

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 10, 2014 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 1:16

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

The appearance of Jesus in His glory as the Heavenly Bridegroom has these signs.

1. *He had in His right hand seven stars.*
2. *Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword.*
3. *His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.*

John 20:19-20

20:19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20:20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Jesus has risen from among the dead. He lights the light of glory to the disciples who were in fear, so that they could be joyful. **The process of looking at Jesus' countenance in the light of glory is as follows.**

1. Seeing Jesus' side.

John 19:32-34

19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

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.

Actually, Jesus had died with four main wounds, namely two in His hands and two in His feet that were nailed. It was the love of Jesus to save the house of Israel, His chosen people.

The fifth wound in Jesus' side that was pierced with a spear was the greatest and biggest one. It is the grace or mercy of God to save the Gentiles. Water and blood came out of the side of Jesus.

The blood refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering or repentance. It means stopping sinning to return to God or being dead to sin.

1 Peter 2:1

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

The Gentiles must repent from the five main sins as follows.

- The root of evil or malice is the love of money that causes stinginess or one cannot give and greediness or one robs the possession of others and God.
- Deceit.
- Hypocrisy or pretense.
- Envy, jealousy, revenge, and hatred without any cause.
- Evil speaking.

The water refers to Brazen Laver or the right water baptism. The person who has died to sin or repented is buried in water together with Jesus and raised to come out of water and get new life, namely heavenly or righteous life.

1 Peter 2:2

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

We become as newborn babes, namely we do not sin, but live in righteousness and long for the Word of God that is pure or true and spiritual or in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Our mouth only cries, praises, and worships God.

The new life is in righteousness with holding fast to the true teaching Word, so the worship is right. It means that we become the righteous people.

The results are as follows.

- Being blessed up to the descendants. Moreover, we can be blessings for others.

Psalm 37:25-26

37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

- We have peace, regardless of anything we have to face.

Isaiah 32:17

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

2. Seeing the nail-pierced hand of Jesus.

John 20:20

20:20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

The facts found in it are as follows.

- Doing the things Jesus has done. They are righteous good deeds that can please God and others. We do not give any disadvantage to others, but become blessings for them. We do not repay evil for evil, but good for evil.
- Working as Jesus works and serving as Jesus serves as follows.

- a. Ministering in holiness.

Exodus 29:1a

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

In Old Testament, Aaron the high priest had had to be sanctified before he ministered to God. The sons of Aaron were the priests and they had had to be sanctified also before ministering to God.

In New Testament, Jesus The High Priest must be holy and all of us, the priests, must be too.

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 priests must be inside the Holy Place or the shepherding pen in order to be able to minister to God in holiness. It means having the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.

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

We must be shepherded well and righteously. We can experience these two things in the shepherding pen.

- Our body, soul, and spirit are sanctified by the Trinity of God.
- We are always in the anointing of Holy Spirit, so we can be faithful and fervent in spirit doing our service and ministry to God.

As a result, God specializes us to become the apple of His eye that cannot be charged against by anything. Our ministry can please and satisfy God to draw the presence of Jesus as The High Priest in the midst of the congregation to bring heavenly satisfaction. The miracles will happen in the congregation.

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,

If we live in holiness and anointing of Holy Spirit, we are equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit and used for building the perfect body of Christ.

Being used by God does not mean being tormented, but given the tunic of many colors. God is arranging our life neatly to become beautiful. We have beautiful future life until we become the Bride of God.

b. Ministering with love means as follows.

- With obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore. We minister to God according to the true teaching Word.

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

7:22 "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

7:23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

As a result, the door of heaven is opened for us and the doors in the world are too.

How great our ministry is, we will practice lawlessness and be cast out by God if there is no obedience.

- Ministering with sacrifice.

All things must be sacrificed for the ministry for building the body of Christ such as time, energy, money, thought, feelings, and so on, except one, namely the true teaching Word or Jesus himself must not be sacrificed.

Ministering to God with the sacrifice means that our robe is dipped in the blood or suffering in the flesh because of ministering to Jesus. As a result, Satan cannot touch or make us fall. We can minister until the end without stopping on the way. Our robe can be clean and bright fine linen or the garment of the Bride of God.

- Ministering to God with peace.

Proverbs 10:12

10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

Joseph ministered with peace, so he could be near to his brothers who had hated him, even they could be united.

Genesis 45:4, 15

45:4 And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

45:15 Moreover he kissed all his brothers and wept over them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

We can enter the oneness of the body of Christ, beginning from the marriage, inside shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between Israel and Gentiles.

3. Seeing the countenance of Jesus.

John 20:20

20:20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

It means worshipping Jesus, so we can have the life renewal from fleshy men to spiritual ones as Jesus is.

1 Samuel 1:17-18

1:17 Then Eli answered and said, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him."

1:18 And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

The sad face with sorrow, suffering, and tears, especially about marriage and children can be changed into bright face with peace until we do not feel anything that our flesh feels. We only love Jesus more than anything.

Genesis 4:5

4:5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

It is sad face because of envy and jealousy. Let us see the face of Jesus to get life renewal that we can love one another.

Luke 24:17, 21

24:17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

24:21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

It is the sad face because of hopelessness, disappointment, there is no hope in facing impossibilities, also the sad face because of worry and fear.

The Gentiles have bad face like dogs and swine and the children are demon-possessed. For example, the woman of Canaan.

Isaiah 52:13-14

52:13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

Jesus is willing that His glorious face becomes bad on the cross to give us bright face with the peace.

Romans 16:20

16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

The results are as follows.

- The power of God to crush Satan. God solves all problems, even the impossible one.
- The power of preservation of God in the midst of difficulties in the world.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5:24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

Spiritually, the power of sanctification changes us until we are as perfect as Jesus is when He comes a second time.

God blesses you.