

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

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

Revelation chapter 2-3 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant or the last sanctification that Jesus does to the seven churches of the Gentiles or the churches in the last days so that they are perfect or without blemish as Jesus is and become the Bride of heaven.

The first church is in Ephesus.

Revelation 2:4

2:4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

The last sanctification to the church in Ephesus happens because they have lost the first love.

Revelation 2:6

2:6 "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

The superiority of the church in Ephesus is that they hate the teachings of Nicolaitans that try to gather many people in the service by legalizing all ways and showing the prosperity and entertainment physically, without the true teaching Word and sanctification. Consequently, all things are in vain and only aim at perdition. The purpose of gathering many people is to get much money.

Revelation 2:2-3,6

2:2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

2:3 "and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

2:6 "But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

The church in Ephesus has nine superiorities the Lord confesses as follows:

1. works,
2. labor ,
3. patience,
4. cannot bear those who are evil,
5. have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars,
6. have persevered and have patience,
7. have labored for Jesus's name's sake,
8. have not become weary,
9. hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans.

Revelation 2:5

2:5 "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place" unless you repent.

Unfortunately, they do not have the first love. Consequently, the nine good things only become pride and arrogance that cause the fall to the deep pit and the lampstand is taken away from its place. It means being in the outer darkness.

On the contrary, the nine good things or superiorities added with the first love will become the nine gifts of Holy Spirit, the nine ministries of the Son of God, the nine deeds of love of Father God, and the nine fruits of Holy Spirit.

The nine gifts of Holy Spirit.

The word "gift" comes from "charis", that means the miraculous ability from Holy Spirit that enables us to do the ministry. Doing the ministry by relying on the intelligence or other things, one will be so limited.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

12:8 for to one is given (1)the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another (2)the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

12:9 to another (3)faith by the same Spirit, to another (4)gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

12:10 to another (5)the working of miracles, to another (6)prophecy, to another (7)discerning of spirits, to another (8)different kinds of tongues, to another (9)the interpretation of tongues.

The nine gifts of Holy Spirit can be divided into three groups as follows.

I. The gifts of the revelation or food as follows:

1. *the word of wisdom (apostle),*
2. *the word of knowledge(teacher),*
3. *discerning of spirits(pastor).*

II. The gifts of worship or breath as follows:

1. *prophecy(prophet),*
2. *different kinds of tongues,*
3. *the interpretation of tongues.*

III. The gifts of power as follows:

1. *faith(servant),*
2. *gifts of healings (healer),*
3. *the working of miracles.*

The ministries of the Son of God.

1 Corinthians 12:28-30

12:28 And God has appointed these in the church: first (1)apostles, second (2)prophets, third (3)teachers, after that (4)miracles, then (5)gifts of healings, (6)helps, (7)administrations, (8)varieties of tongues.

12:29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?

12:30 Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all (9)interpret?

They can be streamlined to become five main ministries as follows.

1. *apostles(thumb),*
2. *prophets(index finger),*
3. *evangelists (middle finger),*
4. *pastors (ring finger),*
5. *teachers (little finger).*

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,

God equips the holy people with five main ministries and the gifts of Holy Spirit to be used in the building of the perfect body of Christ.

The five main ministries refer to the five fingers of God's hand.

Thus, if we minister to God with holiness according to the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit, the hand of God will work in the congregation. Our ministry will aim at the building of the perfect body of Christ and we are placing Jesus as the Head that is responsible. His main responsibility is to save and perfect our life.

On the contrary, ministering without the holiness, only because of the lusts of the flesh such as riches, position, and so on, or not according to the ministry from God will cause the hand of Satan to work in the congregation. Consequently, there will be destruction and division on the body of Christ.

2 Chronicles 26:16-19

26:16 But when he was strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the LORD his God by entering the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.

26:17 So Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of the LORD "valiant men."

26:18 And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the LORD, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from the LORD God."

26:19 Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the incense altar.

The signs of ministering to God not according to the ministry are as follows.

- Arrogance. One only relies on physical things.
- Leprosy, namely self-truth or blaming others, God, and the true teaching Word.
- Anger until one hates when being rebuked by the true teaching Word.

Consequently, he is driven out and isolated. It means that one cannot enter the building of the body of Christ, but the one of Babylon, and he perishes forever.

The nine deeds of the love of Father God.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

13:2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

13:4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

13:5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

13:6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

13:8 Love never fails.

They are as follows.

1. Love is the main thing,
2. suffers long,
3. is kind,
4. rejoices in the truth,
5. bears all things, especially the sins (when we confess our sins, get the forgiveness, and do not repeat them),
6. believes all things,
7. hopes all things,
8. endures all things.
9. Love never fails.

Every ministry and gift of Holy Spirit must be done with love. The driver of our ministry is the love, namely the true teaching Word that is obeyed. The results are as follows.

- a. The love is eternal, so our ministry will be eternal until it reaches the throne of heaven.
- b. The flesh does not speak anymore, so we will not fall in arrogance, the sin concerning position, riches, adultery, and lie.
- c. The nine fruits of Holy Spirit.

Galatians 5:22-23

5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is (1)love, (2)joy, (3)peace, (4)longsuffering, (5)kindness, (6)goodness, (7)faithfulness,

5:23 (8)gentleness, (9)self-control. Against such there is no law.

The nine fruits of Holy Spirit can be divided into three groups as follows.

1. Love, joy, and peace are the characteristics of Father God.
2. Longsuffering, kindness, and goodness are the characteristics of the Son of God.
3. Faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are the characteristics of Holy Spirit God.

Thus, the sinful men are being returned to the image of God the Trinity through the true consecration in the holiness with the ministry, the gifts of Holy Spirit, and the love of God. We can return to paradise and enter the eternal heavenly kingdom.

Joshua 7:3-5

7:3 And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not let all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not weary all the people there, for the people of Ai are few."

7:4 So about three thousand men went up there from the people, but they fled before the men of Ai.

7:5 And the men of Ai struck down about thirty-six men, for they chased them from before the gate as far as Shebarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the hearts of the people melted and became like water.

Be careful! Satan killed thirty six people who were in revival to Canaan. It means that Satan wants to destroy 4x9, namely the nine gifts of Holy Spirit, the nine ministries, the nine deeds of love, and the nine fruits of Holy Spirit, so that the consecration or service and ministry are without the first love.

Ai means the ruin. It refers to small things. Such things will destroy the big ones. The meanings of the ruin or small things are as

follows.

1. The mouth or small tongue saying idle words, lie, gossip, slander, and blasphemy.

Proverbs 11:11

11:11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

The building of the body of Christ begins from within the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding fellowship. If the saying is not right, the marriage will be destroyed. On the contrary, God will surely help us if our saying is right. Let us control our saying to be in line with the Word. Our saying is good to become blessings for others.

2. The lust of money that causes stinginess and greediness in the servants of God.

Luke 16:10-11

16:10 "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

16:11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?"

Stinginess means that one cannot give.

Greediness means that one seizes the right of others and God, namely the tithes and offering.

The consequences are as follows.

- Losing heart. It means that the faith falls, one is disappointed and hopeless. Moreover, he is not faithful anymore, even leaves God.
- Falling on the iron bed, whose measurement is 4x9, that refers to the iron hand. It means violence in the household, divorce-remarrying, marrying-being given in marriage, up to perdition with Babylon forever.

Deuteronomy 3:11

3:11 "For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.

Joshua 6:24

6:24 But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

Joshua 7:15-18

7:15 'Then it shall be that he who is taken with the accursed thing shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, because he has transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done a disgraceful thing in Israel.' "

7:16 So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was taken.

7:17 He brought the clan of Judah, and he took the family of the Zarahites; and he brought the family of the Zarahites man by man, and Zabdi was taken.

7:18 Then he brought his household man by man, and Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken.

Achan was not righteous in the saying. He also had the lust of money. Consequently, he entered the valley of Achor, namely difficulties and perdition.

Matthew 26:23-25

26:23 He answered and said, "He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray Me.

26:24 "The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born."

26:25 Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He said to him, "You have said it."

1 John 2:18-19

2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

Judas Iscariot kept the lie and the lust of money. He was not serious in the true shepherding; even he always avoided, rejected, and criticized the Word. He was also not serious in the Holy Communion, consecration, and sanctification; he kept the rotten heart and mouth. He did not appreciate the sacrifice of Christ. Finally, he became the antichrist.

The Lord does neither see our greatness nor weakness in the ministry, but our earnest heart.

Hosea 6:3

6:3 Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

If our heart is serious in the shepherding, Holy Communion, sanctification, and consecration, the Lord will come as the dawn. The results are as follows.

1. The love like 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.

It means as follows.

- Protecting us from sins up to the peak.
- Preserving our life. There must be solution for us.
- Being saved. We do neither perish nor get the condemnation of God.

2. The love coming from the sacrifice of Christ is able to give us victory over our struggles.

Genesis 32:24-28,31

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

32:25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him.

32:26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

32:27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob."

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."

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

We must struggle to get new name, namely the name to enter New Jerusalem. It means that we struggle to be shepherded well and correctly to the true teaching Word.

John 10:2-3

10:2 "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

10:3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

The Lord calls our name when we are pointed by His Word. Our name is being written when we confess and leave our sins. Therefore, we must keep on struggling to be shepherded well and correctly until our new name is written completely.

3. The love like the sun renews us until we are perfect.

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 life renewal begins from honesty, obedience, and sincerity like a baby in the embrace of God's hand. The physical miracle will also happen. The merciful hand of God is able to do all things for us until we are as perfect and glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time. We are lifted up to be with Him forever.

God blesses you.