

Bible Study Service in Malang, January 23, 2014 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 1:8

1:8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

"I am the Alpha and the Omega" is written three times in Indonesian bible, but four times in King James and Amplified version of English bible as follows.

1. I am the Alpha and the Omega related to the Almighty.

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It means that the power of God never changes in the past, now, and forever.

a. The Beginning.

Genesis 1:1, 3-4, 10, 31

1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

1:10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

1:31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Genesis 2:1

2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.

The power of God through His Word creates the heaven and the earth with the contents. It means the power to create something that does not exist yet or to create all things to become good.

If we are obedient, the Word is able to create something that does not exist yet and preserve our life. There is creation power to make all destroyed things good.

b. The End.

Philippians 1:6

1:6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

God has begun a good work and He Himself will complete it very well even perfectly as long as we keep obedient to His Word.

The way out when all things are bad and destroyed is returning to obedience to the Word so that all things are good.

We must be more obedient to the Word when all things have been good, so that the good things will not be destroyed but the best and perfect ones.

2. I am the Alpha and the Omega related to seven churches on the last days.

Revelation 1:11

1:11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

It means that God as the Alpha and the Omega pays much attention to the churches on the last days. The highest attention from Jesus as the Alpha and the Omega sanctifies the congregation from weakness, deficiency, and sins until they are without blemish or perfect as the Bride of God who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

3. I am the Alpha and the Omega related to New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:6

21:6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

New Jerusalem relates to life renewal from fleshy man to spiritual one as Jesus is.

a. **The Beginning.**

Revelation 21:1

21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

The beginning of life renewal is there is no more sea. It means that there is no doubtful heart.

James 1:6-8

1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

It means renewal from evil unclean heart to good conscience without any doubt. The life renewal begins from water baptism.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

There is no doubt anymore means that we do not doubt about the power of God when we are facing temptation, even the impossible one. We keep on believing in Jesus and obeying the Word. We do not doubt about the true teaching. We keep on holding fast the true teaching when strange voice comes to us.

James 1:8, 7

1:8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

1:7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

The consequence of doubt is weariness, heavy burden, no peace, and one will not receive anything.

For example, Peter from the fisher of man returned to fisherman and he got nothing even he was failed and naked. It means that he fell in sins. Consequently, one will be drowned in the sea of fire and brimstone until he cannot enter New Jerusalem.

b. **The End.**

Revelation 22:5

22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

The end of life renewal is there is no night.

Romans 13:12-13

13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13:13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

It means that there is no more sin and the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking or revelry and drunkenness as well as marrying-being given in marriage or sexuality sin with all its kinds, sexual deviation, and wrong marriage.

There is no more envy. Envy happens because of not appreciating the blessings and use of God. There is no more contention because of sin and teaching. Contention because of sin must be finished. Contention because of teaching must be solved by returning to Bible.

2 Corinthians 12:20

12:20 For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you

do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults;

Envy and contention will grow to become anger, egoism, slander, gossip, arrogance, and tumult.

Revelation 21:11

21:11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

The result of life renewal is being clear as crystal. It means honesty or we say *Yes* if *Yes* and *No* if *No*. Moreover, we are as jasper stone, whose meaning is burning longing or we are faithful and fervent in spirit ministering God until the end.

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22:5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

The honest, faithful, and fervent minister of God is as the flame of fire. The eye of God is as the flame of fire. Thus, the honest, faithful, and fervent minister of God is the apple of God's eye which cannot be charged against by anything.

4. I am the Alpha and the Omega related to the throne of judgment of Christ.

Revelation 22:12-13

22:12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

22:13 "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."

The Lord comes a second time to give reward of eternal life and revenge or condemnation.

All sins in deeds, saying, and thought will be judged. The thing God has stirred in our heart through the Word, Holy Spirit, and His love, but we do not do, will also be judged.

Now we are going to the throne of judgment. What do we have to 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.

5:26 "Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

We must have peace by confessing and forgiving one another. We must confess our fault to God and other people.

After being forgiven, we must not repeat the sin. We must forgive the sin of others when we are right and we must forget them. As a result, the blood of Jesus forgives and finishes our sins.

Keeping the sin especially self-truth, one will face the judge and get the atmosphere of prison, curse, and perdition.

Therefore, we must use every our heart beat to make peace. Do not add sin to sin. Do not make any disadvantage to other people.

If we make peace, we will experience the ministry of High Priest with the power of incense and blood. As a result, we get the peace as follows.

- a. Silence and quietness.

Isaiah 30:15

30:15 For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." -----

Being silent means that we check or correct ourselves by the sharpness of the sword of God's Word. We confess our sin to God and others when we find it. Being forgiven, we must not do it again, but repent.

Being quiet means that we control ourselves, do not hope in anything in the world, but only God.

We can pray and lift up our hand to God. He will stretch His hand to make the storm of the sea of the world calm. All problems are solved in time of need, even the impossible one. All things are successful and beautiful in time of need.

- b. All things become easy and light.

Matthew 11:29-30

11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

11:30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

The merciful hand of High Priest makes all things easy and light. There is no more weariness and heavy burden, but atmosphere of paradise. We keep on enduring in service and ministry until the end.

Our marriage can endure in righteousness and holiness until it reaches the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

Matthew 14:23, 29-31

14:23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.

14:29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

14:30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

We also experience lifting up power from God. Destroyed or drowned thing will also be healed by God.

We are used by God with the spirit of glory to preach Bride Tidings or the gospel of the glory of Christ.

c. Meekness and humbleness.

Exodus 32:30-33

32:30 Now it came to pass on the next day that Moses said to the people, "You have committed a great sin. So now I will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

32:31 Then Moses returned to the LORD and said, "Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold!

32:32 "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin -- but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."

32:33 And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

With meek humble heart, we will be able to love and pray for other people who make hostility to us. We will get the highest reward, namely our name is written in the book of life in New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.