

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 06, 2024 (Thursday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 21:15

21:15. *And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.*

A gold reed measures the things as follows:

1. The city of the New Jerusalem.
2. The wall of the New Jerusalem.
3. The gates of the New Jerusalem.

The measurements of the gates of the New Jerusalem are as follows:

1. **The twelve angels, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the**

Revelation 21:12

21:12. *Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*

It refers to the opportunity for the Israelites to enter the New Jerusalem.

2. **The twelve gates which are the twelve pearls.**

Revelation 21:21

21:21. *The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.*

It refers to the opportunity for the Gentiles to enter the New Jerusalem.

The pearls come from shell. The process is that the dirt enters the body of shell and hurt it, so blood and water come out. Then the layer of pearls coats the dirt until it becomes the pearls.

The dirt refers to the Gentiles.

The shell refers to Jesus, whose side is pierced with a spear, and immediately blood and water come out to save the Gentiles as well as make them as the pearls to be placed at the gates of the New Jerusalem. It means entering the New Jerusalem and receiving eternal life.

The process of formation of the spiritual pearls are as follows:

- o **The Gentiles must receive the layer of blood and water from Jesus' side**, namely the one of reconciliation or righteousness.

We can receive it through Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

John 19:33-34

19:33. *But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.*

19:34. *But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.*

Jesus willingly suffers up to the point of death on the cross to save the sinners. Jesus is already dead with four major injuries, namely two in the hands and two in the feet to save the Israelites.

But one of the soldiers of the Gentiles pierces His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water come out. It is the biggest and the deepest injury.

The fact of receiving the sheath of blood and water are as follows:

- a. The blood refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering. It means trusting Jesus as the only Savior and repenting or stopping sinning and returning to God--being dead to sin.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20

5:18. *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,*

5:19. *that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them,*

and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

5:20. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

How do we receive the sheath of blood? By making peace with God and others.

[verse 18] The reconciliation is of God. It means that all of us can make peace. It depends on us whether we want to be reconciled or not.

Making peace means confessing sin to God and others by the encouragement of the sword of the Word. Being forgiven, we may not sin anymore. We also forgive others' sin and forget it. It is the same as having the sheath of reconciliation.

As a result, Jesus' blood covers our sins up to there is no remnant of our sin as if we had never sinned [verse 19].

We repent or die to sin, starting from lie and hatred. We are set free from the hand of Satan.

- b. The water refers to the Brazen Laver, namely the true water baptism.

Romans 6:4

6:4. Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The true water baptism is that one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life or the heavenly one, namely life in righteousness. It is the same as having the sheath of righteousness.

Proverbs 11:4

11:4. Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, But righteousness delivers from death.

The result is being saved. We are not punished but blessed by God.

Proverbs 12:26

12:26. The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

The righteous can be shepherded well and correctly.

Acts 2:41-42

2:41. Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

2:42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

It is the perseverance in committing the three main services to God in the sheepfold. The perseverance means that that we cannot be blocked especially by the biggest hindrance, namely boredom. Those who are arrogant like Esau will despise the lentil, so they hunt the flesh. A simple man can enjoy the Word.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch or deceive or make us fall.

As a result, we sit on the pasture. It means being stable in the shepherding or salvation.

Psalms 23:1

23:1. <<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

'I shall not want' means that we are blessed and taken care of by God Himself in the midst of our weakness and increasing difficulties in the world up to being spotless. We become as perfect as Jesus.

- The Gentiles must receive the sheath of pearl, namely the one of purification in the Holy Place or sheepfold.

Our position is like a branch that abides in the true vine.

John 15:3

15:3. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you."

As a result, we experience the cleaning or purification by the Word whose secret is revealed through a verse that explains another verse in the Bible or the true teaching Word.

John 13:10-11

13:10. Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11. For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

We are purified from the sin of Judas Iscariot, namely the dirty heart and feet.

Proverbs 4:27

4:27. Do not turn to the right or the left; Remove your foot from evil.

The dirty feet means straying from the Word, and hearing the false teaching and gossip, so his deed is evil.

His heart is evil, namely the love or the will of money, so he does not love God. The fact is becoming stingy and greedy as well as selling Jesus.

Stinginess means that one cannot give for God's working and others who are in need.

Greediness means that one steals the possession of God, namely the tithe and special offering.

Selling Jesus means sacrificing the true teaching Word to get the physical things such as money, position, mate, *et cetera*.

Proverbs 5:3,5-9

5:3. For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil;

5:5. Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell.

5:6. Lest you ponder her path of life--Her ways are unstable; You do not know them.

5:7. Therefore hear me now, my children, And do not depart from the words of my mouth.

5:8. Remove your way far from her, And do not go near the door of her house,

5:9. Lest you give your honor to others, And your years to the cruel one;

The dirty feet refers to the unclean life's journey, namely the sin of Babylon or the one of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage like Hophni and Phinehas.

The dirty feet also refers to the dirty words such as lie, gossip, and evil speaking.

Romans 3:15-17

3:15. "Their feet are swift to shed blood;

3:16. Destruction and misery are in their ways;

3:17. And the way of peace they have not known."

The dirty feet means not willingly making peace or confessing sin, but blaming others and God. He does not want to forgive other's sin, too. His heart is full of hatred, revenge, and bitterness.

If we are shepherded, we will experience the purification continuously, so we can live in holiness. Our heart, deed, and words are holy.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

We are equipped with the ministry and gift to be used in the ministry of the building of the body of Christ, starting from marriage, shepherding, inter shepherding until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ. It is like a colt whom Jesus sat to enter the Jerusalem.

Mark 11:3

11:3. "And if anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it,' and immediately he will send it here."

As a result, 'The Lord has need of it, and immediately he will send it here'. It means that all of our sacrifices in the

building of the body of Christ will not become in vain, but God remembers it. He does not forget, even He will return a hundredfold and eternal life.

Romans 10:15

10:15. And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

God gives the beautiful and miraculous steps of life up to eternal one.

If we do not want to be sat by Jesus, we will be sat by Balaam or Satan in the false teaching and sin for the building of Babylon.

- **The Gentiles must receive the sheath of pearl**, namely the one of purification. The pearl comes from the word 'Margareta' that means pure.

We experience it in the sprinkling of blood or test or the suffering in the flesh because of Jesus. Why? To receive the shekinah glory.

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12. Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13. but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy

4:14. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

We receive the shekinah glory or the Spirit of glory, so we can greet Jesus when He comes a second time.

1 Peter 4:15-16

4:15. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.

4:16. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

As a result, the Spirit of glory is able to purify or change us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus.

A murderer or having hatred becomes love.

A thief is changed into a giver. An evildoer becomes good-doer. A busybody becomes peacemaker. We experience the renewal of life to glorify God, so we are glorified by Him from now on in the world until being on the glorious clouds.

1 Peter 4:17

4:17. For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

We can judge ourselves or do the introspection in our life by the sharpness of the sword of the Word. Finding sin, we must confess to God and others. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven! We live in righteousness.

Finding no sin, we must keep silent, so God defends us.

1 Peter 4:19

4:19. Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.

We totally surrender to God. We become obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

As a result, God stretches out His powerful hand to us.

The results are as follows:

- a. The creation power that creates something that does not exist yet to take care of our physical life. We experience peace.
- b. The helping power to finish all of impossible problems. The impossible thing becomes possible.
- c. The lifting power.

1 Peter 5:5-6

5:5. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

God's hand is able to lift us up. He makes all things well and beautifully in His time.

We are changed up to perfection to greet Jesus when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds. We become perfect. We do not stumble in words [James 3:2]. It is the peak of the purification until we become the pearls in the gates of the New Jerusalem

If we do not become the pearls, we will become the dust that will be eaten by the serpent up to perdition forever.

God blesses us.