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

Mark 6-8 refers to the Table of Showbread in Tabernacle. It means the fellowship with the Word.

Mark 6: 35

6:35 *When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late.*

= story about the breaking of five loaves and two fish for five thousand people.

'already the hour is late' = toward evening or when the sin peaks more and Jesus will come a second time. The world is dark and the sin peaks. Moreover, the world is deserted like a wilderness. The world is getting worse.

Isaiah 14: 16-17 (about the King of Babylon/ Lucifer/ Satan)

14:16 *"Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,*

14:17 *Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'*

Satan makes the world deserted like the wilderness.

The deserted place like the wilderness means as follows.

- Crisis in all aspects of life physically and morally in the last days.
- The wilderness is the place for the thorns and briers to grow.

Judges 8: 7

8:7 *So Gideon said, "For this cause, when the LORD has delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers!"*

Such is the condition of Adam and Eve when they fell in sin and were driven to the world, namely in curse, sorrow, heavy burden, and weariness.

Satan makes us face the atmosphere of the wilderness because of this purpose.

Genesis 3: 17-19

3:17 *Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.*

3:18 *Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.*

3:19 *In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."*

For making men not have life renewal. Like the dust that returns to dust means that men are still in blood and flesh. They cannot become spiritual men.

The consequences of keeping on being human in blood and flesh are as follows.

Genesis 3: 14

3:14 *So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.*

- Being the target of serpent or living only to become a slave or the food of Satan.
- Not inheriting the kingdom of heaven= not returning to Paradise. It means perdition forever.

1 Corinthians 15: 50-51

15:50 *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.*

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

Nevertheless, God is not willing that men He has created according to His image must perish like that.

The way God helps is through **the life renewal**. There is no way out to return to paradise. It means the renewal from carnal or physical men to spiritual ones, so they do not keep on being dust or human in blood and flesh, but the men who have been renewed by God and able to return to Paradise.

As long as we never change, we will never return to Paradise, even we will be the prey of the serpent and perish forever.

By what can the Lord renew our life?

1. **The true teaching Word.**

Thus, **Mark 6-8** is about the fellowship with the Word.

What kind of Word that can sanctify and renew us?

1 Corinthians 15: 52

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.

= by the sound of the last trumpet, the dead will be resurrected and the alive will be renewed.

John 5: 25

5:25 "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

Thus, the Word that can sanctify and renew us is the voice of the Son of God.

What is the meaning of the voice of the Son of God?

- The Word of God that is written in the Bible, in which there is power to sanctify and change us from physical men to spiritual ones, so that we can be changed.
- Being revealed by God, namely a verse explains other verses in the Bible.
Thus, the Word of God must be explained by the Word itself. Human cannot explain the Word with interpretation, logic, and so on.
- The voice of the Son of God = the sharp two-edged sword.
The first sharpness is for cutting or sanctifying us. After being cut, the second sharpness is for renewing our life.

What must be sanctified by the voice of the Son of God?

Hebrews 4: 12-13

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

- **Our heart and mind.**

Mark 7: 21-22

7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries⁽¹⁾, fornications⁽²⁾, murders⁽³⁾,

7:22 "thefts⁽⁴⁾, covetousness⁽⁵⁾, wickedness⁽⁶⁾, deceit⁽⁷⁾, lewdness⁽⁸⁾, an evil eye⁽⁹⁾, blasphemy⁽¹⁰⁾, pride⁽¹¹⁾, foolishness⁽¹²⁾.

Our heart and mind are actually filled with twelve evil and unclean lusts that must be sanctified by the sharpness of the sword of the true teaching Word.

Afterward, the twelve loaves will be on the table of our heart or **the Word is written in our heart**. If our heart has not been sanctified from the twelve unclean and evil lusts, it will not be filled with the Word because the loaves will not be put on the table which is full of vomit and dirt.

We cannot choose the two, but only one.

Psalm 149: 6

149:6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand,

If our heart has experienced the work of the sharp two-edged sword, there will be the sign of the sharp two-edged sword in our hand, namely our deeds are in line with the Word and our mouth will proceed the words that glorify God according to the Word. We can say correctly "yes" if yes and "no" if no until we do not stumble in word or we are perfect.

○ **Joints.**

They refer to relationship between two bones in one body.

We must have the sanctification in our relationship with others and God so that we can return to Paradise.

Ephesians 4: 23-32

4:23 *and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,*

4:24 *and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

4:25 *Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.*

4:26 *"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,*

4:27 *nor give place to the devil.*

4:28 *Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.*

4:29 *Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.*

4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

4:31 *Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.*

4:32 *And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.*

The things that must be sanctified in the joints are as follows.

a. Verse 25 = Lie.

The lie will hinder the movement of the joints. If in the joints or the closest relationship, starting from the one of a husband and his wife, and in the shepherding, there is still lie, the joints will not be folded. It means that one cannot serve himself, even others.

b. Verse 26-27 = anger that must be sanctified.

We can get angry if there is reason. If one easily gets angry because of a small thing, the relationship between the two bones will be hindered, starting from within the marriage between the husband and his wife, and they cannot be used by God.

"do not let the sun go down on your wrath" means we may get angry only with the love of God for helping other person who is sinful and unable to be advised so that he can return to the right way.

c. Verse 28 = do not steal.

The possession of others and God (tithes and offerings) are often stolen.

Stealing between a husband and wife may happen when the blessings are used secretly. It will corrupt the relationship between the two bones. The blessings must be used by a husband with the permission of his wife, and vice versa.

d. Verse 29 = corrupt word (= idle words that do not edify, but reproach, curse, and gossip).

Such word will spread fast and corrupt the relationship with others, even make the faith of others weak.

Our word must edify the weak faith of others or become blessings for them.

e. Verse 30-32 = bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking must be thrown away.

We must be friendly to others.

○ **Marrow.**

It must be sanctified and renewed so that it will not be dry. The dry marrow is the same as the dry bone. It means there is neither spirit nor hope.

The marrow refers to the deepest feelings that must be sanctified so that we can be strong and of good courage.

Proverbs 17: 22

17:22 *A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.*

Ezekiel 37: 1-2, 7-11

37:1 *The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.*

37:2 *Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.*

37:7 *So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.*

37:8 *Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.*

37:9 *Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'""*

37:10 *So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.*

37:11 *Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!'*

Israel has ever been dry bones, almost gone away, without any hope, but disappointed and hopeless. Nevertheless, the dry bones can be made an exceedingly great army as long as there is still the prophetic Word.

Song of Solomon 6: 10 = the bridegroom praises the bride.

6:10 *Who is she who looks forth as the morning, Fair as the moon, Clear as the sun, Awesome as an army with banners?*

Moreover, the dry bones can be lifted up to become the perfect Bride of God.

The exceedingly great army is the same as the perfect Bride of God that is strong and of good courage. The strength is the same as the one of the exceedingly great army.

o **False teachings that grow in the congregation, especially in the church on the last days.**

The false teachings mean as follows.

- a. The teachings that are not written in the Bible.
- b. Not being explained by the verses in the Bible, but by the logic, knowledge, and so on that is not in line with the verse that explains other verses.

Revelation 2: 12, 14-15

2:12 *"And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:*

2:14 *"But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.*

2:15 *"Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*

At least there are two false teachings, namely Balaam's and Nicolaitans'. Learning the book of Revelation, there are the teachings of Jezebel, Babylon, Balaam, and Nicolaitans. They grow fast in the church of the Gentiles on the last days.

How can we be sanctified? There must be the cutting or we must not have any relationship with false teachings. It is especially for us, the Gentiles.

We must be firm nowadays like the Levites who put their swords and killed their brothers.

Revelation 2: 16

2:16 *'Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.*

Actually the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword sanctifies and renews us. This is the lengthening of His patience or mercy to us. Do not reject it, or else the sword will turn into the sword of God's judgment. It is a warning for us, the Gentiles, who live in the last days.

How far does the Lord renew us?

2 Corinthians 3: 18

3:18 *But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same*

image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Until we are as perfect as Jesus is.

2 Corinthians 3-4 = the ministry of the New Testament in the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ to have the same image as God.

2. **THE POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT.**

Titus 3: 5

3:5 not 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,

Holy Spirit renews us, the disobedient, to be **obedient** to the Word, regardless of any risk.

Romans 8: 15

8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We can say "*Abba, Father!*"

Abraham only said "*Abba, Father*" when he was commanded to offer Isaac. The Lord Jesus also said "*Abba, Father, not my will be done, but Yours*".

Thus, the obedience is the sign of the renewal done by Holy Spirit.

The beginning of obedience is in water baptism.

1 Peter 3: 20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Verse 20 = only few are obedient about water baptism (The Court of Tabernacle). Consequently, they cannot move forward, even they will die if they minister to God.

The right implementation of the water baptism is being buried in water (**Romans 6: 2,4**), not only being sprinkled by water.

The requirement is being dead to sin, not for getting the marriage certificate or following others.

If the requirement and implementation are not right, the result will not be right also that one becomes unrighteous sons or servants of God.

On the contrary, the right requirement and implementation of water baptism will result in new life, namely righteous one with the good conscience or sincere heart like a dove.

If we are obedient about the water baptism, we will be obedient also in facing the sprinklings of blood, the suffering in the flesh without any sin, or Gethsemane.

Mark 14: 35-36

14:35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

14:36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

Jesus has given us the example in Gethsemane by saying 'not what I will, but what You will.' It means that He can endure the sprinkling of blood.

Likewise, the church of God must also face the sprinkling of blood. Therefore, there are two times of the sprinkling of blood in Tabernacle, namely upon the Mercy Seat and before the Ark of the Covenant.

Mark 14: 37

14:37 Then He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are you sleeping? Could you not watch one hour?"

Men are weak without Holy Spirit or the renewal. Consequently, they could not endure the sprinkling of blood or worship

prayer until they slept although Jesus only asked them to pray one hour.

The result of being renewed by Holy Spirit is we can endure in the sprinklings of blood and have the Spirit of Glory or the power of God's glory.

1 Peter 4: 12-14

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

The results of having the spirit of glory are as follows.

- The spirit of glory is able to make the impossible things possible.

For example, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego were not burnt in the burning fiery furnace that was heated seven times more than the usual because of the Spirit of Glory. Moreover, they could walk or live freely. There is nothing impossible for God.

- There is power of resurrection.

For example, Lazarus who had been dead and rotten for four days could be resurrected. There is nothing impossible for God. All rotten things in our life can be helped by God.

- We will be glorified. Especially when Jesus comes a second time that we are lifted up together with God to meet Him on the glorious clouds. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, one thousand years kingdom of peace or Paradise, and New Jerusalem forever.

Thus, Holy Spirit renews our life until we can return to Paradise and New Jerusalem.

3. The love of God.

Zephaniah 3: 16-18

3:16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak.

3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

3:18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden.

The love of God is proven by the sacrifice of Christ, His Son.

For what does Jesus sacrifice to give His love?

- **For redeeming or buying us from sin so that we become Jesus'.**

Revelation 5: 9-10

5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

The proof is we do not live in our old life or sin, but submit our whole life fully to God.

After we do not sin anymore, it is written in **Zephaniah 3**, 'The LORD has taken away your judgments' = there is no more condemnation. Actually, if we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus and willing to submit our whole life to Him and not to sin anymore, there will be no judgment anymore. Being bought by the blood of Jesus, but sinning still, one will keep on being judged.

- For making us priests and kings or the servants of God.

Do not be idle after being bought by Jesus! We must minister to God soon after we repent and get the water baptism.

Luke 23: 43

23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

= the criminal, who were evil in his whole life, did not sin anymore on the last time of his life. As a result, there was salvation for him.

'today you will be with Me in Paradise.' = we have the atmosphere of Paradise soon after we experience the renewal done by the love of God.

The facts found in being renewed by the love of God until our heart is full of love are loving God more than anything and loving other people as ourselves.

Matthew 5: 43-48

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,

5:45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

5:46 "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

5:47 "And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so?

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

Loving other people as ourselves, both the evil and good ones, is like the shining sun and the rain. The sun does not choose to shine to some people only, but to all people, both the good and the evil. The rain is also like that. It means that we must love all people.

Mark 12: 33-34

12:33 "And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

12:34 Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." But after that no one dared question Him.

The results of being renewed by the love of God are as follows.

- 'You are not far from the kingdom of God' = we can enjoy the atmosphere of Paradise from now on until we are in the heavenly kingdom truly.
- There is no more question= all problems are solved by God.
There will be many questions when the problem has not been solved yet. On the contrary, all things are easy and light when there is no more question.

God blesses you.