

Bible Study Service in Malang, March 20, 2014 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 1:9-20 is about the vision of John in Patmos Island.

John, the apostle, was in Patmos Island. **He suffered in the flesh not because of sinning but the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, so he could experience some things as follows.**

1. **Entering the true fellowship with God and others.**

Revelation 1:9

1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

2. [Revelation 1:10-16] **Being able to hear and see the loud voice of the trumpet that has two real manifestations, namely seven golden lampstands or the perfect Church or heavenly bride and Jesus, Himself, in the glory as The High Priest.**

Revelation 1:10,12,13

1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

The loud voice of the trumpet is **the Shepherding Word contains the true Teaching Word** that is hard and sharper than any two-edged sword. It is able to change and sanctify the Church to be as perfect as Jesus is and the bride of heaven or the shining golden lampstand.

If our life, marriage, service, and ministry are signified by the suffering in the flesh because of Jesus, we will also be able to hear and see the loud voice of the trumpet. It means that we can be well and correctly shepherded, so that we can experience the sanctification and life renewal. We have a spiritual growth until we can appear as the golden lampstand or heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus's second coming.

2 Peter 1:5-7

1:5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your (1) faith (2) virtue, to virtue (3) knowledge,

1:6 to knowledge (4) self-control, to self-control (5) perseverance, to perseverance (6) godliness,

1:7 to godliness (7) brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

There are seven levels of the spiritual growth from the faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, up to love.

It is the same as the seven lamps that shine on the golden lampstand or the bride with the sun, moon, and stars.

1. **Faith.**

It refers to the Gate of Tabernacle.

Romans 10:17

10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The faith comes by hearing the Word of God, namely the Word anointed by Holy Spirit. In there is the anointing of Holy Spirit, we can hear the Word seriously as a need, so we will never be bored although the Word is so long and preached repetitively. We will also never get angry when the Word is so hard. We can understand it although we are not intelligent if we are anointed by Holy Spirit. Moreover, if we are anointed by Holy Spirit, we will enjoy consuming it although we are tired. We will be able to consume the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances. We can hear, understand, and believe in the Word, so we have faith in our heart or believe in Jesus as the only Savior, and we can obey the Word.

2. **Virtue.**

It refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering in Tabernacle.

The virtue is good deeds related to the cross or Christ's sacrifice. There are many good deeds in the world, but all of them are useless if they are not related to the cross.

The good deed God waits for is **our repentance**, namely we die to sin or stop sinning to return to God. The process is through our believing heart and confessing mouth. If our heart believes in Jesus, our mouth will be able to confess our sin to God (vertical line) and other people (horizontal line). After being forgiven, we must not do the sin anymore. All good deeds without any repentance are useless, even they bring forever perdition. We will be able to do other good deeds if we have repented.

3. **Knowledge.**

It refers to the Brazen Laver or **water baptism**.

Philippians 3:10

3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

We know Jesus who has died and resurrected through the water baptism, even we can experience the death and resurrection together with Him.

Romans 6:2,4

6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The right water baptism is when we who have already died to sin are buried in water together with Jesus.

Being buried means that our whole body, from the head to the toes, enters the water.

As a result, we resurrect from the water together with Jesus and get new life, namely heavenly one in righteousness.

4. **Self-control.**

It refers to the Door of Tabernacle or **the anointing/infilling of Holy Spirit**.

Romans 8:13

8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Only Holy Spirit is able to help us to put to death the fleshy deeds, so we can control our flesh and its wills and lusts and be obedient to the loud voice of trumpet. Hearing the loud voice of the flesh, one cannot hear the loud voice of the trumpet.

If we are able to hear and obey the loud voice of the trumpet, we will be able to see the miracle soon or latter.

Be alert! Do not hear strange voice in the shepherding, namely the voice of the flesh, other doctrines about baptism, ministry, marriage, and so on, as well as gossips that cannot be accounted for.

The faith, virtue (repentance), knowledge (righteous life), and self-control (obedience) refer to the Court of Tabernacle. It is a strong foundation as if we are standing upon the chief cornerstone of Christ's sacrifice.

Matthew 7:24-25

7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:

7:25 "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

As a result, we will never stumble and fall. The rain refers to sins up to the peak. The wind refers to false teachings. The flood refers to the antichrist with the power of money and crisis in all aspects.

If the obedience becomes perfect until the flesh does not speak anymore, we will stand upon the moon [Revelation 12:1] or have a permanent faith.

5. **Perseverance.**

6. **Godliness.**

2 Peter 1:6

1:6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

Perseverance combined with godliness refers to **the perseverance in doing three main services to God**. It refers to the

Holy Place of Tabernacle inside which there are three kinds of equipment as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service or the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion or the fellowship with the Son of God and Christ's sacrifice.

Exodus 25:29

25:29 "You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold.

The bread refers to the body of Christ. There was pouring of wine for the Table of Showbread that refers to the blood of Christ.

- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service or the fellowship with Father God in His love.

The perseverance in doing the three kinds of service to God means the one in shepherding as a branch dwelling in the True Vine, so that we can experience intensive sanctification.

John 15:3

15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

John 13:10-11

13:10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

Actually, a servant of God who preaches the Word and serves God has beautiful footsteps.

Nevertheless, Judas Iscariot has the dirty footsteps because he forces himself to be in the true shepherding. He keeps fleshy things and becomes a thief, liar, traitor, and the hopeless. Consequently, he goes out of the true shepherding, becomes the antichrist, and perishes forever.

Ephesians 4:7,11-12

4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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 are shepherded well and correctly to have the intensive sanctification, God will equip us with the gifts of Holy Spirit and ministry, so that we are used for building the perfect body of Christ.

2 Timothy 1:6

1:6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

The right attitude is faithfulness and fervency in spirit in doing the service and ministry to God according to the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit God has given us until the end line, namely we die or Jesus comes a second time or forever.

The faithful have a hope and can be hoped. The gifts of Holy Spirit and the ministry will become a garland of twelve stars [Revelation 12:1] or the perfect hope.

7. **Love.**

2 Peter 1:7

1:7 to godliness (7) brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

It refers to the Most Holy Place of Tabernacle.

Matthew 5:43-45,48

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.

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

The perfect love is the love to other people, even to the enemy, and to God more than anything.

Colossians 3:14

3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

The love binds and unites us in the one perfect body of Christ. It also unites us with Jesus, heavenly Bridegroom forever.

The perfect love is as the sun [Revelation 12:1].

Thus, the loud voice of the trumpet increases our spirituality and makes us as the shining golden candlestick or the perfect bride with the light of the sun or the perfect love, the moon or the perfect faith, and the stars or the perfect hope.

Revelation 12:1

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

The faith in Bible is shown by James, the hope by Peter, and the love by John.

If we have the faith, hope, and love like James, Peter, and John, we will always be invited by Jesus. The results are as follows.

1. The Lord invites us to make a dead girl alive.

Mark 5:35-37

5:35 While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

5:36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe."

5:37 And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James.

It means that **we experience the power of God** that is able to preserve our life in the midst of difficulties and impossibilities in the world. We experience the power of God that is able to solve all problems, even the impossible ones, including the ones in our marriage and children. The power of God is also able to give us beautiful, successful, and joyful future life.

2. The Lord invites us to go up to the mountain of worship.

Matthew 17:1-2

17:1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

It means that **we can worship God**, so that we are not dry in spirituality, but experience the power of life renewal from fleshy man to spiritual one as Jesus is. Our heart is changed to be strong and of good courage and we are used by God in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain.

Galatians 2:8-9

2:8 (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles),

2:9 and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

1 Chronicles 28:20

28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God of Israel, my God, will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

If we are strong and of good courage, God will solve all of our problems.

We will be renewed to be the glorious body of Christ when Jesus comes a second time.

Revelation 3:12

3:12 "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

It continues until we become the pillars in New Jerusalem and we will go out no more.

God blesses you.