

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 03, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 3:21-22

3:21 *"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

3:22 *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

The main and last purpose of our following to Jesus is sitting with Him on the heavenly throne forever. The requirement is we overcome with Jesus.

Revelation 3:16-17

3:16 *"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*

3:17 *"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--*

We must overcome the spiritual lukewarmness, namely being rich physically and having need of nothing, but being wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked spiritually.

- Wretched = always being sorrowful and in problems.
- Miserable = there is no luck.
- Poor = having nothing.
Being wretched, miserable, and poor means spiritual emptiness.
- Blind = being in the darkness, fear, and distress as well as not having the future life.
- Naked = being mixed with sins or there is no form of righteousness and holiness.

It is the same as the earth before it was created, namely in emptiness and darkness without any form, so it could not be the dwelling place of men.

Genesis 1:1-2

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

1:2 *The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.*

The servants of God who are lukewarm spiritually are the same as the earth before it was created, so they cannot be the dwelling place of God, but wolves and birds or evil and unclean spirits. Such servants of God will only be built as the woman of Babylon or the bride of Satan who will be destroyed.

Revelation 18:2

18:2 *And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"*

The Lord is not willing that the men He has created must be the dwelling place of the evil and unclean spirits to get the destruction. He longs for dwelling in the midst of or in men. He makes the efforts as follows.

1. In the Old Testament, God commanded Moses to build Tabernacle according to the example of the heavenly kingdom so that He can dwell among His people, namely Israelites.

Exodus 25:8-9

25:8 *"And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.*

25:9 *"According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so you shall make it.*

2. In the New Testament, the Lord knocks the door of heart or rebukes and advises to make us rich spiritually.

Revelation 3:18-19

3:18 *"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.*

3:19 *"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.*

2 Timothy 4:2

4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

It means that God preaches the true teaching Word or Tabernacle teachings with longsuffering in using the time and repeating..

Tabernacle has three rooms as follows.

1. The Court = righteousness.
2. The Holy Place = holiness.
3. The Most Holy Place = perfection.

The Tabernacle teaching is able to give us the form of righteousness, holiness, and perfection.

It is able to fill the emptiness of our life and illuminates the dark life.

1. **The Tabernacle teaching gives us the form of righteousness, so we can be as righteous as Jesus is.**

1 John 3:7

3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

1 John 1:7, 9

1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

It points at our sins and encourages us to confess them to God and others honestly. As a result, the blood of Jesus actively does these things.

- Forgiving and covering our sins, so there is no remnant anymore. We are set free from the judgment.
- Sanctifying us and pulling out the roots of sin, so we do not sin anymore. We repent and live in righteousness. We have the form of righteousness.

Romans 1:17

1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

If we have the form of righteousness, the Tabernacle teaching will fill us with faith, so we can live by faith. The facts found in it are as follows.

- Our life relies on the true teaching Word.
Jesus asked "How many loaves do you have?" to feed the five thousand men, not "How much money do you have?" We live by the Word, so we have abundant life. The proof is we can return the tithes as the confession that we have been blessed by God and we live by Him or the Word.

- We do not sin until we cannot sin.

1 John 3:9

3:9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

We are not deceived by the false teachings. We hold fast to and obey the true teaching Word.

1 John 3:7

3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

It continues until we are as righteous as Jesus is.

Psalm 37:25

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

As a result, The Lord dwells with the righteous. We are never forsaken by God. He blesses the righteous up to the descendants. We can be blessings for others.

2. **The Tabernacle teaching gives us the form of holiness.** We can be as holy as Jesus is.

1 Peter 1:15-16

1:15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

1:16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

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.

The Tabernacle teaching is the same as the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. The first sharpness sanctifies our life. It begins from our heart or the source of our life.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts⁽¹⁾, murders⁽²⁾, adulteries⁽³⁾, fornications⁽⁴⁾, thefts⁽⁵⁾, false witness⁽⁶⁾, blasphemies⁽⁷⁾.

If there are the seven evil and unclean desires, the eyes will be dark and there is no control anymore in life.

The Tabernacle teaching sanctifies our heart from the seven evil and unclean desires, so our lamp keeps on burning and the eyes of our heart can be bright to look at the Lord. Our saying and deeds are also sanctified. Our whole life is sanctified or we have the form of holiness.

1 John 3:2-3

3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

3:3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

After we have the form of holiness, the Tabernacle teaching will fill our life with the hope, especially the highest hope to welcome Jesus' second coming.

Romans 8:24-25

8:24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

The fact found in it is the perseverance in doing the three main services to God in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place as follows.

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

Persevering in the shepherding pen is the same as a branch abiding in the True Vine and a colt being bound to the choice vine.

Genesis 49:11-12

49:11 Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

49:12 His eyes are darker than wine, And his teeth whiter than milk.

We are sanctified intensively in the shepherding pen. It begins from the garments or the sinful deeds up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. Our deeds can be righteous, good, and holy.

Our sight is also sanctified, so we only look at God and there is no worry. We can give to the work of God and other people who are in need. We can serve and minister to God faithfully and correctly.

Our mouth is sanctified from the idle words such as lies, gossips, and slanders, so we can speak the right and good word and rejoice.

The colt will be ridden by Jesus. It means that Jesus dwells in us. He becomes the Head of our life and we are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. Jesus becomes the Head who is responsible for our life. He preserves our life and future. We are sanctified to be as holy as Jesus is.

3. The Tabernacle teaching gives us the form of perfection.

Matthew 5:48

5:48 *"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

We can be as perfect and glorious as Jesus is.

The Tabernacle teaching is the same as the teaching Word sharper than any two-edged sword. The first sharpness sanctifies and the second one renews us.

Ephesians 4:21-25

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.*

We have the life renewal from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus is. It begins from throwing away lies. We have the form of perfection. The Tabernacle teaching fills us with the perfect love.

Matthew 5:43-45

5:43 *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'*

5:44 *"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,*

5:45 *"that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*

We can love God and others as well as the people who make hostility towards us.

The results are as follows

- The love as the sun protects us from Sodom and Gomorrah.

Genesis 19:23-24

19:23 *The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar.*

19:24 *Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens.*

The love of God protects us from sins up to the peak, false teachings, temptations, the Antichrist, even the judgment of God.

- The love as the sun is useful to face the struggles.

Genesis 32:24, 28-31

32:24 *Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day.*

32:28 *And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed."*

32:29 *Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there.*

32:30 *And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."*

32:31 *Just as he crossed over Peniel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip.*

In facing the struggle because of the difficulties of the world, we are preserved by God.

In facing the struggle for the family salvation or because of the fear and distress, the merciful hands of God embrace us, so we have peace and all things become easy and light.

In facing the struggle because of impossible problems, the Lord is able to help us. In facing the struggle to get the new name like Jacob or liar who becomes Israel or winner, we can be honest as the house of prayer.

It continues until we are changed to be as glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time. We are lifted up on the glorious clouds. The Lord dwells in us forever.

God blesses you.