

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, September 14, 2015 (Monday Evening)

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

We are in Revelation 2-3 (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, July 27, 2014).

We are learning Revelation 3: 14-22 about the church of the **LAODICEANS**. This is the last or the seventh church in the book of Revelation that shows the condition of the church in the last days (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, June 14, 2015).

Revelation 3: 18-19

3:18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

3:19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

God rebukes and advises the church of the Laodiceans with the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword; even chasten to make them or all of us buy the treasure of heaven.

Being vomited by God means they are useless before God, disgusting, unclean, cursed, and separated from Him until they perish forever.

If we are rich spiritually, we will never be vomited by God, but He will eat and enjoy. We can please Him and satisfy His heart. As a result, He will satisfy us.

There are **three kinds of heavenly treasure** that must be bought or possessed by the church of the Laodiceans or all of us as follows.

1. Gold refined in the fire (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, July 12, 2015 to Prayer Service in Surabaya, July 15, 2015). It refers to **the pure faith** or permanent, tested, and perfect one that is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming.
2. White garments (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, July 19, 2015) to Bible Study Service in Surabaya, August 17, 2015) that refer to **the garments of mercy and trust of God**.
 - a. Shepherding garments (it has been explained from Bible Study Service in Surabaya, July 20, 2015 to General Service in Surabaya, July 26, 2015).
 - b. Ministry garments (it has been explained from Prayer Service in Surabaya, August 5, 2015 to Bible Study Service in Surabaya, August 17, 2015).
3. Eye salves to anoint the eyes (it has been explained from Prayer Service in Surabaya, August 19, 2015 to General Service in Surabaya, September 6, 2015).

Matthew 6: 19-20

6:19. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

6:20 "but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

There are three enemies as follows.

1. Rust that destroys the metals (it has been explained from Bible Study Service in Surabaya, September 7, 2015).
2. Moth that destroys the white garment to cause nakedness (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, September 13, 2015).
3. Thieves that steal the anointing oil to cause the spiritual dryness.

We learn the second one, namely **MOTH** that destroys the white garment to cause nakedness.

The white garments mean the ministry. We are used in the ministry for building the perfect body of Christ or the bride of God wearing fine linen, clean and bright who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds and enter the heavenly kingdom.

Thus, **the white garments must increase to become the clean and bright fine linen.**

If there is a moth on the white garments, it will be corrupted.

Matthew 25: 26, 30

25:26. "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.

25:30 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The moth refers to **wickedness** and **laziness**.

WICKEDNESS

Proverbs 20: 4

20:4. The lazy man will not plow because of winter; He will beg during harvest and have nothing.

Wickedness means that one does not want to plow, sow, and reap. He does not work in winter. It means as follows.

1. Unfaithfulness in serving and ministering to God.
2. Unfaithfulness in the ministry God has entrusted.

Why? It is because the spirituality or the love has been cold in the winter or **NOT LOVING GOD.**

One cannot be faithful when he does not have the love.

If we love God, we will be faithful for sure.

Bing free from the moth or laziness means **FAITHFULNESS AND FERVENCY IN SPIRIT** in serving and ministering the **Lord until the end**; even it is eternal because of the encouragement of the eternal love of God until we get the clean and bright fine linen.

The end means as follows.

- We die.
- Jesus comes a second time.

The love is eternal, so our ministry will be eternal. On the contrary, it will stop on the way if the things that encourage are physical ones such as money, marriage partner, and so on.

WICKEDNESS

1 John 3: 11-12

3:11. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

3:12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

The wicked servant is like Cain murdering Abel. This is the moth.

Murder means the hatred and envy up to the hatred without a cause or **NOT LOVING OTHER PEOPLE.**

Cain and Abel were siblings. Do not keep the hatred in the marriage and household!

Being free from the moth or wickedness means that we **serve and minister to God with loving one another.**

1 John 3: 11

3:11. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

"love one another" is written five times in the first epistle of John. Why?

1. The repetitive Word is the statement of God's love to us.

2 Chronicles 36: 15

36:15. And the LORD God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place.

It is useful to remind us.

2. The repetitive Word gives assurance to our faith so that we are not tossed to and fro by the false teachings. We can be firmer.

Philippians 3: 1b

(3-1b) For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe.

3. To create increase and development in the revelation of God's Word.

As a result, there is an increase in the sanctification and spirituality of the congregation until they are as perfect as Jesus is. The Word will not be repeated if we have been perfect.

Only the ones who are appointed by God to be **the pastors can repeat the Word**.

Only the ones who are appointed by God to be **the sheep can willingly chew the Word twice** or more. The beasts will not do that.

The five times of 'love one another' are as follows.

1. 'love one another' as **the message of the Word**.

1 John 3: 11

*3:11. For this is **the message** that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,*

1 John 4: 20

4:20. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

It is important news in the Bride Tiding. Why?

- a. Through the message 'love one another', there is a true and perfect fellowship, namely the one whose base is the true teaching Word like a branch that dwells in the true Vine.

1 John 1: 1, 3

1:1. That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life--

1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

The true teaching Word is Jesus Himself.

There are two kinds of fellowship as follows.

- i. The fellowship with others in the body of Christ. It begins from the marriage. The foundation is the true teaching Word and it becomes true and eternal fellowship.
- ii. The fellowship between the body and the Head when Jesus comes a second time or the eternal one.

The fellowship seems harmonious, but it is in a dustbin if there is no true Vine; even it is a conspiracy to resist against the true one.

The Pharisees and Herodians had the different ideology, but they became one to resist against Jesus, the true. Consequently, there was perdition for them.

- b. To make us not enter the hatred without a cause or the antichrist.

Matthew 24: 9-10

24:9. "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

24:10 "And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

Dislike feelings must be finished, or else there will be hatred; even hatred without a cause.

2. 'love one another' as **the commandment of God** that must be done, or else one is sinful. **1 John 3: 23**

*3:23. And this is His **commandment**: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.*

John 13: 10-14

13:10. Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

13:12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

13:13 "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

13:14 "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

'Teacher' = the true teaching Word.

Doing the commandment of God to love one another, **there will be the result**, namely we become the disciples of God. We have to wash one another's feet in the ministry. It spiritually means that we must love, advise, honor, support, and humble ourselves one another. Do not fall one another. We can be appointed as the disciples of God.

A disciple means someone that is trusted by God to inherit the teaching Word and experience the power to sanctify his life from the dirtiest feet.

The will of money makes the servants of God stingy and greedy.

Stinginess means that one cannot give for the work of God and other people who need. Greediness means that one robs the possession of others, especially God, namely tithes and offerings.

The term dirty means not beautiful.

Check your life when it is not beautiful although you have ministered to God, whether there are the dirty feet, especially the sins of Judas Iscariot, or not. The lust of money means the evil lust. It comes together with uncleanness one.

Romans 10: 15

10:15. *And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

The dirty feet must be sanctified! As a result, our life steps become beautiful.

3. 'love one another' as an **invitation**.

1 John 4: 7

4:7. *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.*

The main duty of the church is testifying and inviting other people.

Revelation 22: 16-17

22:16. *"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."*

22:17 *And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.*

It means that we are shining in the midst of the darkness. There are many people that still remain in the darkness, namely hatred, envy, and fear. Let us illuminate them so that they can be the members of the body of Christ.

The more we testify and invite others, the brighter light we have, until we become the same as Jesus, namely the bright and morning star that never falls.

Isaiah 14: 12-14

14:12. *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!*

14:13 *For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;*

14:14 *I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'*

'son of the morning' = the chief of angels, namely Lucifer.

Lucifer has all things that are in Jesus, except the fear of the Lord, so he resists against God.

Lucifer said 'I will' five times. It means the peak of arrogance. Consequently, he was fallen and destroyed.

It is contradictory to the peak of humbleness of Jesus, namely the obedience or the fear of the Lord until He dies on the cross with **five main wounds**, so He is exalted to be the bright and morning star.

4. 'love one another' as **an example**.

1 John 4: 10-11

4:10. *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

The facts found in it are as follows.

- a. Not owing sins. We must finish the sins.

Romans 13 : 8

13:8. Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

It happens through reconciliation, namely confessing and forgiving sins one another. We must pay our money debt and do not give any disadvantage to others.

As a result, God will finish and arrange all things well in our life. The debt refers to something that has not been finished yet.

- b. Loving other people who are in deficiency by giving to them in the truth, not to have dominion over them.

1 John 3: 16-17

3:16. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

3:17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?

Jesus has given the example by giving His soul to us, so we have to give our soul to other people.

What must be given?

- i. Riches or physical things.
- ii. Spiritual treasure, namely the Word through cassette, VCD/DVD.
- iii. Our soul like Jesus. It is especially for a wife that must be obedient to the husband like Jesus, who is obedient to Father God until He gives His soul.

5. 'love one another' until we get the perfect love.

1 John 4: 12

4:12. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

Matthew 5: 43-45, 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.

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

'He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good' = the perfect love is without partiality. All men have the same opportunity.

The perfect love is like the sun that we can love our enemies or the people who make hostility and give disadvantage towards us. We can pray for them that they will be forgiven and helped by God. As a result, the sunshine can reach the valley and there is no more darkness.

The function of the love of the sun is to make the rainbow of God's glory appear.

Ezekiel 1: 28

1:28. Like the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

The greater the dark cloud is, the clearer rainbow of God's glory will be. Do not go back!

The results are as follows.

- a. Protecting us from the spiritual flood as follows.

Genesis 9: 13-15

9:13. *"I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.*

9:14 *"It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud;*

9:15 *"and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.*

- i. Protecting us from sins up to the peak, namely the ones concerning eating drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage.
 - ii. Protecting us from disaster, accident, and shocks; even when the antichrist reigns over the world.
 - iii. Protecting our marriage and children.
 - iv. Protecting us from the judgment of God, namely the doomsday and hell.
- b. Solving all problems, even the impossible ones.
The rainbow of God's glory gives us beautiful and successful future life in the midst of difficulties and impossibilities.
- c. Sanctifying and changing our life from fleshly man to spiritual one like Jesus. It begins from **honesty and believing.**

We honestly say "yes" if yes, "no" if no, and "right" if right, "false" if false.

It is especially about the true teaching Word we have to support and false teachings we have to firmly reject and leave.

Lazarus, Martha, and Mary loved Jesus, but they had to face the dark clouds and heavy rain because Lazarus was sick until dead and buried for four days. It means that he was rotten already. Jesus came and said "*Take away the stone.*" Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "*Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.*" She wanted to cover the rottenness. Jesus said to her, "*Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?*"

The honesty means that we reveal all rotten things that have caused the dark clouds, heavy rain, and destruction.

If we have honesty and believe, we will see the rainbow of God's glory. All problems are solved, namely Lazarus could be resurrected and the face became bright or joyful.

Being honest and believing are the same as lifting up our two hands to God.

The last miracle will happen when Jesus comes a second time, that we can be as perfect as He is to be worthy of welcoming His second coming on the glorious clouds. We are glorified up to the eternal glory.

God blesses you.