

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 03, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7:13-15a

7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

7:15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple.

Who wears the white robe and stands before the throne of God to minister to Him day and night?

They are the servants of God who come out of the great tribulation.

There are two kinds of great tribulation as follows.

1. The great tribulation in the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.
2. The great tribulation from now on, namely the suffering in the flesh or the death experience with Jesus.

Therefore, we must undergo the suffering in the flesh or the death experience with Jesus from now on. As a result, there will be the resurrection and glory experience with Him and we will stand before the throne of God to minister to Him day and night forever.

The attitudes towards the cross or the death experience with Jesus are as follows.

1. Learning from Mary who sat in front of the tomb of Jesus.

Sitting means as follows.

- Being patient in the cross experience and waiting for the time of God. There are only the dead-end and perdition outside the way of cross.
- Enjoying the cross experience. As a result, we get the heavenly joy.

2. Learning from Simon of Cyrene who was compelled to bear the cross of Jesus.

Matthew 27:32

27:32 Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

It means that **the flesh must be forced to experience the cross.**

The facts found in bearing the cross are as follows.

1. The flesh must be forced to take off the old garments or life and have on the new ones through the true water baptism.

Matthew 27:34-37

27:34 they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

27:35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."

27:36 Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

27:37 And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: **THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

The process is as follows.

- Throwing away the sins. It is the same as repenting or being dead to sin.

1 Peter 2:1-2

2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

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

The flesh must be forced to confess the sins. After being forgiven, do not sin anymore. As a result, the blood of Jesus finishes all of our sins.

- The root of sin is the malice or the love of money which causes stinginess and greediness. It must be pulled out.
- The root of sin which is not pulled out will cause deceit. It means the trick which is done in a good way. Then,

there will be hypocrisy and envy. The hypocrisy means that the things inside are not the same as the ones outside. The deceit, hypocrisy, and envy are the buds of sin.

- The last one is the fruit of sin, namely the evil speaking.

Matthew 12:33-36

12:33 "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

12:34 "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

12:35 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

12:36 "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

- **The flesh must be forced to get the true water baptism.**

The true water baptism means that one who has repented must be buried in water with Jesus to be raised with Him in the new life, namely in righteousness.

We become spiritual babies with these signs.

- Living in righteousness and being saved and blessed by God.
- Longing always for the pure spiritual milk, namely the true shepherding. It means that we always fervently consume the pure and true shepherding Word. The wild flesh that wants to be free like Judas Iscariot must be forced to enter the sheepfold through a narrow door.

The sheepfold refers to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.

- General Service or the Golden Candlestick.
- Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion or the Table of Showbread.
- Prayer Service or the Golden Altar of Incense.

Matthew 27:36

27:36 *Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.*

In the sheepfold, the flesh is kept until the death, namely we are not influenced by the sins anymore. We are also kept so that we do not hear any strange voices as follows.

- False teachings or the ones which are not in line with the true teaching Word.
- Untrue gossips.
- The voice of the flesh.

Judas Iscariot refers to the servant of God who seemsto dwell in the sheepfold, but only to look for physical things. Finally, his entrails gushed out.

The sheepfold is the place to make the righteousness firm, so we can grow towards spiritual maturity or perfection.

The results are as follows.

- We get peace and serenity in the midst of shakings in the air, in the sea, and on earth.

Isaiah 32:17

32:17 *The work of righteousness will be peace, And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever.*

- We live in the atmosphere of the garden of joy or Paradise.

Ezekiel 34:25-29

34:25 *"I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.*

34:26 *"I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come*

down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing.

34:27 "Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them.

34:28 "And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid.

34:29 "I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore.

2. The flesh must be forced to actively minister to God in the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

Matthew 27:38-42

27:38 Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

27:39 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads

27:40 and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

27:41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said,

27:42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

John 2:19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

The ministry to edify the body of Christ starts from the marriage, namely a husband must love the wife, a wife must submit to the husband, and a child must obey the parents.

It is continued to the ministry in the shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

The requirements of actively ministering to God in the edification of the body of Christ are as follows.

○ **Living in holiness.**

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,

What must be sanctified? The sanctification begins from the heart or the center of our physical and spiritual life.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

The heart contains seven evil, unclean, and bitter desires until the lamp is quenched and the eyes become dark. The deeds are like a swine returning to the wallowing in the mire. The words are like a dog licking the vomit again. Consequently, there is everlasting perdition.

If our heart is sanctified from the seven evil, unclean, and bitter desires, it will be filled by Holy Spirit with the seven manifestations. We can be the burning lamp until we are as perfect as Jesus is.

James 3:2

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

○ **If we live in holiness, we will be equipped with the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit.**

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,

The ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit are the same as the tunic of many colors. Having it, our life will be beautiful. The ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit are also the same as our place in the body of Christ.

The gifts of Holy Spirit mean the miraculous ability from Holy Spirit to enable us to serve and minister to God according to the ministry which He has entrusted.

The ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit of one may be different from others', but they can work together if the command is one, namely the one true teaching Word.

○ **We must willingly sacrifice all things.**

Matthew 8:18-19

8:18 And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.

8:19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

The ministry for edifying the body of Christ is the same as a boat sailing to the other side, so there must be sacrifices. All things must be sacrificed, except one thing, namely the true teaching Word. The ministry without the true teaching Word is the same as a boat crossing without the captain, so there is no clear direction or purpose and it must drown for sure.

Matthew 27:33

27:33 And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull,

Jesus as the Head has willingly died at the Place of a Skull to show His love to us which never changes.

The results are as follows.

- All of our sacrifices for the body of Christ will not vanish away. We meet Jehova Jireh providing the things which do not exist yet.
- The loving hands of God are able to nourish and cherish all of us.

Ephesians 5:29-30

5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

5:30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

The loving hands of God embrace us who are like the powerless babies. The loving hands of God preserve our life, so we do not enter the days when the Antichrist reigns over the world.

The loving hands of God protect us from all disasters and sins, so we do not perish.

The loving hands of God warm our life, so the love does not become cold.

3. The flesh must be forced to believe and hope in Jesus, who has been crucified, so we can be saved and perfected.

Matthew 27:41-44

27:41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said,

27:42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him.

27:43 "He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now if He will have Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

27:44 Even the robbers who were crucified with Him reviled Him with the same thing.

Believing and hoping in Jesus, who has been crucified means that we must keep on believing and hoping in Him although we must experience the cross.

There are three groups that did not believe in Jesus, who had been crucified as follows.

- The robbers, namely ones who keep the sins up to the peak.
- The people who passed by the place or Christians who are not shepherded.
- The chief priests and the lawyers or the ones who keep the truth which is not in line with the Word until rejecting the true teaching Word.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

God lets us experience the cross to make us undergo the life renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus,

namely being strong and of good courage. We are not disappointed. We do not murmur or leave God in facing the cross, temptations, or impossibilities. We keep on believing and hoping in God.

Mark 5:22-23

*5:22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet
5:23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."*

Jairus refers to a pastor or father who faces a problem, namely the child is lying at the point of death. Facing problems, a husband must be strong and of good courage and fall at Jesus' feet. He must be able to sacrifice his pride as well as fully believe and entrust his life to God. He must also patiently wait for the time of God. As a result, the loving hands of God are stretched and all problems are finished by Him.

Mark 5:25-26

*5:25 Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,
5:26 and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.*

The woman got the flowing of blood for twelve years. It refers to the division, bitterness, weariness, heavy burden, tears, sorrow, economy problem, and impossible disease.

The attitude of faith is being strong and of good courage as well as fully believing and entrusting our life to God.

Revelation 19:13,16

*19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.*

Touching the hem of the garments of the Bridegroom refers to holding fast to one true teaching Word. As a result, the hand of God will restore all things.

Mark 5:42-43

*5:42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.
5:43 But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat.*

The future life of the youth does not depend on the parents or school, but the matter of eating the shepherding Word. Eating the shepherding Word or hearing and obeying it, the young people will have the power of resurrection.

God blesses you.