

Bible Study Service in Malang, June 04, 2019 (Tuesday Morning)

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

We still learn the usefulness of the ascension of Jesus to heaven as follows:

1. Jesus ascends to heaven **to prepare a place for us**, that where He is, there we may be also. We are not separated from Him anymore forever.

John 14: 1-3

14:1. *"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.*

14:2. *"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*

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.*

Our duty in the world is preparing a place for Jesus as the Head, namely the perfect body of Christ.

It means that we must minister in the building of the perfect body of Christ. It starts from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

2. Jesus died, but He was risen and ascended to heaven to become the High Priest who sits at the right hand of the Father God **for doing the ministry of reconciliation for the sins of the people with His own blood.**

Hebrews 2:14,17

2:14. *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,*

2:17. *Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.*

Why does God do the ministry of reconciliation? Because all have sinned and been cursed and destroyed forever.

Romans 3:23

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

All things in the world such as intelligence, riches, position, and so on cannot finish the sin, but trigger sin.

All people in the world including the religious men cannot finish the sin because they have sinned too.

The only way out comes from heaven.

Romans 3:24-25

3:24. *being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,*

3:25. *whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,*

Jesus, the only innocent man must come to the world and die on the cross to reconcile the sins of the people with His own blood.

The requirement to be reconciled by the blood of Jesus is having trust or faith to Him as the only Savior.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

5:18. *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,*

5:19. *that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

There are two important things in the process of reconciliation as follows:

- The reconciliation comes from God.
God comes to sinners to reconcile them with His blood. It depends on us whether we want to be reconciled or not.
- If we want to be reconciled with the blood of Jesus, He will not count all of our sins anymore. His blood will cover all of our sins until there is no remnant of our sins as if we had never sinned.

The results are as follows:

- a. We are justified, so we live in righteousness.
- b. We experience peace or serenity.

2 Corinthians 5:18

5:18. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

God entrusts the ministry of reconciliation to every person who has been reconciled by the blood of Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:12-13

1:12. And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

1:13. although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

The ministry of Paul the apostle as an Israelite is God's trust.

The Gentiles can minister to God because of His trust and mercy that cannot be bought or changed by anything. That is why we must make effort earnestly to minister to God faithfully and fervently until the finish line, because if once we are not trusted by God, we will not be trusted forever.

2 Corinthians 5:19

5:19. that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

God entrusts the word of reconciliation to every person who has been reconciled by the blood of Jesus.

All servants of God must preach or testify the word of reconciliation about Jesus.

Colossians 1:25-26

1:25. of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

1:26. the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

In the past, Paul the apostle preached the word of reconciliation about Jesus that is the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations.

But now, it has been revealed for us, so we must preach the word of reconciliation in two things as follows:

- The mystery which has been hidden from ages has been revealed to Pastor W. H. Offler. It is known as the teaching of the map of age that reveals the plan of salvation from God to His people from era to era.
- The mystery which has been hidden from generations.

Exodus 27:21

27:21. "In the tabernacle of meeting, outside the veil which is before the Testimony, Aaron and his sons shall tend it from evening until morning before the LORD. It shall be a statute forever to their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.

Exodus 30:21

30:21. "So they shall wash their hands and their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a statute forever to them -- to him and his descendants throughout their generations."

It has been revealed by God to Pastor F. G. van Gessels. It is known as the teaching of Bride Tidings in the light of the Tabernacle that reveals the plan of God to perfect His people.

The relationship between the map of era and the Tabernacle.

The era of God the Father, which is counted from Adam to Abraham (for about two thousand years), is the lost age when men have not known God.

The five thousand years can be divided into three parts as follows:

- The era of the Son of God, which is counted from Abraham to Jesus' first coming is for about two thousand years. Five hundred years --> Moses received the two tablets of stone. One thousand five hundred years --> the age of the Law.

The circumference of the Tabernacle is three hundred cubits (100 cubits in length, 50 cubits in width).
The area of the linen which surrounds the Tabernacle is 5 x 300 equals to 1500 cubits square.

- The era of God the Holy Spirit, which is counted from Jesus' first coming up to the second one is for about two thousand years.
The volume of the Holy Place is 2000 cubits cubit (20 cubits in length, 10 cubits in width, 10 cubits in height).
- Jesus' second coming up to Paradise, the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace.
The volume of the Most Holy Place is 1000 cubits cubic (10 cubits in length, 10 cubits in width, 10 cubits in height).

Colossians 1:28

1:28. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

The teachings of Tabernacle and Bride Tidings contain two things as follows:

- The wisdom of God through a verse that explains another verse in the bible. It leads the sons of God up to perfection in Christ.
- The power that results in miracles, especially the spiritual ones, namely the renewal of life from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus. The physical miracle will surely happen.

Matthew 13:53-54

13:53. Now it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, that He departed from there.

13:54. And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

Ephesians 4:21-25,29

4:21. if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

4:22. that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

4:23. and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

4:24. and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

4:25. Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

4:29. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

The renewal of life starts from the words, namely there is no lie.

Ephesians 4:26-28

4:26. "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

4:27. nor give place to the devil.

4:28. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

Further, the renewal of deed.

Do not get angry without love! Do not get angry without any reason!

We may be angry but with love and reason to help others.

The deed is also purified until we feel more blessed to give than to receive. We can give to God and others who are in need.

Ephesians 4:31-32

4:31. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

4:32. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 5:1

5:1. Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

We are renewed up to the renewal of characteristics that we are kind to one another, tenderhearted, and confessing and forgiving one another.

Jesus becomes obedient to the point of death on the cross, so we must obey God until our flesh does not sound anymore.

Exodus 29:22-25

29:22. *"Also you shall take the fat of the ram, the fat tail, the fat that covers the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the liver, the two kidneys and the fat on them, the right thigh (for it is a ram of consecration),*

29:23. *"one loaf of bread, one cake made with oil, and one wafer from the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD;*

29:24. *"and you shall put all these in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and you shall wave them as a wave offering before the LORD.*

29:25. *"You shall receive them back from their hands and burn them on the altar as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma before the LORD. It is an offering made by fire to the LORD.*

One who wants to be purified and changed or present fragrance before God is like a baby in His hug. We can love and prioritize God more than anything.

We just cry and confess that we have many weaknesses and infirmities. We just totally surrender to God.

As a result, God will carry us. He struggles to stretch out His merciful hands to us.

The results are as follows:

- The hands of God are stretched out to deliver us out of curse, labor, and heavy burdens, so we experience peace. All things become easy and light.

Genesis 8:20-21

8:20. *Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.*

8:21. *And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; nor will I again destroy every living thing as I have done.*

The hands of God deliver us out of punishment, so we are saved up to eternal life.

- The hands of God are able to give certainty, so we are taken care of by God in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the antichrist reigns over the world.

Philippians 4:18-19

4:18. *Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.*

4:19. *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

There is the guarantee of certainty for beautiful and successful future.

- The hands of God purify and wash us. It means that He changes us continuously up to perfection like Him. We are changed to become honest and sincere. Say yes if yes and no if no.

The more we are purified, the more we are used by God, starting from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding until we become the perfect body of Christ.

God blesses us.