

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, January 05, 2015 (Monday Evening)

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

We are still discussing **Revelation 2-3**.

According to Tabernacle Teaching, it refers to the seven sprinklings of blood before the Ark of the Covenant.

It means the seven epistles for the seven churches of the Gentiles or **the last sanctification** done by Jesus for the seven churches of the Gentiles or the congregation in the last days to make them perfect or without blemish like Jesus. They become the perfect Bride of heaven who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds to meet Him, the Heavenly Bridegroom, forever. There is God's promise to every church that willingly gets the sanctification.

There are **seven churches of the Gentiles** that experience the sprinkling of blood as follows.

1. The church of **EPHESUS (Revelation 2: 1-7)** (it has been explained in General Service in Surabaya, July 27, 2014 up to General Service in Surabaya, September 7, 2014). The church in Ephesus **must return to the first love** to return to Paradise.
2. The church of **SMYRNA (Revelation 2: 8-11)** that had to suffer. God said to them not to be afraid in the suffering, but faithful until death (it has been explained in General Service in Surabaya, September 14, 2014 up to General Service in Surabaya, November 9, 2014).
3. The church of **PERGAMOS (Revelation 2: 12-17)** that **must leave the false teachings** (it has been explained in Bible Study Service in Surabaya, November 17, 2014).
4. The church of **THYATIRA (Revelation 2:18-19)** (it has been explained in General Service in Surabaya, January 4, 2015).

AD. 4. THE CHURCH OF THYATIRA

Revelation 2: 18-21

2:18 *"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:*

2:19 *"I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.*

2:20 *"Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.*

2:21 *"And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent."*

Jesus appears with two forms to the church of Thyatira as follows.

1. *'eyes like a flame of fire'* = the sanctification to inner parts, not only to the outer.
2. *'His feet like fine brass'*.
The brass refers to the judgment or condemnation.

Revelation 2: 23

2:23 *"I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.*

Jesus appears to **TEST or SANCTIFY THE HEART AND MIND EVEN THE DEEPEST MIND or KIDNEY** of the church of Thyatira.

Why does Jesus sanctify the heart and mind up to the deepest ones of the church of Thyatira?

1. **Because He wants to make us/the church of Thyatira not arrogant or proud of the superiorities** (it has been explained in General Service n Surabaya, January 4, 2015).

Revelation 2: 19

2:19 *"I know your works, love⁽¹⁾, service⁽²⁾, faith⁽³⁾, and your patience⁽⁴⁾; and as for your works, the last are more than the first⁽⁵⁾.*

Being arrogant, one will fall like Satan.

It also makes us neither disappointed nor hopeless because of our weakness or infirmity, but submit all of them in the hand

of God to be sanctified.

2. Because He wants to sanctify us from the false teachings.

Revelation 2: 20-24

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2:21 "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

2:22 "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

2:23 "I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

2:24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

= there are superiorities of the church of Thyatira, but there is also a reproach.

We learn the second, namely **BEING SANCTIFIED FROM FALSE TEACHINGS**.

There are **two kinds of false teachings** in Thyatira as follows.

1. The teachings of Jezebel.

Revelation 2: 20-22

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2:21 "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

2:22 "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

It allows woman to teach and have authority over men in the **service** to God and **marriage**.

1 Timothy 2: 11-14

2:11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

2:12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

The title is Men and Women in the Church. It includes in marriage.

The right teachings or Bride Tidings teaches us that **a woman cannot teach and have authority over men in the service to God and marriage**.

[Verse 13] is related to the fall of Eve, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;' but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat.

It means that **women may minister to God in all kinds of ministry, except teaching and having authority over men**.

Women must be in silence where there is a man in the service to God and marriage. It means that a woman must place the man as the head over her or a wife must place the husband as her head. As a result, **Jesus becomes the Head** in the service to God and marriage or household.

The right pattern is woman => man as the head of the woman => Jesus as the Head in the service to God and marriage/household.

1 Corinthians 11: 2-3

11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that you remember me in all things and keep the traditions just as I delivered them to you.

11:3 But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Jesus is the Head means that He becomes the High Priest or Heavenly Bridegroom who is responsible for our service and ministry to God as well as our marriage or household.

If the woman teaches and has authority over men (the teachings of Jezebel), she becomes the head over the men in the service to God or the wife becomes the head of the husband in the marriage, **Jesus will not be the Head** of the service to God and marriage. The consequences are as follows.

- The woman **puts the serpent as the head** of the service to God and marriage.
- The woman **gives the forbidden fruit** to the men, namely the husband or congregation, like Eve gave the forbidden fruit to Adam after she ate it.

Finally, there is nakedness.

As the conclusion, the teachings of Jezebel (placing a woman, not Jesus, as the head) is contrary to the Bride Tidings (placing Jesus as the Head).

There are many debates about it. For example, Deborah was appointed as a judge in the Old Testament. Nevertheless, it has been fulfilled in the New Testament, namely a woman may not teach or have authority over men. In the New Testament it is written that the hero of faith is Barak, not Deborah.

There are two witnesses about it as follows.

- **Hebrews 11: 32**
11:32 And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of David and Samuel and the prophets:

Barak is said as the witness of faith, not Deborah. It is written also in **1 Samuel** that Barak was sent by God.

- **1 Timothy 2: 11-14** says a woman must not teach or have authority over men.

The Old Testament is a prophecy that has been fulfilled in the New Testament.

Romans 16: 1-2

*16:1 I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a servant of the church in Cenchrea,
16:2 that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and assist her in whatever business she has need of you; for indeed she has been a helper of many and of myself also.*

The other debate is about Phoebe in the New Testament.
'a servant of the church in Cenchrea' = Phoebe is not a pastor.

Verse 2 = the ministry of Phoebe is as a helper of the saints for the work of God.

Luke 8: 1-3

*8:1 Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him,
8:2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities--Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,
8:3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.*

The structure in the ministry to God is as follows.

- **The first group** is 'the twelve' = men. They were sent to help Jesus in teaching and preaching the gospel to the cities and villages.
- **The second group** is 'certain women'.
Thus, there is no discrimination, even the unclean people who are demon-possessed may minister to God after they repent.
[Verse 3] the women ministered to Jesus with their substance like Phoebe who gave the help for the work of God.

2. The depths of Satan.

Revelation 2: 24

2:24 "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden.

It means occultism, the teachings about the way to face Satan; even the house of Satan or the hell is learnt.

SUCH TEACHINGS IS CONTRARY TO TABERNACLE TEACHINGS(heavenly kingdom or the house of God).

Learning the house of Satan, the spirit of Satan will enter. Learning the house of God, His spirit will enter. Every doctrine has its spirit.

Revelation 2: 21-23

2:21 "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

2:22 "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

2:23 "I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Everyone who receives the false teachings will get the spirit of Satan or false one and the stamp or seal of the false prophet like a hot iron until he or she does not want to even cannot repent if there is no mercy of God.

THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE FALSE TEACHINGS

Revelation 2: 22-23

2:22 "Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

2:23 "I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

1. *I will cast her into a sickbed*=spiritual sickness. It refers to lameness or **the fall in sin peak**, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

The sins concerning eating-drinking happen through smoking, getting drunk and drugs abuse.

The sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage happen through sexuality sins up to the wrong marriage, sexual affairs, mixed-marriage, divorce-remarrying, and free sex.

They aim at Babylon or false church that will be destroyed.

The false teachings and service to God will cause the false marriage because the service to God cannot be separated from the marriage.

2. '*I will kill her children with death*'.

It means as follows.

- **Spiritual death or dryness**= dissatisfaction in the service to God and marriage. Consequently, one looks for worldly or fleshy satisfaction or puts the worldly ways/satisfaction in the service and ministry to make them the same as the world.

The world is passing away. It means that the person who is dead spiritually is passing away or being destroyed together with the world.

- Living in sins, even **enjoying them** up to the peak. One does not repent, but blames others, even he cannot repent. It means being the same as Satan that will perish. As long as we have our body, we are still able to repent regardless of any sin we have because Jesus redeems us by His human body on the cross.

The criminal on the cross was half dead, but able to repent by confessing the sin. After confessing our sin, we must not repeat it, but repent.

3. '*I will her into great tribulation*'.

It means **experiencing the persecution done by the antichrist** that reigns over the world for three and a half years.

The people who receive the false teachings will not willingly be persecuted and beheaded. Consequently, they will worship the antichrist for sure and become the same as him. Finally, they will be destroyed when Jesus comes a second time.

The false teachings cause the false worship to the antichrist.

The two kinds of teachings resist against the Bride Tidings and Tabernacle teachings.

Exodus 24: 18

24:18 So Moses went into the midst of the cloud and went up into the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and

forty nights.

Exodus 34: 28

34:28 So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.

Moses fasted or did not eat nor drink for forty days and forty nights on the Mount Sinai for **receiving two things from God** as follows.

1. Guidance and command to build Tabernacle or heavenly kingdom in the world.
The patterns came from heaven. The physical instruments have perished, but we have the spiritual meaning, namely **TABERNACLE TEACHING**, whose centre is **doing the will of God**.
The measurement of everything in Tabernacle is precise.
2. Two tablets of stone.
They have perished, but we have the spiritual meaning, namely **BRIDE TIDINGS**, whose centre is **the love of God**.

Both Tabernacle teachings and Bride Tidings cannot be separated. Why?

- Building the Tabernacle (there is teaching) without the two tablets of stone or love is empty. All things without the love are empty, useless, or in vain.
- The two tablets of stone without the Tabernacle means impossible because there is no place for them.
The love without the true teaching Word means eros/there are flesh lusts that cause the fall.

Thus, Tabernacle teachings and Bride Tidings cannot be separated. They are called as **the Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle Teachings** that is revealed by God to the Late Rev. Van Gessel like what Moses saw on the Mount Sinai.

Moses fasted or did not eat nor drink for forty days and forty nights to receive Tabernacle teachings and Bride Tidings means that the flesh was weak or there was no flesh power anymore.

Now, we must **not use our flesh powers** such as intelligence, riches, and so on in receiving Tabernacle teachings and Bride Tidings, but **we use our faith and fully surrender** in the hand of God or the power of Holy Spirit.

The weaker our flesh is, the stronger Holy Spirit in us is.

The Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle teachings and are the same as the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword (**Hebrews 4: 12-13**).

The first sharpness or the Tabernacle teachings is for sanctifying us and the second one or the Bride Tidings is for renewing or changing us until we become the Bride of heaven.

THE SHARPNESS FOR SANCTIFYING

2 Timothy 2: 20-21

2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor.

2:21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

The sanctification done by the Word sharper than any two-edged sword or Bride Tidings will make us as **gold and silver**, not wood and grass that are easily burnt.

Although the wood and grass seem great now, they will be burnt when the fire of temptation comes.

The gold and silver are holy and pure more. They are able to endure the temptation; even the ministry becomes pure more. Let us become like them. Although the quantity is so little, there is quality in it.

The gold and silver experience sanctification in these two things.

1. **The sanctification from youthful lusts.**

2 Timothy 2: 22-23

2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2:23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

The youthful lusts are like a young lion in the vineyard Samson met.

The vineyard refers to the Bride Tidings. It means that the young lion is waiting in the ministry in Bride Tidings.

Judges 14: 5-6

14:5 So Samson went down to Timnah with his father and mother, and came to the vineyards of Timnah. Now to his surprise, a young lion came roaring against him.

14:6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion apart as one would have torn apart a young goat, though he had nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done.

The Spirit of the Lord refers to the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The meanings of the young lion or youthful lusts are as follows.

- Flesh desires, eye lusts, and the pride of life.

Flesh desires cause the sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage.

Eye lusts aim at the sins concerning eating-drinking.

The pride of life causes disobedience to the true teaching Word, even one hears other teachings like Eve. Consequently, there is fall and perdition.

- Flesh lusts = envy, revenge, hatred without any cause, murmur, and gossip.

They often happen in the vineyard. All the workers in the vineyard get one denarius, but the workers who have worked since the morning murmur and forget the promise that the wages are same, namely one denarius.

2 Timothy 2: 22

2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Being sanctified from the youthful lusts, we are in the vineyard, namely the marriage, shepherding, and fellowship in the upbringing of Bride Tidings. Moreover, we can live in righteousness, faith, love, peace and all things become easy and light.

2. The sanctification from strife or quarrel.

2 Timothy 2: 23-25

2:23 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

2:24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

The quarrel happens because of self-truth, namely covering the sin by blaming others, even God and the true teaching Word.

If we are sanctified from the quarrel, we will be able to do these things.

- Making reconciliation through confessing and forgiving one another.
- Returning to the Bible in the teachings. Do not add or take away the verse in the Bible and we will be united for sure.

Being sanctified from these two things, we are used in a great house or the ministry for building the perfect body of Christ.

THE SHARPNESS FOR RENEWING

We are renewed from fleshy man to spiritual one like Jesus with godly characteristics, namely the silver.

Proverbs 10: 20a

10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver;

'The tongue of the righteous' = honesty (= silver). It means saying 'yes' if yes and 'no' if no, whatever more than it is from the serpent. The serpent cannot walk straight forward, but turns to the left and the right.

The gold means obedience. Jesus is obedient to the point of death on the cross.

Ones who hold fast to the Bride Tidings will be shown as gold and silver as follows.

- Being sanctified and used, without being consumed by fire. The more hindrances and threats we have, the more we are used because we can **endure**.
- Being renewed, namely we have the **honesty and obedience**.

Acts 3: 6-10

3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." /strongli

3:7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

3:8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them--walking, leaping, and praising God.

3:9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

3:10 Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

'Silver and gold I do not have' = Peter did not have the physical gold and silver, but the spiritual ones, namely **HONESTY AND OBEDIENCE**.

Formerly, Peter lied by denying the Lord three times. Then, the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit or Bride Tidings (the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword) ruled over him, so he dared to bear witness about Jesus. It means that he had the **honesty or silver**.

Moreover, he was disobedient by putting Jesus besides him when He said that He would go to Jerusalem and be crucified. When he was commanded to be the fisher of men, he returned to become a fisherman. Nevertheless, he could be **obedient (have the gold)** then.

'In the name of Jesus Christ' = **the honest and obedient can cry the name of Jesus**.

As a result, we can experience the power of the name of Jesus, namely resurrection power that cannot be defeated by anything.

The lame from birth cannot be healed, but the power of healing or help of God is able to make the impossible things possible. There is physical miracle to create something that does not exist yet.

The spiritual miracle also happens that the lame could run and leap to the temple. It means enjoyment or **faithfulness and fervency in spirit** in the temple regardless of any test we have to face.

Isaiah 5: 7

5:7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

= The Lord is also pleased by His vineyards.

Do we enjoy in the vineyard of the Lord?

Let us have the renewal in our service and ministry, namely faithfulness and enjoyment in the vineyard or house of the Lord.

Genesis 28: 16-17, 20-22

28:16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

28:17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

28:20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,

28:21 "so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.

28:22 "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

= the service and ministry to God are as the gate of heaven. They bring the atmosphere of heaven.

If we have the faithfulness and enjoyment in the service and ministry to God, our clothing, bread, and house as well as the protection and heavenly joy will be provided. **God never fools us**. There are physical and spiritual miracles.

The last miracle will happen when Jesus comes a second time, namely we become as perfect as He is or His bride who is ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds (**Haggai 2: 9**: "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts.") and we are with Him forever.

God blesses you.