

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 20, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 4:6-7

4:6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

4:7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

There are four living creatures around the throne of heaven while there are four disciples around Jesus.

Matthew 4:18-19, 21-22

4:18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

4:19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

4:21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,

4:22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

Thus, on earth as it is in heaven. Our service and ministry to God must be in line with the ones on the throne of the heavenly kingdom.

The four disciples were Peter, Andrew, James, and John. Jesus called them while they were busy, doing their job in the world. Nevertheless, they left all things and followed Jesus. It refers to the authority of Jesus as the High Priest or the King of all kings who sets us free from the bond of the world or Sodom and Gomorrah, so we can be faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God until the end, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time and we are on the throne of the heavenly kingdom.

There were five people there, but only four are called. It means as follows.

1. The service and ministry which are in line with the throne of heavenly kingdom must not be influenced by the fleshly wills or feelings.
2. The separation indeed must happen.

The condition of the four living creatures is as follows.

1. Like a lion = the characteristic of Jesus as a King. It is represented by Peter.
2. Like a calf = the characteristic of Jesus as a servant. It is represented by Andrew.
3. With a face like a man = the characteristic of Jesus as a man. It is represented by James.
4. Like a flying eagle = the characteristic of Jesus as the Son of God. It is represented by John.

Thus, Jesus called the four disciples with the special gifts which were different from each other, but they could cooperate because of being controlled by one Head, namely Jesus or the one true teaching Word.

1. James.

He was used to write the epistle of James. It refers to **faith and the works of faith.**

James 2:14-17

2:14 What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

2:15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,

2:16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?

2:17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Faith without the works is useless. It becomes a dead faith which cannot save.

Romans 10:17

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

The true faith comes from the Word which is anointed by Holy Spirit or the true teaching Word. The process is as follows.

- Holy Spirit helps us, so we can hear the teaching Word seriously with a need like a dog licking the crumbs.

- We understand the Word.
- We believe in it. It is engraved in our heart to be the faith in it.
- We obey the Word or have the works of faith.

1 John 3:7-9

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

3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

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.

The works of faith refer to our righteous life or we do not sin. We hold fast to the true teaching Word or we are not deceived. We do not sin anymore although we have a chance, advantage, or threat. It continues until someday we cannot sin or be deceived. We can be as righteous as Jesus is. As a result, we are saved and blessed by God.

2. **Peter.**

He wrote the first and second epistle of Peter that refer to the hope and the works of hope or holiness.

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."

We must experience the sanctification in our whole life, namely our inward and outward man, by the power of the teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword until we can be as holy as Jesus is.

Colossians 3:5-10

3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication(1), uncleanness(2), passion(3), evil desire(4), and covetousness(5), which is idolatry(6).

3:6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

3:7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

3:8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger(1), wrath(2), malice(3), blasphemy(4), filthy language(5) out of your mouth.

3:9 Do not lie(6) to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

3:10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

The six sins in our outward man [verse 5-6] and the six sins in our inward man [verse 8-9] must be sanctified.

We must face the condition choosing God or the other thing. If we want to be sanctified by the sword of God's Word, we will firmly choose God. It will give us the great grace of God although our flesh is painful. On the contrary, our flesh will be joyful for a moment if we use the will or feelings of the flesh, but we will cry forever up to the perdition.

If we choose the sword of the Word, we will experience the sanctification to our outward and inward man until there is no idolatry. It means that we can prioritize God more than all things. We believe and hope fully in God. We only rely on Him. It continues until there is no lie, but honesty. As a result, there is a hope for us to be used by God.

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,

We are equipped with the ministry or the tunic of many colors so that we are used for edifying the body of Christ. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between the Gentiles and Israel.

If we are used by God, there will be no more opportunity to be used by Babylon. The holier we are, the more God uses our life, and the more beautiful life we have. It continues until we can be as holy as Jesus is.

3. **John.**

He wrote the gospel according to John as well as the first, second, and third epistles of John that refer to love and the works of love.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

If we live in righteousness and holiness, we will have the love of God. We can love other people as we love ourselves; even

we can love our enemy. We can also love God more than all things. **The results are as follows.**

- We can lean on Jesus' bosom. We are in the embrace of the hand of God's great grace.

John 13:21-24

13:21 *When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me."*

13:22 *Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke.*

13:23 *Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.*

13:24 *Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.*

Our life and death are in the hand of God. He determines every step of our life and the future.

- We can be as perfect as Jesus is.

Matthew 5:43-44, 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,*

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

4. Andrew.

John 1:35-40

1:35 *Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.*

1:36 *And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"*

1:37 *The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.*

1:38 *Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek? " They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?"*

1:39 *He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour).*

1:40 *One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.*

He had the longing to know Jesus as deeply as possible through His house. The house of the Lord refers to Tabernacle. It means **one who receives the teachings of Tabernacle and bride or Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle no matter how hard it is for the flesh.** We hold fast to and obey the Bride Tidings or have the true faithfulness to One Man.

John 6:8-10

6:8 *One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,*

6:9 *"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"*

6:10 *Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.*

Andrew had received the calling of the Lord, but he used the logic, intelligence, and power of man, so he became the hindrance in the edifying of the body of Christ. The Bride Tidings or the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword is able to sanctify our logic, so we can work with faith.

The success of our service and ministry to God happens when we can reach the throne of the heavenly kingdom. It needs the calling of God as well faith and the fully surrendering to Him.

John 6:9-11

6:9 *"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"*

6:10 *Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.*

6:11 *And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.*

We must give our life to the hand of God's great grace although we are little. As a result, God will work with the system of Tabernacle or the heavenly kingdom, namely the shepherding or we sit on the grass. Jesus appears as the core or True Vine, the High Priest, the Great Shepherd, the King of all kings, and the Heavenly Bridegroom.

The men or pastors first must take the responsibility to be firm in the true shepherding so that the sheep, namely the wife and children can be firm also in the true shepherding. **The requirements of being firm in the true shepherding are as follows.**

- We must be shepherded to the True Vine or Jesus or the true teaching Word.
- We must persevere in the shepherding pen or Holy Place, namely the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows.
 - a. Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God.
 - b. Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God.
 - c. Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God.

Our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch us. We experience the peace and serenity. We do not wander and our life becomes easy and light. We can believe and entrust our life or surrender fully to God.

- We must fulfill the measure of Tabernacle.

Mark 6:39-40

6:39 Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.

6:40 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.

100 is the length of Tabernacle and 50 is the width.

100 = 10 x 10 = hearing and obeying the Word.

50 = Pentecost or Holy Spirit who makes us faithful and fervent in spirit in our service and ministry to God.

Deuteronomy 11:13-15

11:13 'And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul,

11:14 'then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

11:15 'And I will send grass in your fields for your livestock, that you may eat and be filled.'

As a result, God gives the rain of His great grace as follows.

- a. The hand of the grace of Jesus, the Great Shepherd, is able to preserve our life in the midst of crises in the world physically and spiritually up to the time when the antichrist reigns over the world for three years and six months. We are blessed and used in the service and ministry to God to edify the body of Christ.
- b. The hand of the grace of Jesus, the King of all kings, is able to finish the debt of sin.

Matthew 18:27

18:27 "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

The debt also refers to all physical things that have not been finished yet such as in economy, health, and so on. If the sins are finished, all problems can be solved by God.

- c. The hand of the grace of Jesus, the Heavenly Bridegroom, is able to sanctify and change us.

Ephesians 5:25-27

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

It continues until someday we are changed to be perfect and worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming and sit with Him on the throne of the heavenly kingdom forever.

Revelation 21:5-6

21:5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

21:6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts."

Ruth 3:18

3:18 Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."

Let us sit or be shepherded and the hand of God's grace will work to finish all things.

God blesses you.