

General Service in Malang, April 21, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:14

21:14 Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The New Jerusalem is full of number twelve. It means that the church must have the number twelve spiritually in order to be able to enter the heavenly kingdom. **The twelve apostles mean as follows:**

1. The true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.

- **Being built on the foundation of the apostles (the New Testament) and the prophets (the Old Testament).**
Ephesians 2:20-21

2:20 *having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,*

2:21 *in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,*

It is the same as the Word of God which is written in the Bible and revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible or the true teaching Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword.

The Word is able to sanctify our heart from the following things:

- a. Evil will or the will of money, namely stinginess or not being able to give and greediness or stealing the possession of God and others. It is sanctified until we can feel more joyful to give than to receive.
- b. Uncleanliness or fornication.
- c. Bitterness of heart.

The deeds and words are also sanctified. We live in holiness.

Thus, the base for entering the heavenly kingdom is holiness.

- **Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone.**

1 Peter 2:6-7

2:6 *Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."*

2:7 *Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"*

It is the same as the sacrifice of Christ on the cross or the reconciliation offerings for sins. We can make peace or confess and forgive one another. As a result, the blood of Jesus forgives us our sins. Our heart is peaceful and all things become easy and light.

Hebrews 12:14

12:14 *Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:*

If we live in holiness and peace, we will be able to see the Lord. The results are as follows:

- a. We can see ourselves in many weaknesses, so we are encouraged to make peace, not to judge others.
- b. We can see others who are in need.
- c. We will never stumble until the end line.

2. The ministry.

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,*

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

12:4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

12:5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

12:6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

We are equipped with the following things:

- [verse 5] The ministry from the Son of God as the place for us in the body of Christ or our place in the New Jerusalem.
- [verse 4] The gifts of Holy Spirit or the miraculous ability from Holy Spirit to enable us to minister to God according to the ministry which He has entrusted.

The ministry and gifts are the same as the beautiful tunic. Ministering to God in holiness and peace is the same as wearing the beautiful tunic. The more we are holy, faithful, and peaceful, our ministry and life will be more beautiful and sweeter. Our life is glorified from now on in the world until we get the eternal life in heaven.

Ministering to God without holiness and peace is the same as being naked. The life becomes sour and bitter or ashamed.

- The work of love from Father God.

Ministering to God with His love, we will never get bored up to the eternity. We are accompanied by the Trinity of God. The trinity of Satan cannot touch us.

3. The fellowship.

There are two kinds as follows:

- The fellowship with others or the fellowship of the body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding.

We can love others like we love ourselves; even we can love our enemy. We only do good deeds until repaying good for evil.

- The fellowship with God or loving God more than all things. We can be obedient and faithful until the flesh does not speak anymore like Jesus who loves us and becomes obedient and faithful until His death on the cross.

We must sacrifice all things for being active in the edification of the body of Christ.

Why must we bear the cross in the edification of the body of Christ?

1 Corinthians 1:23-24

1:23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

We must bear the cross because behind the cross, there are wisdom and power of God which more than anything in the world. The functions are as follows:

- The wisdom and power of God are able to perform the miracles.

Matthew 13:54-55

13:54 And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

13:55 "Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not His mother called Mary? And His brothers James, Joses, Simon, and Judas?"

The spiritual miracle means changing our life until we do not lie, but become honest and obedient.

The wisdom and power of God are able to remove impossibilities.

- Protecting and preserving our life that is powerless like a piece of hair in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Revelation13:18

13:18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Spiritually, the wisdom and power of God preserve the ministry or the beautiful tunic so that we are not stripped by the Antichrist. We keep on living in righteousness and holiness. We also keep on serving and ministering to God in faithfulness and fervency in spirit until the end line. We also get the beautiful successful future life until we are changed to be as perfect as Jesus is.

God blesses you.