most costly and high-priced at that time. The Gospel of John chapter 12 talks about the perfume that Mary in Bethany anointed the feet of Jesus, and it was a pound of perfume of pure nard and the price was three hundred denarii. A denarius was an average daily wage for a worker, so three hundred denarii was such a great amount of money that people could save only by accumulating all wages earned for almost a year without spending any.

We could feel how wholehearted Mary Magdalene's devotion was to buy such costly perfume. She constantly worked with her exhausted and sick body and saved money little by little. She was nervous and afraid that the man she had married might seize it and she even reduced her food. Through this, she could give the perfume to Jesus. That is why to give perfume means to offer entire and sincere dedication.

In other words, Mary's breaking the vial and anointing Jesus' feet with the perfume in it signifies that she gave all her body, heart, and mind to Him. Afterwards, Mary unchangingly served Jesus and followed Him even when He was crucified. When He was buried, she came to the tomb and after waiting for the Sabbath to be over she came there again to anoint Him with perfume. Meantime, she was blessed to become the first person who met the risen Lord.

In addition, her actions carry remarkable spiritual meaning in the fact that the perfume could come out only when the vial was broken. The 'vial' symbolizes our body that wants to follow the desire of the flesh. Just as perfume can come out only when a vial is broken, our true love for the Lord can be revealed only when we get rid of the desires of the flesh.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will cast away the desires of the flesh and offer up a pure and holy heart to the Lord like Mary Magdalene who broke the alabaster vial containing the perfume and anointed Jesus' feet.

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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)

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Special feature



Evidence of power belonging to God

"God has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: That power belongs to God," (Psalm 62:11).

What is power?

Power refers to 'authority and might'. 'Authority' is referred to as majestic, glorious power, and 'might' as the power of faith where nothing is impossible with God. 'Wonders' and 'signs' accompany those with this kind of power. Depending on the level of power, 'extraordinary miracles' and 'remarkable things' also appear.

Wonders control the weather!

Wonders are the works of God, controlling the weather.

It is the power to move any heavenly bodies including stars and to control atmospheric phenomena such as snow, rain, wind, cloud, temperature, and air pressure.

In the Bible, Prophet Samuel prayed and God sent thunder and rain (1 Samuel 12:18). The prayer of Prophet Isaiah brought a shadow ten degrees backward (2 Kings 20:11). When Prophet Elijah prayed there was no rain for three and a half years, and when he prayed again, rain came down (1 Kings 17-18; James 5:17-18).

If the sun and stars were to be moved, this would be a phenomenon transcending the law of nature. God needs to approve these wonders at the right time and in the right conditions. Those who attain to a level of power do not randomly perform powerful works as they know God's heart and will.

Signs of God's power

Signs refer to God's power being revealed beyond human abilities.

By God's power, the blind come to see, the mute to speak, the hearing impaired to hear, short limbs are lengthened, and healing works of polio or cerebral palsy occur. Signs include all these.

The power that manifests these signs is different from the gift of healing that cures diseases. The gift of healing cures various illnesses that medication can cure, such as cold and flu, cancer, and lung disease. But God's power can heal incurable diseases.

Sometimes, healing works can take place by the gift of healing, or through the power of spiritual love or from prayers of the righteous. However, miraculous signs take place by those who have the power of God according to faith based on whole sanctification of the heart and fiery prayers.

Extraordinary miracles and remarkable things Through Apostle Paul, 'extraordinary miracles' were performed. Acts 19:11-12 says, "And God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out."

'Remarkable things' include the Ten Plagues that Moses performed in Egypt (Exodus 7-12) and Jesus' healing of a paralyzed person (Luke 5:17-26).

In addition to the works recorded in

the 66 books of the Bible, extraordinary miracles and remarkable things can happen in a number of ways by the power of God, who is the same yesterday and today. Many in our church, both in Korea and all over the world, are experiencing amazing works through the handkerchief of power, and thus various diseases are healed and vision and hearing impairment is made well. This is due to the love and power of God the Trinity who desires everyone to be saved.



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"Sight and hearing restored; All looks good and sounds great!"

Deacon Jeongoh Son (Age 74, Parish 17 in Manmin Central Church)

About a year ago, I started to have problems with my eyes and ears. For no particular reason, I had vision problems and found it hard to hear in both ears. I was unable to read or write, and as my eyes were blurry, all I could see were outlines of a person. And it was hard to hear the other person on the phone.

I figured this happened because of old age. But my parish leader and those around me encouraged me to get healed at the Divine Healing Meeting. In preparation, I registered my name and illness, and fervently prayed to be healed at every Daniel Prayer Meeting.

On March 24, I started the day with a joyful heart. The Divine Healing Meeting started at 11 pm; and I had the fullness of the Holy Spirit from pre-service praise and worship time. As I listened to Acting Senior Pastor Lee's sermon, I started to hear better. When I received the prayer for the sick after the sermon ended, I felt as if someone was stroking my face. After that, I could clearly hear sounds and sensed maybe my eyes healed as well. I opened them to look at the screen and could see clearly too. Hallelujah!

I was so grateful; it was like stepping into a whole new world. I called the church to give my testimony and was able to clearly hear the other person on the phone. For someone over 70 years of age, I was so touched and filled with exceeding grace to experience these works. I give all glory and thanks to Father God.

"Healed of gastritis and bronchial asthma!"

Deaconess Geumok Yoon (Age 76, 2nd Chinese Parish in Manmin Central Church)

I have been suffering from gastritis for a long time and last year, it got so bad that I couldn't eat properly. I went to the hospital, and they suspected it may be stomach cancer. I was so shocked with the possible diagnosis that I told this to my Grand Parish leader and received a prayer with the handkerchief of power (Acts 19:11-12).

Later when I went to the toilet, I noticed the color of my stool was black, which I had never seen before. My health improved since then except for symptoms of indigestion remaining. Not only that, I walked slow due to leg pain and shortness of breath from bronchial asthma since a young age. I desperately wanted to be healed by faith. I participated in the Vowed Daniel Prayer Meetings and online prayer meetings for the sick led by Mrs Boknim Lee in preparation for the Divine Healing Meeting. God bestowed abundant grace upon me in Christ Jesus.

On March 24, I attended the Friday All-night

Service Divine Healing Meeting via GCN. I received prayer from Acting Senior Pastor Soojin Lee. I felt immensely contrite as I realized my wrongdoings:



greed for others' belongings, not offering whole tithes, and not serving my parents-in-law with all my heart when they were still alive. I wept with tearful prayers and wholly repented of my sins. I felt something go down and my body become lighter.

The next day, symptoms of indigestion disappeared. And as I was also cured of leg pain and shortness of breath from bronchial asthma, I came to comfortably go up and down the stairs and walk quickly without any breathing problems. Hallelujah!

I give glory to the good Lord, our loving God who is still alive and granting answers to His beloved children.