

Bible Study Service in Malang, August 24, 2021 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 14 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of the Covenant or the suffering in the flesh of the church together with Jesus as the last sanctification for reaching the quality of being flawless or perfect.

Revelation 14 can be divided into three parts as follows:

1. Verse 1-5 = the church's following Jesus as the Lamb of God (it has been explained in General Service in Malang, August 16, 2021).
2. Verse 6-13 = the judgment.
3. Verse 14-20 = the reaping on the earth.

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Revelation 14:1,4

14:1. Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

There is the sprinkling of blood. Also, there is the following.

Thus, the church's following Jesus is signified by the sprinklings of blood, so there is the increasing sanctification up to the Mount Zion or the quality of perfection as the heavenly bride.

'one hundred and forty-four thousand' = the core of the heavenly bride.

Our following Jesus on the last days must be emphasized to the quality, not only the quantity like what that has happened now, because the church will be left when Jesus comes a second time if there is no quality of perfection.

We have heard that we must pass through the three kinds of hill to reach the hill of Zion (it has been explained in General Service in Malang, August 22, 2021).

Tonight we learn about the Zion.

1 Peter 2:6-7

2:6. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

2:7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

There is a chief cornerstone in Zion.

Thus, the chief cornerstone is the base of the church's following Jesus as the Lamb of God up to the perfection.

The expensive chief cornerstone refers to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The church must believe the sacrifice of Christ or stand uprightly on the sacrifice of Christ for reaching Zion.

If the base is strong, we will be orbited to Zion.

The facts found in standing on the sacrifice of Christ are as follows:

1. **Believing Jesus as the only Savior.** The chief cornerstone is related to the gate of salvation, righteousness, or faith (the Court of the Tabernacle).

Psalm 118:19-23

118:19. Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.

118:20 This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter.

118:21 I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

118:23 This was the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

From where can we believe that Jesus is the gate of heaven? We believe it through His words.

John 14: 3-6

14:3. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may

be also.

14:4 "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

14:5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Through the revelation of the Word, Jesus ensures us that He is the only way to go to heaven.

Mark 1:14-15

1:14. Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

'believe in the gospel' = 'believe in Jesus!' It means that Jesus ensures us to believe in Him and repent through the revelation of the Word, so we can pass through the gate of heaven.

'Open to me the gates' means that to make the gate of heaven open, the church must long for the revelation of the Word because someday the gate of heaven will be closed or there is no revelation of the Word anymore.

'I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD' = if we can appreciate the revelation of the Word, we can give thanks or do not get bored, so we can hear the Word seriously, understand, and believe it or it is planted in our heart and able to save us. It is the same as having faith to Jesus as the only Savior.

The true faith can save us.

The false faith that comes from seeing cannot save us.

The true faith encourages us to repent.

Repenting = stopping sinning and we return to God or die to sin. In the Tabernacle, it refers to the Altar of Burnt Offerings.

The beginning of being dead to sin is throwing the five sins away.

1 Peter 2:1

2:1. Therefore, laying aside all malice⁽¹⁾, all deceit⁽²⁾, hypocrisy⁽³⁾, envy⁽⁴⁾, and all evil speaking⁽⁵⁾.

Psalm 118:22

118:22. The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

The builders rejected the precious stone. It means as follows:

- The mercy for the Gentiles. The Gentiles can hear the Word and believe Jesus only because of the mercy and opportunity from God because actually the salvation is only for the natives of Israel.
- The deliberateness. Do not deliberately become unwilling to hear the true teaching Word when there is a chance! Do not deliberately repeat the sins because the heavenly door will be closed and there is no forgiveness!

The rejected stone has been the chief cornerstone.

The chief cornerstone refers to being irreplaceable.

It means that we must believe Jesus and repent in order to enter the heavenly kingdom. There is no way else.

2. **Entering the true water baptism.** The chief cornerstone is related to the name of Jesus which is able to save.

Acts 4:11-12

4:11. "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'

4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

How can we get the name of Jesus which can save? We get it through being baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit or the Lord Jesus Christ. In the Tabernacle, it refers to the Brazen laver.

Matthew 28:19

28:19. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 2: 38

2:38. Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19: 5

19:5. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The true water baptism means that one who has believed Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Him in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit or the Lord Jesus Christ, and then raised up out of the water with Jesus to get the new life or the heavenly one, namely the opened door of heaven or the Holy Spirit baptism (the Door of the Tabernacle is opened). It means that we are renewed from the water and Spirit.

The new life means that we become as a newborn baby. We become the sons of God, namely we live in righteousness.

1 Peter 2:2

2:2. as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

'the pure milk of the word' = the true teaching Word.

Becoming the sons of God means as follows:

- Only longing for the true teaching Word and rejecting the false one.
- Always longing for dwelling in the temple or the perseverance in doing the three main services to God in the sheepfold.

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 refers to entering the Holy Place.

There are three kinds of equipment in the Holy Place that refer to the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:

- a. The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts.
- b. The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and sacrifice of Christ.
- c. The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so we cannot be made fallen by Satan. We do not commit any sins up to the peak. We are not deceived by the false teachings, including gossips and slanders.

We do not stumble and go astray, but we are sanctified, so we are appointed to be the priests and kings.

Exodus 29:1a

29:1a. "And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests:

Thus, the builders' rejecting the precious stone means the mercy and opportunity from God to the Gentiles so that they can be the priests and kings because actually the priests and kings belong to the natives of Israel only.

We must keep that we do not deliberately become unwilling to serve and minister to God.

3. **We must be the priests and kings who can please God.** The chief cornerstone is related to the edification of the spiritual house of the body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:5-7

2:5. you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

2:6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

2:7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

Who may actively be in the edification of the spiritual house? The priests and kings or the servants of God who serve and minister to Him according to the ministry which He has entrusted may.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12. 'nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the LORD.

'the sanctuary' = the Holy Place = the sheepfold.

A priest must dwell in the sheepfold or have the perseveranc in doing the three main services to God like a branch that abides in the true Vine or a donkey that is tied to the vine so that we do not stumble and go astray, but experience the continual sanctification. We are always anointed by Holy Spirit, so we can be faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry which God has entrusted to us.

If we have the anointing of Holy Spirit, there will be the love of God.

If there is the love of God, we will be able to love one another; even we can love other people who make hostility towards us. We only do good things until we can repay good for evil.

Being holy, faithful, and fervent in spirit and loving one another is the same as being the apple of God's eye, the living stone, or the vessel of God's glory.

Romans 9:20-24,33

9:20. But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"

9:21 Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

9:22 What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

9:23 and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

9:24 even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

9:33 As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

The chief cornerstone is related to the vessel of glory.

It means the servants of God who are used in the edification of the perfect body of Christ that begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and Gentiles become the perfect body.

The living stone means as follows:

- We live by the mercy of God anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances.
- Our life becomes in order, neat, and beautiful in time of need; even the dead things can be made alive.

The builders rejected the precious stone. It means the mercy and opportunity from God to the Gentiles that they can be the living stone and the vessel of glory.

Do not deliberately become unshepherded or unwilling to minister to God as long as there is the chance or else the beautiful things will be destroyed.

4. We must experience the sprinkling of blood. The chief cornerstone is related to the sprinkling of blood.

Matthew 21:42-44

21:42. Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

21:43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.

21:44 "And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

Matthew 21 refers to the sprinkling of blood in the Tabernacle. It means being in the Most Holy Place or the quality of perfection already.

What must be sprinkled with blood? The hardness of heart and doubt must be sprinkled with blood so that we fall on the stone or we can be meek or broken-hearted to bow down before God.

Previously, we stand on the chief cornerstone in the Court up to the Holy Place. Afterwards, we also fall on the stone.

There are three things that the hard-hearted priests of God can be sprinkled with blood to have the broken heart as follows:

- The priests who were controlled by the spirit of selling and buying.

Matthew 21:12-13

21:12. Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.

21:13 And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

The consequences are as follows:

- a. Serving and ministering to God only to look for the fleshly interests such as money, position and so on.
- b. Leaving the service and ministry to God only to look for money.
- c. Looking for money in illegal ways.
- d. Stinginess and greediness or the worship to money.
Stinginess means that one cannot give.
Greediness means stealing the possession of others, especially God's, namely the tithes and offerings.

Such life only relies on money, not God.

All of them must be sprinkled with blood, so we can be meek. It means that we become the servants of God who serve and minister to Him for the edification of the perfect body of Christ and glorifying Him through practicing "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

- The priests who were blind and lame.

Matthew 21:13

21:13. And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

Being blind means rejecting the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ or the true teaching Word, so one keeps the flesh and blood man with the eighteen characteristics or lives in the darkness.

2 Corinthians 4:4

4:4. whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Being lame means the doubt to the power of God and God Himself because of the false teachings, so one hopes others.

In consequence, he departs from faith.

It must be sprinkled with blood, so we can keep on holding fast the true teaching Word, believing, and hoping God.

- The priests who had the indignant spirits.

Matthew 21:15-17

21:15. But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant

21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?'"

21:17 Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

It means being angry to the other people with the bursting emotion, especially to God. It means being disappointed to God until one cannot pray.

It must be sprinkled with blood until being in peace or we do not feel anything what the flesh feels anymore, but only the love of God.

We confess our physical and spiritual weakness and we are not doubtful, so we only hope the grace of God. We only believe and entrust ourselves to God.

The examples are as follows:

- a. Abraham or the representative of the fathers. He did not waver at the promise of God.

Romans 4:19-21

4:19. And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

4:20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

4:21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

- b. The woman of Canaan whose child was demon-possessed or the representative of women.
She was not indignant until her prayer was answered by God and the miracle happened. We can get the happiness and peace in the household.
- c. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego or the representative of the youth.
They were not indignant facing the fire which was heated seven times more than the usual that refers to the temptation.
- d. Mary, the representative of the youth.
She was not indignant although Lazarus had died, but broken-hearted, and then the miracle happened.

We become the house of prayer. There are miracles and glory behind the sprinkling of blood.

When Jesus comes a second time, we will be changed to be as perfect as He is for being worthy for welcoming His second coming on the glorious clouds. We are with Him forever, entering the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.