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

Luke 6:13

6:13 And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

Formerly, the Lord called the twelve apostles. Now, He calls and elects us as the priests and kings. Why did He call and choose the twelve people? Because New Jerusalem is signified by the figure twelve.

Revelation 21:12, 14, 21

21:12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

21:14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

21:21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

The Lord calls and chooses us to become the priests and kings, so that we can enter New Jerusalem or the eternal heavenly kingdom.

Thus, the purpose of God's call and election is bringing us to enter New Jerusalem. There is no tear in New Jerusalem. It means that God is wiping away our tears on our way as the priests and kings until there is no more tear.

We must have the spiritual figure of twelve in order to enter New Jerusalem that is full of figure twelve as follows.

1. Twelve disciples [Luke 6:13].

A disciple has relationship with teachings. The twelve disciples refer to **the true teaching Word**.

Paul the apostle divides the preaching of the Word into two parts as follows.

- The gospel of salvation, gospel word, or good news [Proverbs 25:25].

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 is the gospel that preaches Jesus' first coming to the world to die on the cross and bring the sinners to believe in Him and get the salvation as well as blessings from God.

- The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, solid food, or Bride Tidings [Matthew 25:6].

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 is the gospel that preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings or Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify the congregation until they are perfect and without blemish as the bride of God.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The Bible is started by the book of Genesis that contains the physical marriage between Adam and Eve that has been destroyed. The end of the Bible is the spiritual marriage between Christ and the congregation or the perfect one.

The physical marriage is the entrance of human to the world. The spiritual marriage is the exit from the world, so that we can enter the marriage supper of the Lamb on the glorious clouds, future paradise or a thousand years kingdom of peace, up to New Jerusalem.

Thus, we must receive Bride Tidings, hold fast, and obey the true teaching Word to enter New Jerusalem.

The results are as follows.

- We experience the sanctification to our heart and mind.

Mark 7:21-23

7:21 *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, (1)adulteries, (2)fornications,(3) murders, 7:22 "(4)thefts, (5)covetousness, (6)wickedness, (7)deceit, (8)lewdness, an (9)evil eye, (10)blasphemy, (11)pride,(12) foolishness. 7:23 "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."*

We get the sanctification from twelve evil and unclean desires, so that our heart and mind can be filled with twelve loaves that are arranged in two rows, six in a row. There is figure sixty six that refers to the true teaching Word.

- The sanctification from sinful deeds up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage such as sexuality sin with all its kinds and wrong marriage.
- The sanctification from idle words such as lie, slander, gossip, and so on.

James 3:2

3:2 *For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.*

We say right and good words until someday we do not stumble in word or we are perfect and only worship with saying "Alleluia" to welcome Jesus's second coming.

Revelation 19:6-7

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."*

2. Twelve apostles.

The apostle refers to **the ministry 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,*

The requirement of receiving the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit is holiness.

If we are sanctified by the sword of the Word or Bride Tidings, God will equip us with the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit. We are used in the ministry for building the perfect body of Christ.

The ministry for building the perfect body of Christ starts from inside the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ.

The ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit are as the tunic of many colors of Joseph. If we minister to God with holiness according to the ministry and the gifts from Him, our life, marriage, and future life will be beautiful in time of need.

The beauty of our life does not rely on something in the world, but God. For example, there was only a handful of flour the widow of Zarephath had together with her son and Elijah, but they could be preserved in the time of famine for three years and six months.

The more we are sanctified, the more we are used by God and the more beautiful life we will have.

The tunic of many colors still has to be dipped in the blood. It means that we must experience the cross or suffering in the flesh together with Jesus, without any sin, such as offering our time, energy, money, and so on, or doing fasting prayer and all night long prayer, being slandered and blamed, and so on.

The results are as follows.

- The robe cannot be taken away by Satan. We cannot be stripped by Satan.
- The robe is dipped in the blood to become clean and bright fine linen or the garment of the bride to welcome Jesus's second coming.

Revelation 19:8

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.

Judas served without the holiness and the cross. Consequently, he got the scratch of the antichrist that tore the robe and stomach until the entrails gushed out and he perished.

It is better for us now to receive the sword of the Word, so that we can be forgiven, sanctified, made beautiful, and perfect.

3. **The figure twelve refers to the fellowship or twelve loaves.**

We cannot be perfect alone. We must join the fellowship.

There are two kinds of fellowship as follows.

- The fellowship with others in the body of Christ or between branches.

The requirement is paying attention to the True Vine or Jesus Himself, or the true teaching Word.

Romans 16:17

16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

Do not make any fellowship with people who teach other teachings that are different from the one we have received because they cause divisions in the body of Christ.

We will have an opportunity to get the help of God if we join the right fellowship.

The fact found in the fellowship with other people according to the true teaching Word is we can love others as ourselves, even the people who make hostility towards us.

- The fellowship with God or between body and the Head.

The fact found in it is love to God more than anything or obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore. As result, Holy Spirit will be poured out to us.

Acts 5:32

5:32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

How great a human in the world is, he will be only as clay or wood that is brittle and destroyed if there is no Holy Spirit. We need Holy Spirit as a must. Â Â Â

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows.

- a. Holy Spirit is able to give us life or preserve us physically and spiritually.

Romans 8:11

8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give lifeto your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

- b. Holy Spirit makes us strong and of good courage.

Romans 5:5

5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

We are not disappointed or hopeless. We do not leave God, regardless of anything we have to face. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in doing our service and ministry to God.

- c. Holy Spirit is able to renew our life from fleshy men to spiritual ones as Jesus is.

Titus 3:5

3:5not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Revelation 22:1

22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The spiritual miracle happens, namely the renewal. It begins from being as clear as crystal or we are honest

and believing in God.

John 11:38-40

11:38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical ones will also happen. The impossible can be made possible. The last miracle happens when Jesus comes a second time. We are renewed to be as glorious as Jesus is. We are lifted up on the glorious clouds until we can enter New Jerusalem that is as clear as crystal.

Revelation 21:11

21:11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

God blesses you.