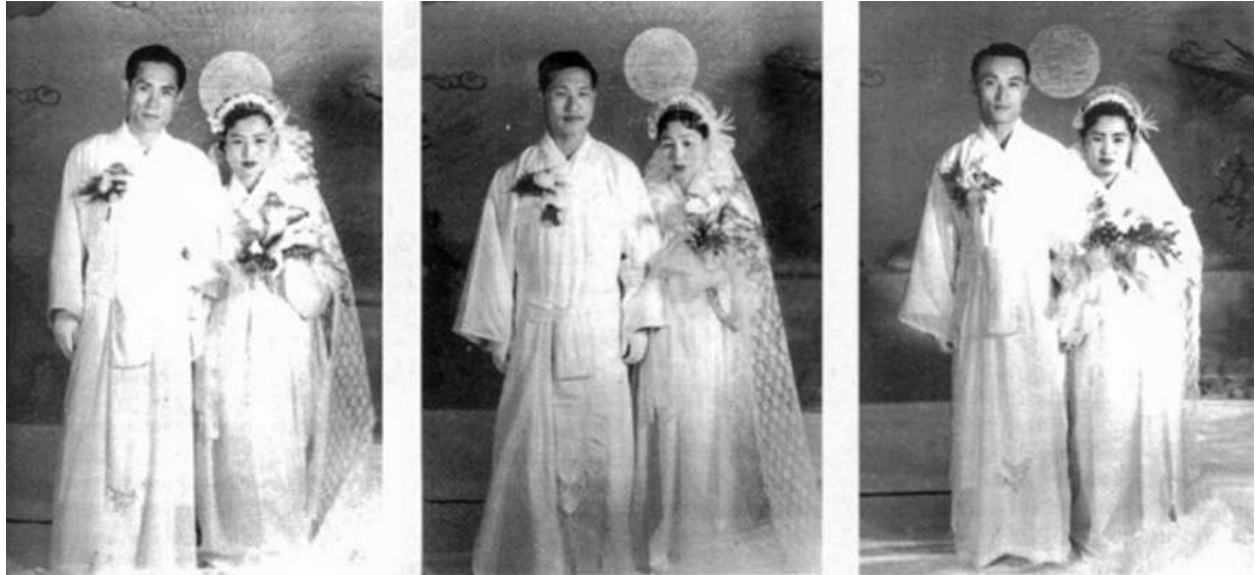


FFWPU USA: 63rd Anniversary of 3 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing in 1960

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From left to right: Eu Hyo-won and Sa Gil-ja; Kim Won-pil and Chung Dal-ok; and Kim Young-hwi and Chung Dae-hwa

April 16 marks the 63rd anniversary of the 3 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing officiated by True Parents in 1960, five days after their own holy wedding. The couples were Kim Won-pil and Chung Dal-ok; Eu Hyo-won and Sa Gil-ja; and Kim Young-hwi and Chung Dae-hwa.

True Father noted there were a number of providential conditions connected to these couples, stating that they represented the families of Adam, Noah, and Abraham. They also were chosen as the resurrected figures of Cain, Abel, and Seth in Adam's family. True Father said they were in the position of Jesus's three main disciples and restored archangels as well.

At the time, True Father required "three disciples" in the position of spiritual children who would be loyal and "follow him through persecution, even at the risk of their lives," he said, as a condition for his holy wedding with True Mother. Subsequently, the three couples were engaged ahead of True Parents' wedding. One of the couples had been previously married, one had been previously engaged, and one was "matched" immediately before their engagement. In this way, they were intended to represent all marital situations, True Father said. The three couples later joined 33 additional couples who were blessed in marriage in 1961 as the Unification movement's original 36 couples.