

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, August 25, 2014 (Monday Evening)

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

Revelation 2-3 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of the Covenant.

It means the seven epistles for the seven churches of the Gentiles or **the last sanctification** done by God to the seven churches of the Gentiles or the seven churches in the last days, so that they can be as perfect and without blemish as Jesus is.

The first church of the Gentiles that experiences the sprinkling of blood is the church in **EPHESUS** (**Revelation 2: 1-7**) (it has been explained in General Service in Surabaya, July 27, 2014).

Revelation 2: 4-5

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

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.*

The last sanctification for the church in Ephesus happens because they **HAVE LOST THE FIRST LOVE** or agape love or the love of God through the sacrifice or cross of Christ.

The consequence of losing the first love (it has been explained in Bible Study Service in Surabaya, August 11, 2014) is **the lampstand is removed from its place** or living in the darkness and **being a blind servant** like the blind Bartimaeus. It means that one is only satisfied in receiving physical things without the direction to the City of Light or New Jerusalem and he perishes forever.

Revelation 2: 6

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

The church in Ephesus **hates or rejects the teachings of the Nicolaitans**, namely the teachings about gathering many people in the service to God by legalizing all ways, especially the ways of the world through entertainment, artist, and so on as well as the prosperity, **without the true teaching Word** of Jesus, or without the sanctification. It aims at the building of the body of Babylon or the bride of Satan that will be destroyed.

In **Revelation 2: 2-3, 6**, there are **nine goodnesses** of the church in Ephesus as follows.

Revelation 2: 2-3, 6

2:2 *"I know your works(1), your labor(2), your patience(3), and that you cannot bear those who are evil(4). And you have tested those who say they are apostles(5) and are not, and have found them liars;*

2:3 *"and you have persevered and have patience(6), and have labored for My name's sake(7) and have not become weary(8).*

2:6 *"But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans(9), which I also hate.*

1. Works.
2. Labor.
3. Patience.
4. Cannot bear those who are evil.
5. You have tested those who say they are apostles.
6. You have persevered and have patience.
7. You have labored for My name's sake.
8. You have not become weary.
9. You hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans or false teachings.

Not only human, God also admits their goodness. Nevertheless, **there is no first love** in them, so the nine goodnesses become a pride or arrogance.

Consequently, they fall in a deep place. One who is arrogant will be humiliated and destroyed forever.

On the contrary, **the nine goodnesses must be added with the first love** to result in these things.

- Nine gifts of Holy Spirit.
- Nine ministries from the Son of God.
- Nine deeds of Father God's love.
- Nine fruits of Holy Spirit.

Nine gifts of Holy Spirit

The gift = *charis* (in the original language), namely the miraculous ability from Holy Spirit that is more than diploma, money, and all things in the world.

1 Corinthians 12: 8-10

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

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

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

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

1. The gift of revelation = the food for the congregation.

It means as follows.

- a. wisdom => the office is **apostle**,
- b. knowledge => the office is **teacher**,
- c. discerning of spirits => the office is **pastor**,

2. The gift of worship = the breath.

It means as follows.

- a. prophecy => the office is **prophet**,
- b. different kinds of tongues => the office is **speaking in tongues**,
- c. interpretation of tongues => the office is **interpreting the tongues**,

3. The gift of power = health in spiritual and physical life.

It means as follows.

- a. faith => the office is **servant**,
- b. healings => the office is **healer**,
- c. the working of miracles => the office is **workers of miracle**.

Nine ministries from the Son of God

1 Corinthians 12: 28-30

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

Nine ministries from the Son of God are as follows.

1. apostles,
2. teachers,
3. pastors,
4. prophets,
5. varieties of tongues,
6. interpreters,
7. helps,
8. gifts of healings,
9. miracles.

The nine ministries from the Son of God can be compressed as five main offices as follows.

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

The five main offices are as the five fingers or hand of God.

It means that God's hand will work manifestly in the congregation if we minister to God according to the ministry or office and the gifts of Holy Spirit. The hard ministry will be so easy to do.

King Uzziah ministered to God, but not in line to the office and the gifts of Holy Spirit.

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.

'valiant men' = **firmness** to hold fast to the **true teaching Word** and the **consecration**.

They put the sword, no matter that Uzziah was a king.

[verse 19] One who ministered to God not in line to the office or ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit was getting angry when the Word rebuked him.

In such condition, one only destroys the body of Christ Satan's hand works.

The signs of the person who ministers to God not in line to the office or ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit or the arrogant one as Uzziah are as follows.

- Arrogance.
- Leprosy or self-truth. One likes to judge others.
King Saul was also arrogant. Samuel had said to him to wait for seven days. When the people were scattered from him, Saul burnt the offering. Finally, Samuel said to him "*You have done foolishly.*"
- Getting angry or hating without any cause.
- Doing foolishly.

Consequently, the hand of Satan works to destroy the building of Christ's body.

Nine deeds of Father God's love

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(1), it profits me nothing.

13:4 Love suffers long(2) and is kind(3); 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(4), but rejoices in the truth;

13:7 bears all things(5), believes all things(6), hopes all things(7), endures all things(8).

13:8 Love never fails(9). But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

1. verse 1-3 = love is the most important,
2. Love suffers long
3. Love is kind.
4. Love rejoices in the truth.
5. Love bears all things.
6. Love believes all things.
7. Love hopes all things.
8. Love endures all things.
9. Love never fails; it is eternal.

All things are useless and destroyed if there is no love.

All ministries and the gifts of Holy Spirit must be done with LOVE.

Thus, the motor of our service and ministry must be the love.

The love is eternal and more than anything. The love is the true teaching Word that is obeyed. If we have **the true teaching Word**

and love, we will not need to worry because there is creation power in the the teaching Word. Something that does not exist yet can be created. All things in the ministry can be done well.

The results of having the nine gifts of Holy Spirit and nine offices that are done in the love of Father God are as follows.

1. Our offices or ministries are eternal to reach the throne of heaven. There is no retirement on the way or even early retirement.
2. The flesh does not speak anymore, so we will never fall in arrogance or deep pit.

Be careful! The deep fall can be divided into four things as follows.

- a. Throne or position.
- b. Riches or the love of money.
- c. Woman or sexuality sins or fornication.

All servants of God must be careful. Do not be like Hophni and Pinehas who committed adultery with female servants.

It is written in Luke chapter 10 that the Lord sends the disciples two by two. It means a husband together with his wife or we are together with God.

- d. Lie.
It is used to cover the lust of the throne, riches, and adultery.

3. Nine fruits of Holy Spirit.

Nine fruits of Holy Spirit

Galatians 5: 22-23

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

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

They can be divided into three groups as follows.

1. **Love, joy, peace**= the image or characteristic of Father God or the Lord.
2. **Longsuffering, kindness, goodness**= the image and characteristic of the Son of God or Jesus.
3. **Faithfulness, gentleness, self-control**= the image and characteristics of Holy Spirit God or Christ.

We can produce the nine fruits of Holy Spirit through the true service, ministry, and consecration. In such condition, we are made return to **THE IMAGE OR LIKENESS OF THE TRINITY OF GOD**. We become the perfect bride of God and return to paradise or a thousand years kingdom of peace until we can enter New Jerusalem. Thus, we are not being tormented when we minister to God.

If our consecration is right, the more we minister to God, we are getting near the paradise. The atmosphere of paradise becomes more evident and we leave the curse until someday we enter the Future Paradise or a thousand years kingdom of peace until we can enter the eternal New Jerusalem.

Therefore, **4 x 9** is targeted by Satan.

Joshua chapter 7 is about the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. Moses could bring the house of Israel to enter Canaan only at the border, but he could not enter it because of his disobedience. The direction turned to the grave, not to the Canaan anymore.

Be careful! Many who are first will be the last in the end line because of disobedience, namely changing the true teaching Word or the direction.

God commanded Moses to speak to the rock, but he struck it. There was power because the water came out of it, but the direction was different, not to Canaan but to the grave.

Lot's wife had been warned not to look behind, but she disobeyed it and perished.

Do not play the true teaching Word!

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.*

We must be careful in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain because Satan wants to target the 4 x 9.

Thirty-six men died in Ai = **4 x 9**.

Thus, Satan wants to kill or targets 4 x 9 to make our consecration without the office or ministry, the gifts of Holy Spirit, love, and the fruits of Holy Spirit. It means being **without the first love or being as the ruin**. One is destroyed and dark in a deep pit.

What can destroy us?

Ai means a ruin or little things as follows.

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.

1. **Small tongue.**

It means lie or slander.

Do not stumble in words because it can ruin the household, ministry, and all things!

Let us keep our mouth only to speak right words that are in line to the Word and good ones that become blessings for others, so that we will not be the ruin.

2. The sin of Achan=**the love of money.**

It is written in the gospel according to Luke that money is a small thing.

Achan stole the possession of God. Now, there are many servants of God who steal the possession of God, namely the tithes and offering or small things.

Consequently, they become the ruin or cannot endure the ministry.

A servant or son of God that makes the debate about the tithes must have the love of money in his heart that must be sanctified.

In the New Testament, Judas Iscariot becomes a thief.

Now, there is modern Judas that does not steal the money, but **God's trust to a pastor**. It means that a pastor is not trusted anymore to receive the tithes or the possession of God. **Consequently**, the congregation becomes dry and dead spiritually.

Do not marvel when there is a pastor who cannot feed the congregation. The reasons are as follows.

- Because being a pastor is not his office. He appoints himself as the pastor.
- The office is as a pastor, but he is not firm about the tithes and offering that are the possession of God.

The consequences are as follows.

1. Being disappointed, hopeless, and angry without any cause or hating without any cause and murmuring until leaving God. Being disappointed, the ministry, spirituality, marriage, and children will be a ruin.
Let us use our tongue only to confess our sin and worship God.

2. Falling on iron bedstead, whose measure is **4 cubits x 9 cubits**.

4 cubits = 4 x 45 centimeter = $\hat{A}\pm$ more than 2 meter.

9 cubits = 9 x 45 centimeter = $\hat{A}\pm$ more than 3 meter.

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.

It means as follows.

- One has iron hand or there is violence in the saying and deeds, so the marriage is destroyed.
- 4 cubits x 9 cubits = the abnormal measure = the sins of Babylon or fornication = sexual affairs, divorce, remarrying, and free sex.

For example, **Judas Iscariot** was used by God, but he became a ruin because of keeping the love of money and lying small tongue.

Matthew 26: 23, 25

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

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

[verse 23] refers to the preaching of God's Word that was hard and sharp to directly pierce the heart of Judas that was full of the love of money.

[verse 25] "*Rabbi, is it I?*"= Judas kept the love of money or small thing, so he lied and blamed the other eleven disciples, even Jesus Himself or the true teaching Word.

Judas **was not serious** (it is the beginning of destruction) in the preaching of the true teaching Word and the Holy Communion. It means that he **was not serious in the sanctification**. He always rejected the work of the sword of the Word of sanctification because of keeping the love of money and lie.

Consequently, Judas went out of the body of Christ and became the same as the antichrist.

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.

If we are **not serious** in the consecration and sanctification, we will go out of the body of Christ and become the same as the antichrist. There is a separation between serious people and not serious ones.

Be careful! John was leaning on Jesus' bosom when there was the Holy Communion and Judas was going out of the body of Christ to become the same as the antichrist.

Let the power of the Word and the Holy Communion encourage us to be serious more and more in the sanctification and service and ministry to God.

The results are as follows.

1. **God gives extra power to those whose heart is loyal to Him that they can defeat the enemies or problems, even the impossible one.**

2 Chronicles 16: 9

16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."

2. **God gives us extra power to have spiritual or heavenly wealth, namely the revelation of God's Word.**

Deuteronomy 8: 18

8:18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Afterwards, there will be opened ways for us to get the physical blessings or beautiful successful future life in time of need.

3. **God gives extra power to endure the ministry until the end, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time.**

1 Thessalonians 3: 13

3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

It means that **we are strong and of good courage** as follows.

- We keep on believing in God and do not become disappointed or hopeless in facing temptation.
- We do not sin but keep on living in righteousness when the sin comes to us.
- We keep on holding fast to the true teaching Word.

Until someday we are changed to be as glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time on the glorious clouds. We become the Bride of God who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

God blesses you.