

# Part III

## The History of the Blessing



1960



1960



1982



2020



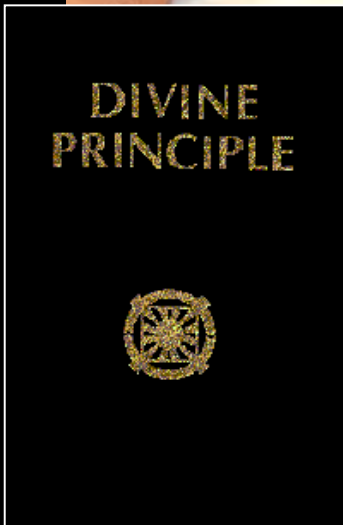
The Living Christ

Started  
with Jesus  
2000 yrs ago

# Divine Principle & The Blessing Part III



1920



1<sup>st</sup> 1946/ 2<sup>nd</sup> 1954



1960

1999



In order to hold a marriage celebration,  
a bride must come to her groom.

For Christianity, that represents the Last Days (of Evil).

You cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven without going  
beyond Christianity.

/SMM 1975.1.26

# 5 steps of the Blessing

0. **Individual perfection = 1st Biblical Blessing**  
**Possible? No!**  
**That's why TP Blessing for us 1<sup>st</sup> Gen is conditional.**
1. **Repentance and Forgiveness: The Chastening Ceremony**
2. **Grace for the Blessing: The Holy Wine Ceremony**
3. **The Spiritual Blessing of Marriage:  
The Holy Blessing Ceremony**
4. **Thanksgiving: The Separation Period**
5. **Consummation of the Blessing:  
The Three-Day Ceremony, Holy hankerschief**

**1-5 = 2nd Biblical Blessing**

**After the Blessing:  
Building a Harmonious World Community  
= 3rd Biblical Blessing**

# Blessing Wows

1. -- *a true man or woman who practices sexual purity and live for the sake of others;*  
(= *personal commitment to God*)
2. -- *a true husband or wife who respects True Parents' example and establishes an eternal family which brings joy to God;*  
(= *couple commitment to God*)
3. -- *a parent who rears your children to follow the tradition of true love for the sake of the family and world;*  
(= *parents commitment to God*)
4. -- *an ideal family which contributes to world peace.*  
(= *family commitment to Mankind*)

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- It is truly significant to receive the Blessing. Those who receive the Blessing should be able to think of themselves as God's representatives and conduct themselves as such.
- They should think, "If I do not move, then heaven and earth do not move."
- God can establish a living ideology for the sake of humankind only when this position is reached.

/SMM 1963.10.1



The Unification Church uses the word “blessing” with this meaning.

The most precious thing is man and woman joining together.

This is the core originating point representing the universe’s public commitment.

Having Holy Sinless children!



The people who come to our church for the first time must understand this.

When we say we have received the Blessing in the Unification Church, we don't mean we have received some worldly blessing of the present day.



The Blessing is the most wonderful thing.

When praying for blessing, the best blessing you can ask for is the blessing of love, and so the Unification Church refers to marriage as the Blessing.



# NewYorkTimes 15 Oct 2009

## Aging Reverend Moon Celebrates Mass Wedding



SEOUL, South Korea — Thousands of couples from more than 100 countries traveled here to tie the knot Wednesday in what was seen as the last mass wedding officiated by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the controversial and enigmatic founder of the Unification Church.

## **The Blessing is the formula course for humanity**

- The large holy wedding conducted by the Unification Church is not restricted to our church alone.
- It is the formula course that all humanity must go through.
- You must clearly understand this.



Then, what is the fundamental reason for having to follow this course? The reason is that our human ancestors fell. If they had not fallen, there would be no need for us to receive the Blessing today.

However, because of the Fall we now have to follow the course of restoration, through which we can return to the dominion of God. So, we have no choice but to walk this path. This is the reason why people today still believe in religion. This is what has been sought throughout history.

/SMM 1970.10.19

## *. The Blessing's true perspectives on marriage*

**True marriage reflects the form of God.**

Why should you get married? It is in order to resemble the form of God. God exists with dual characteristics.

He is a unified being in which both characteristics exist together in harmony.

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Man and woman were created to reflect the dual characteristics of God, and so, man and woman should come together in complete unity and harmony, become like the seed, and return to the position of the true character of God.

/SMM 1988.2.18

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The love sought by the man cannot be found without the woman. Love cannot be fulfilled on our own. In the same way, the love sought by the woman cannot be found without the man.

/SMM 1986.4.25

## Marriage brings together heaven and earth

Why do people get married? What good things are they hoping for? It is to expand the love of God. It is to expand His people. It is to expand His lineage.

/SMM 1986.4.8

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The living body of the man and the living body of the woman entered the realm of Satan's love and united based on that; the fruit of this was their children who inherited Satan's love, life and lineage.



**The lineage of the enemy has been inherited**

Fallen people became false beings and so must be engrafted.

Viewed lineally, your ancestors differ from the original. You could only become adopted children because your father and mother are of a different lineage; hence, it is logical that the Fall occurred through lineage.

What is the Fall?

It consisted of inheriting the wrong lineage.

## The Messiah is needed as the True Parents

The reason human beings need a messiah is so they can be saved. Then, what is the original starting point from which salvation can occur? It is returning to the point of contact (= The Blessing) with God's love.

/SMM 35-159, 1970.10.13

## The Providential Necessity of “Open” Blessings

In practice, there have been two main blessing models. The first of these is the “narrow gate model.”

Prior to 1992, the Blessing was restricted almost exclusively to Unification Church members. Candidates endured lengthy preparation periods, were strictly celibate, and were subject to special conditions associated with the Blessing, such as bringing three new converts and completing a seven-day fast.

All were “matched” by Rev. Moon and required official permission to “start their families.”

The Blessing itself included a complicated set of ritual practices, the centerpiece of which was the Holy Wine Ceremony which signified the couple's "change of blood lineage."

The problem with the "narrow gate model" was that it couldn't keep pace with the movement's world-transforming social vision.

Rev. Moon could be listed in the Guinness World Records for the largest single mass weddings, but the biggest of these numbered only in the several thousands.

Beginning in 1992 but especially after 1995, the movement downplayed the “narrow gate model” in favor of a “globalization model.”

Rev. Moon expressed his intention of blessing hundreds of thousands, even hundreds of millions of couples by the year 2000.

Blessings in 1995, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 were massive events convened in major venues such as Seoul Olympic Stadium, RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C., and Madison Square Garden in New York City. They were simultaneously linked to satellite locations throughout the world.

Source: <http://appliedunificationism.com/2014/01/27/the-providential-necessity-of-open-blessings/>

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*True Parents are giving the Blessing without price. The reason is because of our Parents' merit. While True Parents are living on the earth in this time, they are giving great Blessings to you. So we must go out to give the Blessing to many people in our area.*

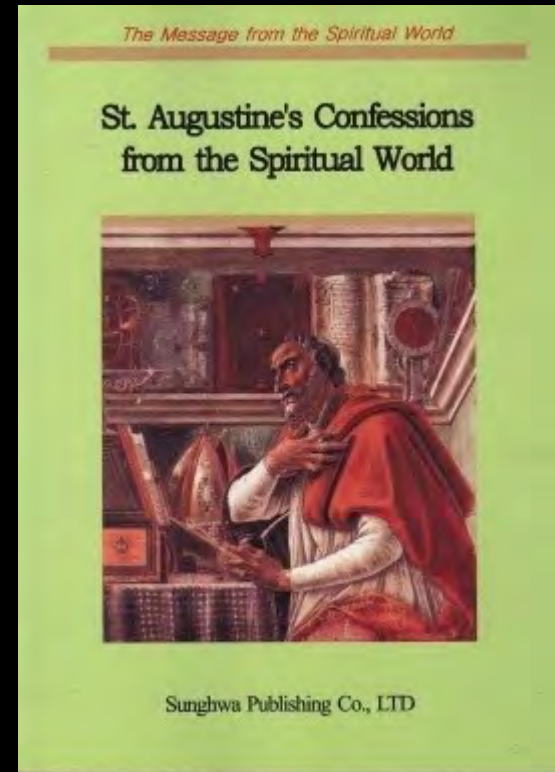
*That is the Unification way of giving Blessing to others.*

*/Dr Sang Hun Lee, from Spirit World 1997*

## Words from St Augustine 2001

“People of faith! The Messiah who is to come is none other than Rev. Moon, the True Parents of heaven and earth.

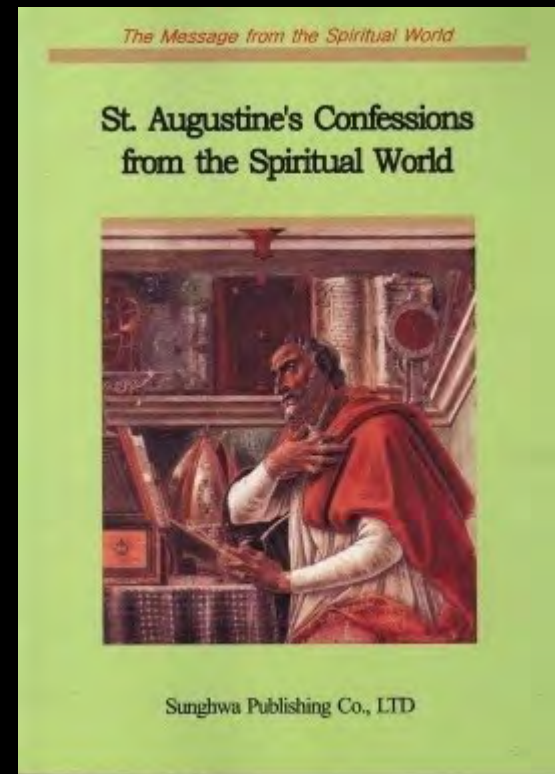
Please pray to discover who that person is. Here in the spiritual world, I have seen him clearly, working in the human form while surrounded by brilliant light.



## Words from St Augustine 2001

“In the Blessing ceremony, people on earth will be able to see only the people on earth, but the Blessing candidates in heaven can see both the couples on earth and those in heaven.”

The scene of the Blessing ceremony  
is truly beautiful and enchanting.”

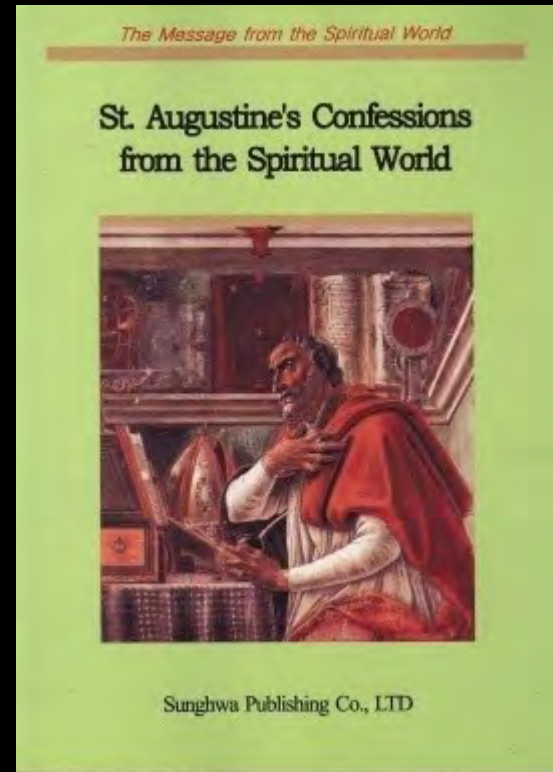


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“During the ceremony, the officiator, Rev. Moon, suddenly changed into the shape in which God had appeared in the Garden of Eden before the human fall;

God's rays spun in splendid and enrapturing colors and circled around Rev. Moon, whereupon he assumed God's body.

Then, the whole scene of the Blessing ceremony was





**The 10.14 Blessing Ceremony Based on the Completion  
of the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven,  
Earth and Humankind**

9<sup>th</sup> month, 3<sup>rd</sup> day, Sun Moon University

**2010-2011**

**2nd Gen**



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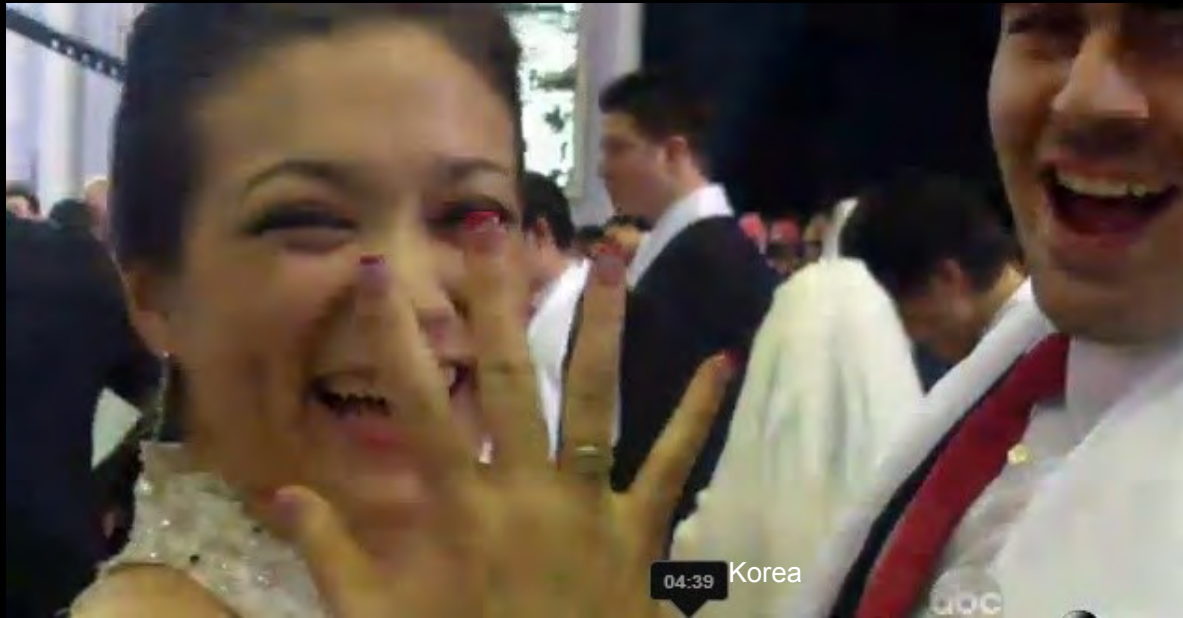








**Feb 2013 Korea**



Brazil



Korea

Feb 2014



Korea

**2015 Korea**





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Kore



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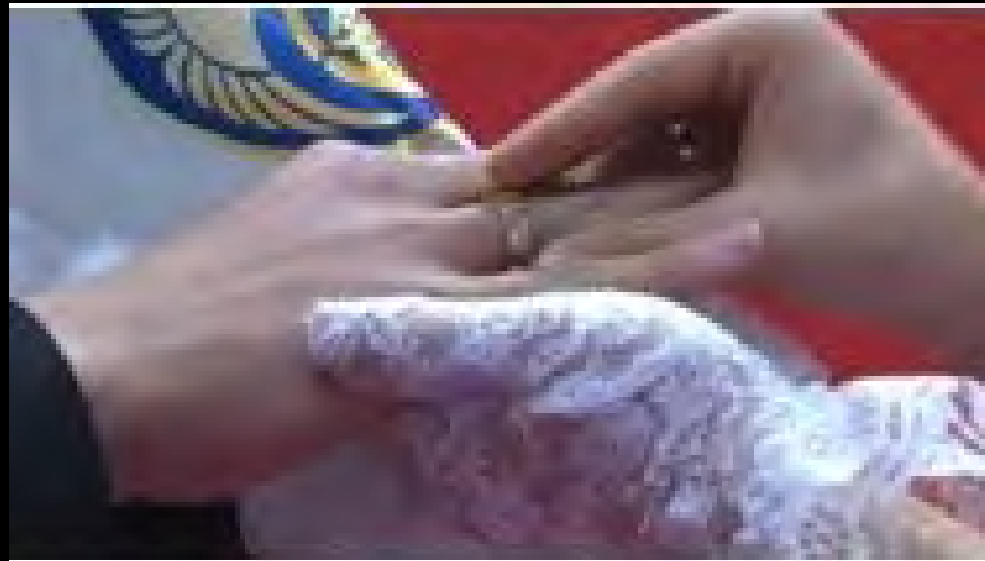


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*What is the Blessing :*

***1st Gen.***

- *Forgiveness of original sin*
- *5 Pledges*
- *Start of new Family, children (2nd gen)  
born without original sin*

***2nd ,3rd...Gen.***

- Start of Blessed Family, children without original sin*
- *Building a new world of sinless Mankind*



Rev Moon Interview 1974

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiCYKJc\\_VwI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiCYKJc_VwI)

from London way back in 1978:

[www.tparents.org/Moon-Talks/SunMyungMoon78/SM780520.htm](http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Talks/SunMyungMoon78/SM780520.htm)

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Blessing film (external) 2012:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfpZf2\\_rVr0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfpZf2_rVr0)

Belgium TV 2016:

<https://vimeo.com/153953233?>



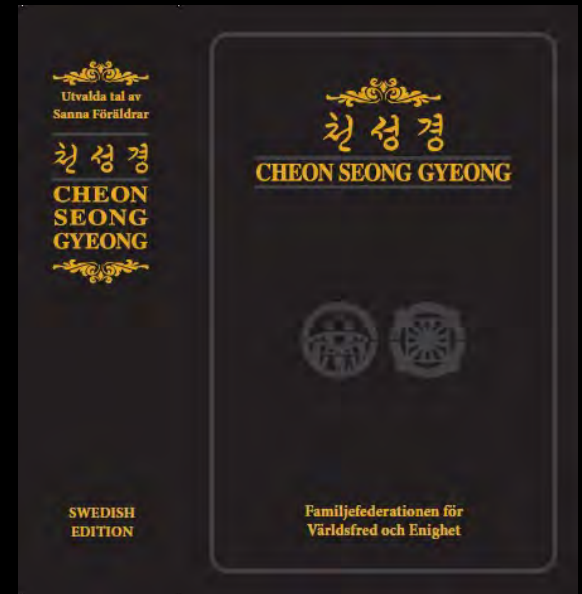
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True Parents and the Blessing

The Meaning and Value of

the Blessing

<http://www.euro-tongil.org/swedish/csg/>

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