

Bible Study Service in Malang, September 28, 2021 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 14 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of the Covenant or the suffering in the flesh for the church together with Jesus as the last sanctification that the church can reach the quality of being blameless or perfect.

Revelation 14 can be divided into the following three parts:

1. Verse 1-5 = the church's following Jesus as the Lamb of God (it has been explained in General Service in Malang, August 15, 2021).
2. Verse 6-13 = the judgment.
3. Verse 14-20 = the harvest on earth.

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Revelation 14:2-5

14:2. *And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters⁽¹⁾, and like the voice of loud thunder⁽²⁾. And I heard the sound of harpists⁽³⁾ playing their harps.*

14:3 *They sang as it were a new song⁽⁴⁾ before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.*

14:4 *These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins⁽⁵⁾. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits⁽⁶⁾ to God and to the Lamb.*

14:5 *And in their mouth was found no deceit⁽⁷⁾, for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

There are seven facts about our following Jesus up to Mount Zion as follows:

1. [Revelation 14:2a] *like the voice of many waters*. It means that it cannot be blocked (it has been explained from Bible Study Service in Malang, August 31, 2021 to Prayer Service in Malang, September 2, 2021).
2. [Revelation 14:2b] *like the voice of loud thunder*. It means the power of the teaching Word (it has been explained in General Service in Malang, September 5, 2021).
3. [Revelation 14:2c] *the sound of harpists playing their harps*. It means the peace, fellowship or unity, and obeying the rule (it has been explained in Bible Study Service in Malang, September 7, 2021 to Prayer Service in Malang, September 16, 2021)
4. [Revelation 14:3] *a new song* (it has been explained in General Service in Malang, September 19, 2021 to Prayer Service in Malang, September 23, 2021).
5. [Revelation 14:4a] *they are virgins* (it is explained in General Service in Malang, September 26, 2021).
6. [Revelation 14:4b] *being firstfruits to God*.
7. [Revelation 14:5] *in their mouth was found no deceit = for they are without fault*.

ad. 5. **they are virgins**.

Revelation 14:4

14:4. *These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgin. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.*

The meanings are as follows (it is explained in General Service in Malang, September 26, 2021):

1. 'who were not defiled with women' = rejecting the false teachings.
2. Being faithful to one Man or the one true teaching.

It means placing Jesus as the Head.

Having the quality of being virgin, the church will follow Jesus, the Lamb of God, wherever He goes. It means the body's following the Head.

The fact found in it is being active in the edification of the perfect body of Christ that is shown at Zion until being lifted up on the glorious clouds and entering the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the future Paradise, and the New Jerusalem, or the haven of peace.

Matthew 8:18-19

8:18. *And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.*

8:19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

The body's following the Head is like a boat which departs to the other side until reaching the haven of peace or the New Jerusalem.

Departing to the other side means as follows:

1. Needing sacrifices such as the time, thought, mind, money, feelings, and so on.

Jesus has given His life, so the Gentiles can enter the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

Likewise, we must also sacrifice all things for the edification of the perfect body of Christ, except the true teaching Word or Jesus Himself.

Without the true teaching Word, all things will be destroyed.

2. Facing the challenges and obstacles that want to drown our boat until not reaching the haven of peace, but perishing forever.

There are three things to which we have to pay attention in the edification of the perfect body of Christ for reaching the New Jerusalem as follows:

1. **We must get the sanctification by Jesus as the Teacher.**

Why do we have to get the sanctification? We must get it because we are facing the challenges and obstacles as follows:

- The wolves refer to the evil spirit or the will of money that makes the stinginess and greediness until one cannot sacrifice. Actually, the edification of the perfect body of Christ needs the sacrifices.

Matthew 8:20

8:20. And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."

- The birds refer to the unclean spirit that aims at the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage or the wrong marriage.

The example of one who is controlled by the evil and unclean spirit is King Herod, who took Herodias, the wife of Philip, as his wife (the unclean spirit) and put John the Baptist into prison and killed him (the evil spirit).

Revelation 18:2

18:2. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

The evil and unclean spirit will go towards the edification of the body of Babylon.

Thus, the wolves and birds hinder the edification of the perfect body of Christ and bring men to the edification of the body of Babylon or the bride of Satan who will be destroyed in one hour.

- The dead body.

Matthew 8:21-22

8:21. Then another of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father."

8:22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

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.

The dead body means being controlled by the flesh with all of its lusts and desires until one cannot obey the true teaching Word.

Galatians 5:19-21

5:19. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

One of the characteristics of the flesh is the unfaithfulness because of the worldly things.

The dead body also means that there is no renewal of life, but one keeps the man of blood and flesh with the eighteen characteristics or he is stamped with 666. It refers to the Antichrist that will be destroyed forever.

We must get the sanctification from the spirit of evil and uncleanness as well as the dead body, so we do not drown in the sea of the world, but we can continue to the edification of the perfect body until arriving at the New Jerusalem or the haven of peace.

How can we get the sanctification? It is through meeting Jesus as the Teacher. It means that we must receive the true teaching Word.

Matthew 8:19

8:19. Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."

Actually, the Word is only for the Israelites. Nevertheless, a part of them has rejected it, so the Gentiles can get the mercy and opportunity for hearing the Word until reaching the eternal life.

Acts 13:46

13:46. Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles."

Only the arrogant Gentiles are not serious to receive the Word.

The true attitude is humbling our life as low as possible for being able to hear the true teaching Word seriously until obeying it by the help of Holy Spirit.

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,

'obeying the truth' = obeying the true teaching Word.

We are sanctified from the wolves, birds, and the dead body through hearing and obeying the true teaching Word, so we can live in holiness and love one another.

Being holy and loving one another, God will entrust the ministry or the beautiful tunic to us.

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 used in the ministr of the edification of the perfect body of Christ towards the haven of peace. We do neither stop on the way nor drown. The important thing is the sword of the Word. The more we are holy and love one another, the more God will use us and our life becomes more beautiful.

2. We must experience the ministry of reconciliation by Jesus as the High Priest.

Matthew 8:23-26

8:23. Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Jesus could sleep although He was in the midst of the waves of the sea. It refers to the peaceful heart.

Why do we have to experience the ministry of reconciliation? It is because we are facing the windstorm and waves, namely the shakings and crises in all aspects, impossible problems, and fear or distress which is increasing on the last days.

Luke 21:25-26

21:25. "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;

21:26 "men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.

For the world, the shakings, impossibilities, and fears are the main killer. This is the purpose of Satan. Nevertheless, the purpose of God is that we must be active in the ministry of the edification of the perfect body of Christ and faithful in serving and ministering to Him in the condition of shakings. Moreover, we must believe and entrust ourselves fully to God.

Haggai 2:6-7

2:6. *"For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;
2:7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts.*

The wind and waves cannot be predicted and the drowning of the boat is not determined by the greatness of the wave, but the matter of Jesus' being there or not. If we are faithful, Jesus is there. When we have not been helped yet, God is testing our faithfulness and trust to Him.

Matthew 8:24

8:24. *And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.*

How could Jesus help? He slept in the midst of waves. It means that he willingly dies on the cross.

John 11:13

11:13. *However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.*

Hebrews 2:14-15

2:14. *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,
2:15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Jesus must willingly die on the cross for being the offerings of reconciliation as follows:

- Erasing our sins and saving us.
- Defeating the death or Satan who rules over the wind and waves.

The matter of Jesus' sleeping also means the serenity in the midst of waves. This is the proof of defeating the death.

Jesus is not only dead, but also resurrected and He ascends to heaven to become the High priest for helping us in time of need.

Hebrews 2:16-18

2:16. *For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.
2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.
2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.*

The proof of experiencing the ministry of reconciliation by the High Priest until we are helped is being quiet and still.

Mark 4:39

4:39. *Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.*

- Being quiet or keeping silent means doing the introspection in our life by the sharpness of the sword of the Word. Finding sin, we must confess to God and others. Being forgiven, we must not repeat the sin. We repent. Not finding any sin, we must keep silent and not plead ourselves. It means the sprinkling of blood or suffering because of Jesus. Having the sign of blood, we are in the hands of Jesus who sprinkles the blood.
- Being still means controlling our life so that we can pray. It refers to the incense. It means that we are in the hands of the High Priest who brings the incense.

Thus, experiencing the ministry of reconciliation by the High Priest, we will be able to repent and pray in the midst of waves, so we are in the hands of the High Priest.

The results are as follows:

- The Spirit of Glory is able to help us in time of need. All impossible problems are finished in time of need.
- All things are easy and light. We can continue in the edification of the perfect body of Christ. We do not stop on the

way.

3. **We must be shepherded well and correctly.**

Matthew 8:28-34

8:28. *When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way.*

8:29 *And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"*

8:30 *Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding.*

8:31 *So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine."*

8:32 *And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.*

8:33 *Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.*

8:34 *And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.*

It is about Two Demon-Possessed Men Healed.

Our mistake is not being shepherded after being blessed, helped, and used by God.

Be careful! Everybody who has the ministry and gift must be shepherded or else he will go astray. Do not be arrogant!

If the Gentiles are not shepherded, there will be the consequences as follows:

- Being demon-possessed like the two men in Gergesenes.
It is the same as being shepherded by the death and liking to be in the tomb.

Psalm 49:14

49:14. *Like sheep they are laid in the grave; Death shall feed on them; The upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; And their beauty shall be consumed in the grave, far from their dwelling.*

The proof of being shepherded by the death is liking the atmosphere of the tomb or the lengthening of the death, namely the discotheque, bad movies, cinema, the service to God without the sanctification, the wrong marriage, and so on.

- Returning to become the dog and swine.
The dog refers to the meaningless words, lies, or slanders.
The swine refers to the sinful sins up to the peak or the deeds which harm others until repaying evil for good.

Matthew 8:32-34

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8:33 *Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men.*

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Be careful! There is the false shepherding, namely the shepherd does not keep the sheep, but the swine.

It means that the shepherd is neither righteous nor holy, but only looks for the physical profit. The sheep can be like that also, namely committing the service and ministry to God only to look for the physical profit or choose the swine rather than the salvation of human.

John 10:1

10:1. *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.*

The sheep must be shepherded well and correctly as follows:

- Passing through the narrow door for entering the shepherding pen or the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows:

- a. The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in committing the General Service.
- b. The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion.
- c. The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service.

In the shepherding pen, we get the protection and preservation of God towards the attack of the wolf. We are safe and able to grow to the spiritual maturity.

- Paying attention to the voice of the shepherd that blows the trumpet.

John 10:3

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.

1 Corinthians 15:51

15:51. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

The sound of the trumpet refers to the hard and repeated teaching Word to become the command for what we must do so that we get the sanctification and renewal from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus is. It begins from honesty about the teaching Word.

Obedying the command, we must get the guarantee from God that we will be changed in the body of glory no matter we pass away or we are still alive until His coming. We are worthy for welcoming His second coming.

- Paying attention to the sacrifice of the shepherd.

John 10:11

10:11. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

It means as follows:

- a. Uniting the body and the Head.
- b. The mercy and goodness of God that is able to do all things for us.

Isaiah 52:13-14

52:13. Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

Jesus willingly became marred like Satan for helping us. It refers to the mercy and goodness of God. He helps us who are in fall. The rotten are made fragrant. The failure is changed into success. The weak are strengthened and the impossibilities are made possible.

When Jesus comes a second time, we will be changed to be as perfect as He is for being worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the Paradise and the New Jerusalem or the last shepherding.

God blesses you.