

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, September 01, 2014 (Monday Evening)

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

We are still in the book of **Revelation chapter 2-3**.

According to Tabernacle teaching, it refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of the Covenant.

The Ark of the Covenant refers to the Church.

It means the seven epistles for the seven churches of the Gentiles or **the last sanctification** that is done by God for the seven churches of the Gentiles in the last days that they can be made perfect or without blemish as Jesus is. They can be the perfect bride of heaven who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.

There are seven churches that experience the sprinkling of blood. The first church 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, 7

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.

2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."

The church in Ephesus has nine goodnesses, but there is still a blemish. The last sanctification is to remove the blemish.

The last sanctification for the church in Ephesus happens because they have **LOST THE FIRST LOVE**.

Not being sanctified or not receiving the sprinkling of blood, **the lampstand will be removed from its place**. It means living in the darkness and the curse of sin until there is perdition forever.

Verse 7 = the church in Ephesus will return to the Paradise of God if they receive the last sanctification. It is also God's promise to us (It has been explained in General Service in Surabaya, August 31, 2014).

The purpose of the sprinkling of blood is not to torment us although it really hurts our flesh, but to return us to paradise.

Why does God want to return the church in Ephesus or all of us to paradise?

Genesis 2: 25

2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

In the beginning, God created human to be as glorious as Him with the garment of glory, so they were not ashamed although they were naked in Garden Eden. Unfortunately, they fell in sin (**Genesis 3: 7, 10**).

Genesis 3: 7, 10

3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

3:10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Consequently, Adam and Eve lost the garment of glory, so they were naked and afraid or ashamed until they covered their nakedness with fig leaves and hid themselves. Finally, they were driven out of Garden Eden to enter the world which is full of curses, namely thorns, tears, sorrows, and so on.

Romans 3: 23

3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Since Adam and Eve sinned, all men in the world have sinned up to the peak as follows.

- The sins concerning eating-drinking, namely smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse.
- The sins concerning marrying-being given in marriage, namely sexuality sin with all its kinds, sexual deviation, and destruction in marriage up to the wrong marriage.

Consequently, human becomes the same as dog and sow that **are naked but do not feel ashamed**, so he cannot return to paradise, but live in the curse of sin or sorrow, tears, heavy burden, and weariness, up to perdition forever in the hell.

God does not want that the human He has created must be naked and cursed to perish forever, so **He longs and makes efforts** for returning the human to the paradise to rejoice with Him. It is the love, grace, and goodness of God, especially for us, the

church of the Gentiles.

How can it happen?

The initiative of God happens by making effort to return the garment of glory to the sinful men or naked church of the Gentiles.

Genesis 3: 21

3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

God covers the nakedness of human or the church of the Gentiles to return the garment of glory to us through **the offering of reconciliation**.

There are three levels of the offering of reconciliation as follows.

1. In Garden Eden.

God made tunics of skin by slaughtering and skinning the animal, but the animal was not evident and it was valid only for two people in the marriage.

We can take a lesson that our marriage must be reconciled. Do not keep any bitterness, envy, and revenge in the marriage.

Adam and Even were still driven out of Eden although they got the tunics of skin. Thus, such garment was not enough.

2. In the days of the Law.

The animal offering was evident as follows.

- Ox: for rich people.
- Goat and sheep: for middle class people.
- Turtledove: for poor people.

Nevertheless, it was valid only for one nation, namely Israel or God's chosen people. The Gentiles did not have any part in it, so they could not return to paradise. Therefore, there is the third level as follows.

3. In the last days or the days of the church.

John 19: 23-24

19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

19:24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

We do not need to bring animal offering because all animal offerings have been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Thus, Jesus as the Lamb of God must be slaughtered or dead on the cross to be skinned or stripped, so His garments can cover the nakedness of the church of God in the last days or the church of the Gentiles.

The only way to return to paradise is through the sacrifice of Christ or the first love.

Jesus gives these **three kinds of His garments** on the cross to cover the nakedness of the Gentiles.

a. The first garments of Jesus that was divided into four parts.

John 19: 23

19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

It means the garment of salvation or truth for all men from the four corners of the world.

How can we receive the garment of salvation?

Through **the gospel of salvation or good news**.

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,

The gospel of salvation is the gospel that preaches Jesus' first coming in the world to die on the cross and give the garment of salvation to the naked human or to cover the nakedness of sinful men.

The proof of receiving the garment of salvation or truth is the four bases of Christianity. They must be firm as the foundation for the building upon them, so that there is pillar of perfection.

- Faith/believing in Jesus as the only Savior through hearing the Word of Christ in the anointing of Holy Spirit.
The time we hear the Word of God determines whether the base of our Christianity is strong as the rock or not (as the soil).

The anointing of Holy Spirit makes us seriously hear the Word until we can understand and believe in it or we have a strong base.

- Repentance= stopping sinning to return to God or die to sin.

1 Peter 2: 1

2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice⁽¹⁾, all deceit⁽²⁾, hypocrisy⁽³⁾, envy⁽⁴⁾, and all evil speaking⁽⁵⁾,

It starts from throwing away five sins, namely malice up to lie (deceit). **We have not repented when we still lie.** On the contrary, we start to repent when we do not lie.

- Water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism.

It means the renewal of water and spirit to make us the same as newborn baby or spiritual baby as follows.

1 Peter 2: 2

2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

- **Living in the righteousness.**

- Always desiring the pure spiritual milk or the true shepherding Word.

A pastor is the same as a mother who gives the milk and a father who rebukes and advises through the teaching Word that sanctifies us to make us grow spiritually up to the perfection.

The newborn baby always longs for the milk, not other things. It means **the right feeling** to make us shepherded well and correctly.

If we are born of water and spirit, **our life and feeling will be right** to be shepherded well and correctly. We are as newborn baby who was naked and not ashamed because we have the garment of salvation, the lost part of the garment of glory. It means that we are justified and saved.

Psalm 5: 12

5:12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

As a result, we are surrounded as with a shield by God's blessings and mercy. We return to the atmosphere of paradise although we are living in the world as the wilderness that is full of curses now. If we are surrounded as with a shield, **the curse cannot touch us anywhere.**

b. **The tunic that was cast lots.**

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19:24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

It means that not all people may get it, but only the people who get the mercy of God or the chosen ones.

There are two meanings of Jesus' tunic as follows.

- **Revelation 19: 11, 13, 16**

19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

'Faithful and True' = Jesus.

'KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS' = Jesus as Heavenly Bridegroom (**Revelation 19: 6-7**).

The first meaning.

The robe is written "King of kings" or the Word of God that is written with the name of Heavenly Bridegroom. It means the Bride Tidings.

There are many people who are satisfied only by receiving the garment of salvation or gospel of salvation (the truth and blessings), but then they do not continue in receiving Bride Tidings.

In **2 Corinthians 4: 3-4**, the Bride Tidings is also called as the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

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 manifestation of God, namely the gospel that preaches Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds in the glory as the King of all kings and Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify the church of the Gentiles or the saved people to be as perfectas Jesus is and become the bride of God.

Thus, do not know Jesus only as the Savior because it only means the calling, or else one will murmur and deny Jesus when there is no help in facing temptation like a criminal who was crucified besides Jesus and blasphemed Him. There will be many people like him who leave the faith, especially when the temptation is increasing and the antichrist will persecute them.

We must know Jesus as the Bridegroom, so that we always need Him as the Husband or Head whether there is help or not.

Luke 23: 39

23:39 *Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."*

We will get the strength if we receive the Bride Tidings. **The more we are sanctified, the more we get the strength to face all temptations, even the antichrist** without being disappointed and hopeless, murmuring, and blaspheming, but giving thanks always to God.

Afterwards, we will get the second garment, namely the ministry.

o **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 second meaning.

The robe is the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit that God has trusted to a **HOLY** person, not to an intelligent or foolish one. This is the justice of God.

The five main ministries or offices can be expanded to musician, singer, and so on. The requirement is only holiness.

The ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit are as Joseph's tunic of many colors. Joseph had been sanctified before receiving it.

Genesis 37: 2

37:2 *This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.*

Where can we get the sanctification? In the sheepfold or Holy Place as the place to guarantee our sanctification.

How great a servant of God is, he cannot be sanctified if he is not inside the sheepfold, even he will be dry because of wandering as the fig tree by the way side.

'was feeding the flock' = entering the Holy Place or persevering in the three main services to God.

Jesus was twelve years old when He was in the temple.

Joseph was seventeen years old when he was feeding the flock.

Thus, **twelve up to seventeen years old is the most effective** time to be shepherded or persevere in the shepherding because it is the transition period when the flesh is so strong. Thus, the young people must be inside the sheepfold **to repress the flesh**.

Our body, soul, and spirit are sanctified intensively in the shepherding until **our mouth is sanctified**.

Joseph knew that his brothers hated him, but he told his father all the evil deeds of his brothers.

We have the sanctification to our mouth in the shepherding until we can reveal the truth or the true teaching Word. It means as follows.

- **The mouth says correctly**, including about the true teaching Word. It means honesty or we say "yes" if yes and "no" if no.
- We dare to **testify** about the true teaching Word.
- Until someday we do not stumble in words. We can be as perfect as Jesus is (**James 3: 2**).

As a result we are trusted these things.

- **The tunic that was woven from the top in one piece.**

John 19: 23

19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

It means the unity or **we are used in the ministry for building the one perfect body of Christ**.

- **The tunic was without seam.** It means there is no influence of human, but **purely comes from God**. After we are sanctified, God will give a burden in our heart to minister to Him.

- **The robe of ministry** = Joseph's tunic of many colors.

Genesis 37: 3

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.

Our life is made beautiful and successful by the ministry, not sorrowful.

c. **The garment of glory or bride's garment, namely fine linen that is clean and bright.** **Revelation 19: 6-8**

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."

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.

Revelation 7: 13-14

7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

How can we get it? Through being washed or dipped in the blood.

It means **the sprinkling of blood** or the suffering in the flesh together with Jesus, without any sin.

Do not be disappointed or hopeless in facing the sprinkling of blood because we are stepping forward to get the garment of glory when we suffer in the flesh together with Jesus.

The forms of the sprinkling of blood are as follows.

- Fasting prayer.

- All night long prayer.
- Being slandered or gossiped and blamed when we are right.
- Suffering because of ministering to God.

God is specializing us when the robe is dipped in the blood or we get the sprinkling of blood or suffer in the flesh without any sin. Moreover, **we are getting the great grace of God** that cannot be limited by anything in the world.

Many people are called to get salvation and blessing, but few are chosen to be shepherded and minister to God. Moreover, fewer people willingly get the suffering in the flesh without any sin or being specialized.

1 Peter 2: 19

2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

The suffering in the flesh without any sin or the sprinkling of blood is described as a pregnant woman who will deliver the baby. Her suffering gets more and more until nine months and ten days or the time comes for her to deliver the baby. It is the most powerless time for her or the peak of suffering.

We must endure until the time to deliver the baby comes and we will forget our suffering after that.

Be careful! There will be two possibilities at the peak of suffering when we are going to deliver the baby as follows.

- Being hopeless and disappointed until one despises and blasphemes God. He will be naked and lost forever.
- Worshiping God means groaning and crying to God.
A pregnant woman who will deliver the baby only cries and groans in pain to God; she cannot do anything.

We cry and groan to God for these things.

- Getting the redemption of our body or **the renewal** from fleshy man to spiritual one as Jesus is.

Romans 8: 22-23

8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

8:23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

A woman who will deliver the baby must be **strong and of good courage**, not disappointed or hopeless. We must keep on holding fast to the true teaching Word and giving thanks. Moreover, we must always be **obedient**. It is the greatest miracle.

Abraham was commanded to slaughter Isaac and he was obedient.

Peter was commanded to cast the net at midday on the seashore and he was obedient although at that time other fishermen would see him and consider that he was in distress.

- Facing the dragon or hard and impossible temptations, even the antichrist.

Revelation 12: 1-3

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

12:2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

'a great, fiery red dragon' = Satan with the impossible temptation and the antichrist that cannot be defeated. We can only cry and groan to God that His mercy, goodness, and power work to finish all our problems.

The power of God will protect and preserve us until the time when the antichrist reigns over the world. We are evacuated to the wilderness with the two wings of a great eagle to be protected and preserved by God for three years and six months.

The last miracle happens when Jesus comes a second time, that we are changed to be as glorious as He is, to be worthy of welcoming His second coming on the glorious clouds. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb and **RETURN TO FUTURE PARADISE** or a thousand years kingdom of peace and New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses you.

