

Bible Study Service in Malang, December 15, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The marriage supper of the Lamb is the spiritual marriage or the perfect one.

The Bible is started with the physical marriage which has been destroyed by Satan. Nevertheless, we give thanks to God because the Bible is ended with the spiritual marriage or the perfect one, namely the marriage supper of the Lamb.

It refers to the meeting of Jesus who comes a second time in the glory as the Head, the King of all kings, or the Heavenly Bridegroom with the perfect Church as His Bride on the glorious clouds. Afterwards, we enter the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace or the Future Paradise as it is written in Revelation 20. Then, we enter the New Jerusalem or the Heavenly Kingdom forever as it is written in Revelation 21-22. This is the plan and will of God in our life. We must be sure that the plan and will of God will never fail.

Celebrating Christmas is related to the second coming of Jesus. Celebrating Christmas every year means that the second coming of Jesus becomes shorter one year.

Why are we invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb?

1. Because the marriage supper of the Lamb is the entrance to the Paradise and New Jerusalem. Not entering the marriage supper of the Lamb is the same as being left when Jesus comes a second time or not entering the Paradise and Heavenly Kingdom. It means destruction and perdition with the world forever.
2. The Lord exceedingly longs for the return of men He has created to the Paradise up to the New Jerusalem.

By what are we invited?

Matthew 25:6

25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'"

We are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb by **the Bride Tidings**.

Midnight refers to the darkest time in the top of difficulties, evil, and unclean things. The only tiding we need is Bride Tidings to awaken us until we can enter the marriage supper of the Lamb.

There are two kinds of the preaching of God's Word that the Lord Jesus gave us example and Paul the apostle taught as follows.

1. Gospel Word/ the gospel of salvation/ Good News/ milk.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Proverbs 25:25

25:25 As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

It preaches Jesus' first coming to die on the cross and save the sinners.

The signs of receiving the salvation are as follows.

- o **Knowing assuredly.** It means that we believe or have faith in Jesus as the Only Savior.

Acts 2:36-40

2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

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.

2:39 "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

If our heart believes, our mouth will confess our sins. We are forgiven and not condemned.

- **Repenting.** We stop sinning and return to God. We die to sin; at least we repent from lying and hatred.

- **Being baptized of water.**

Romans 6:2,4

6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

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.

Colossians 2:12

2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

The water baptism means that a person who has died to sin is buried in water with Jesus to be raised with Him in the new life.

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.

The new life refers to being anointed by Holy Spirit or living in righteousness. Being righteous is the same as having the salvation and blessings of God up to the descendants. Not being righteous means not being saved, but condemned by God.

After being saved and blessed, we must continue to the Bride Tidings.

2. The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ/ the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword/ Bride Tidings/ solid food.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

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.

Hebrews 4:12

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

It preaches Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify and change our life to be as perfect and glorious as Jesus is.

It is able to move us from the atmosphere of the curses of the world to the one of Paradise.

Matthew 6:9-10,12

6:9 "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

The atmosphere of the heavenly kingdom is without any sin. It is the atmosphere in peace.

The proof of receiving the invitation of God, namely the Good News and Bride Tidings, is we live in the atmosphere of the heavenly kingdom. It means we live in peace and there is no sin. The atmosphere of the heavenly kingdom has nothing to do with riches, poverty, intelligence, or stupidity. One will not have the atmosphere of the heavenly kingdom if he keeps his sin, although he is rich. On the contrary, a poor man can have the atmosphere of the heavenly kingdom if he does not have any sin.

Genesis 2:25

2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

In the beginning, Adam and Eve were created in the garment of glory. They were naked but not ashamed.

Genesis 3:6-7,10

3:6 *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

3:7 *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

3:10 *So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."*

Nevertheless, they sinned, so they became naked and ashamed. It means they were in shame, fear, distress, and there was no peace. They were driven out to the world and lived in curses.

Romans 3:23

3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

In the cursed world, they did not repent, but kept on sinning up to the top, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. They were naked, but did not feel ashamed. If it continues, men will only be destroyed forever. It cannot be stopped, except by the sword of the Word.

All great things in the world such as intelligence, riches, position, and so on cannot save the sinners. The great people such as apostle, prophet, teacher, religious men, and so on cannot save the sinners. The only way comes from God through Christmas.

Christmas means that the glorious and perfect God is born as a man, namely Jesus. This is the greatest first miracle that has happened. Why must it happen?

1. Jesus is sinless, but becomes the offering of reconciliation to take away the sin of men, cover the nakedness, and save them, so they can feel the atmosphere of Paradise.
2. To make the sinners be born again through the work of the sword of God's Word until someday they are as perfect and glorious as Jesus is and able to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds. This is the second greatest miracle that is happening from now on.

What must we do?

Matthew 5:23-25

5:23 *"Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,*

5:24 *"leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

5:25 *"Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.*

We must have the reconciliation quickly with God (vertical) and with others (horizontal), so we are set free from the atmosphere of prison or the world and enter the atmosphere of Paradise.

"Agree with your adversary quickly" means that we must receive the Word with our broken heart when we are pierced by the sword of the Word or the Word shows us our sins up to the peak. We are cut to the heart. We realize, regret, and confess our sins to God and others. We will be forgiven by the blood of Jesus and must not repeat the sin. We must also forgive the sin of others and forget it.

If the sword of God's Word keeps on piercing our sins and we are reconciled quickly, someday we will be as perfect as He is. Do not become like Herod who was hard-hearted and rejected the Word. Do not become like Judas Iscariot who rejected the Word and perished forever.

The Lord remembers that our life is only like the clay although we are great physically. The examples are as follows.

1. King David fell in sin with Bathsheba. He could confess his sin and be reconciled after Nathan the prophet had rebuked him. He was forgiven and anointed by God.

Psalms 51:1,11

51:1 *<<To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.>> Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.*

51:11 *Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.*

2. Peter was a great servant of God, but he lied and denied Jesus. Nevertheless, he could hear the crowing of a rooster, referring to the repeated Word, until he wept. He got the reconciliation.

3. The younger son left the field of the father and he came to the field of swine. It refers to the spiritual fall and destruction for the future. Nevertheless, he remembered the food in his father's house, referring to the Word we have heard repetitively. He returned to the house of the father and got the reconciliation.
4. The woman was great in sins, but she was pierced by the sword until cut in the heart and able to confess her sin. She was forgiven and anointed by Holy Spirit.

Luke 7:36-37

7:36 Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

7:37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

The proof of being forgiven is the peace and anointing of Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit is the Comforter. He wipes away all of tears, weariness, and heavy burdens. All things become easy and light. We can be faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God until the end line.

Holy Spirit is the Helper. He is able to help us and perform the miracle. The rotten things that produce stench can be fragrance. The destroyed things can be good. We are used by God to spread the fragrance of Christ. If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will happen.

Zechariah 4:6-7

4:6 So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

4:7 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'

Holy Spirit is able to make the mountains plain. Impossible problems can be made possible. We have the beautiful successful future life.

5. The criminal who was crucified beside Jesus.

Luke 23:40-43

23:40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?"

23:41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."

23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

Holy Spirit is able to change the criminal into the servant of God. We are changed to be as perfect as Jesus is to enter the Paradise when He comes a second time.

The criminal was useless and not precious. He had nothing or no one. Jesus still receives us whatever condition we have tonight.

God blesses you.