

Bible Study Service in Malang, November 27, 2014 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation chapter 2-3 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of the Covenant. It means the last sanctification that is done by God to the seven churches of the Gentiles or the ones on the last days so that they become as perfect as Jesus is or His bride.

We are learning the first church, namely the one of Ephesus.

Revelation 2:7

2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."[\[2\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

The last sanctification for the church of Ephesus is returning them to the first love or the cross of Christ. It means having victory together with God. The promise of God to the church of Ephesus if they return to the first love is they may return to the Paradise of God or the one thousand years kingdom of peace.

Why does God want to return us to the Paradise of God or the one thousand years kingdom of peace?

Genesis 2:25

2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

In the beginning, God created the man and his wife as glorious as He is, so they were naked, but not ashamed because of the garments of glory.

Genesis 2:8

2:8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

The Lord also creates the garden of Eden as their dwelling place.

Genesis 3:6-7

3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Nevertheless, they sinned. Consequently, they were naked and ashamed. Moreover, they lost the garments of glory, holiness, and righteousness and were driven out of Eden to enter the world which is full of curse. They lived in weariness, heavy burden, sorrows, bitterness, and so on.

Romans 3:23

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

In the world, they kept on sinning up to the sin peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as marrying-being given in marriage such as sexuality sin with all its kinds and wrong marriage. It means being naked and unashamed like dog and swine. Consequently, they were driven out to enter the hell and get perdition forever.

Nevertheless, God does not want that men He has created must live in the curse even perish forever. Therefore, He makes effort to return them to the Paradise of God or the one thousand years kingdom of peace. This is His love and mercy.

Genesis 3:21

3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

The effort of God to return men to the Paradise was through the offering of reconciliation. He slaughtered the animal for the offering of reconciliation. Its skin was used as the covering for the naked of human.

There are three levels of the offering of reconciliation as follows.

1. In garden Eden. The animal was not clear. It was only for two people, namely Adam and Eve. It refers to the marriage that must be reconciled through confessing and forgiving one another. The marriage can be sanctified and united to reach the

marriage supper of the Lamb. This is the door of the one thousand years kingdom of peace or the future Paradise.

2. In the days of the Law. The animals were already clear such as ox, sheep, bird, and so on, but they were still as the shadow of the real reconciliation offering. Moreover, they were only for one nation, namely Israel or the chosen nation of God. The Gentiles could not take part in it.

3. In the last days.

John 1:29

1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 19:23-24

19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

19:24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

All animal offerings have been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ. It is for all nations in the world. Jesus, the Lamb of God, must die on the cross or be slaughtered and stripped or skinned. His garments are taken to cover our nakedness. Thus, we can return to Paradise of God only through the sacrifice of Christ.

There are three kinds of Jesus's garments that are given for the naked or sinful people that they may return to the Paradise of God as follows.

1. **The garments of righteousness or salvation for the four corners of the earth or the whole world. It refers to the Court of Tabernacle.**

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We receive the garments of righteousness or salvation through receiving the gospel of salvation, Gospel Word, milk, or Good News.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

It preaches Jesus's first coming in the world to die on the cross and save the sinners. The signs of salvation are as follows.

- Believing or having faith in Jesus as the Only Savior though hearing the Word of Christ or the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit until understanding and believing in it. It refers to the Gate.
- Repenting or stopping sinning to return to God. It refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering.

1 Peter 2:1

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

The repentance begins from the five main sins.

- Being reborn of water and Spirit.

John 3:5

3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

It means the water baptism or Brazen Laver and Holy Spirit Baptism or the Door of Tabernacle.

1 Peter 2:2

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

As a result, one becomes a newborn baby. It means righteous life or not sinning. The feelings are also right, namely desiring only the spiritual and pure milk, namely the right Shepherding Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit. The mouth is also right, namely worshipping God. Moreover, he can be shepherded well and correctly. The newborn baby is naked and not ashamed because of having the garments of righteousness or salvation.

Psalm 5:12

5:12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

As a result, God will surround us as with a shield. We are separated from the cursed world, so we experience the atmosphere of Paradise.

2. The tunic that was cast lots for.

John 19:23b-24

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Being cast lots for means that not all people can receive it, but only those who receive the mercy of God. There are two meanings of the tunic of Jesus as follows.

- The Word of God with the name of the King of all kings or Bridegroom. It means the Bride Tidings.

Revelation 19:11, 13, 16

19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

It preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings or Heavenly Bridegroom on the glorious clouds to sanctify the saved people until they can be as perfect as Jesus is. It also grows our spirituality to be mature like Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:7-11

4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

4:8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

4:9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed

4:10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

4:11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

How great a human in the world is, he is only like clay that cannot endure the crash or collision physically and spiritually because it is easily broken and destroyed. Therefore, it must be filled with the true teaching Word and Holy Communion.

Bride Tidings give us extra power to face all things so that we do not get disappointed or hopeless. Moreover, we do not leave God, but always give thanks to Him. Bride Tidings sanctify us until we are as perfect as Jesus is.

- The priests' offices and gifts of Holy Spirit.

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,

They are for equipping the holy people. It is the justice of God.

Moreover, the tunic of ministry is the same as the tunic of many colors.

Genesis 37:2-3

37:2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

We are sanctified in the shepherding pen so that we can receive the tunic of many colors. The shepherding pen is the Holy Place in which there are three kinds of equipment that refer to the perseverance in doing three main services as follows.

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

Our body, soul, and spirit, even mouth, are sanctified intensively in the shepherding pen. Our mouth can say correctly and testify until we do not stumble in word. We are as perfect as Jesus is.

3. The garments of glory or Bride's.

Revelation 19:6-8

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Revelation 7:13-14

7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

It comes from the tunic that was dipped in the blood or experiencing the sprinklings of blood. It refers to the Most Holy Place or suffering in the flesh without any sin because of ministering to God. We are being specialized by God. We get His grace.

1 Peter 2:19

2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

The suffering in the flesh because of Jesus is the same as a pregnant woman. Her sufferings are greater day by day up to the peak when she is going to deliver the baby. She can only groan in labor and cry out to God or worship Him with a contrite heart.

For what do we groan in labor and cry out?

- For facing the temptation, problem, increased difficulty, and dragon or the antichrist.

Revelation 12:2-3

12:2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

Psalm 17:8

17:8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings,

As a result, God will preserve and protect us miraculously in the midst of difficulties in the world by the wings of a great eagle. The Lord helps us to solve all problems, even the impossible ones. The wings of the great eagle will

evacuate us to the wilderness for three years and a half, far away from the presence of the antichrist.

- So that we do not sleep, but become watchful when Jesus comes a second time. We are faithful and fervent in spirit in our service and ministry to God as well as obedient to Him. We keep on living in righteousness and holiness.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

5:1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

5:2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

5:3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

5:4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

5:5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

5:6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

- For experiencing the life renewal. Our fleshy characteristics are renewed. It begins from being patient in waiting for the time of God. We are renewed to be as glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb and the future Paradise or one thousand years kingdom of peace.

Romans 8:22-23

8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

8:23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

John 16:19-21

16:19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'?"

16:20 "Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy.

16:21 "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

A little while means we are in the last time of the peak of suffering. There are two possibilities like the two criminals that were crucified besides Jesus as follows.

1. Being disappointed or hopeless until blaspheming God, one will perish forever.
2. Groaning in labor to God, one will be with Jesus in the Paradise. The groaning in labor will turn to shout of joy "Alleluia".

God blesses you.