

General Service in Malang, August 06, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

There are four appearances of Jesus in Revelation 19:6-21 as follows:

1. As the King of kings.
2. As the Heavenly Bridegroom.
3. [verse 11-16] as the High Priest.
4. [verse 17-21] as the Righteous Judge.

Revelation 19:16

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

Jesus is the Lord of lords or the Lord over all servants. It means that Jesus is the High Priest or the chief of the priests.

Jesus is the King of kings or the chief of the kings.

Thus, the appearance of Jesus with the two names, namely Lord of lords and King of kings, means that Jesus appears as the High priest and King or the chief of the priests and kings.

We must be the priests and kings.

Jesus must die, rise, and ascend to heaven for becoming the High Priest and King who sits at the right side of the throne of God for appointing us as the priests and kings because the inhabitants of the Paradise and Heavenly Kingdom are priests and kings.

A priest refers to one who is holy. He must dwell in the Holy Place or be shepherded well and correctly. He bears the service and ministry to God or serves and ministers to Him according to the ministry which God has entrusted to him.

The priests and kings have victory over sins (so, he can live in holiness) and over hindrances.

A priest must have the three following things:

1. The good characteristics, namely obedience and faithfulness.
2. The potential or miraculous ability from Holy Spirit.
3. The ordination [Exodus 29] or the true service and ministry to God that cannot be separated from the true garments [Exodus 28].

Exodus 28:1-2,31

28:1 "Now take Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron's sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

28:2 "And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty.

28:31 " You shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue.

One of the garments of the High Priest is the robe of the ephod all of blue that refers to the power of resurrection for defeating the death or sins.

Romans 6:23

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The sins are also defeated by the forgiveness by the grace of God.

Thus, the power of resurrection is the same as the forgiveness of sin.

A priest must have the robe of the ephod, namely the forgiveness or payment of the debt of sin.

Matthew 18:23-27

18:23 "Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

18:24 "And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.

18:25 "But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

18:26 "The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

18:27 "Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

The forgiveness of sin is described as a king who was merciful to set free a person who owed him ten thousand talents. One talent is the same as six thousand denarii. Thus, ten thousand talents equals to sixty billion denarii.

One denarius refers to the salary for one day. Thus, salary for one year equals to three hundred denarii. To pay the debt of ten thousand talents, one needs two hundred thousand years. It refers to the debt that cannot be paid by anything, namely the debt of sin. Do not be reckless by doing sin!

John 1:29

1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

All things in the world cannot finish sin, but only Jesus.

The base of paying the debt of sin is the grace or mercy of God.

Why do we have to pay the debt of sin?

1. **Not paying the debt of sin, but living in sins or not having on the garments of forgiveness, one is naked and must be sold.** It means entering the persecution of the Antichrist for three and a half years.

Matthew 18:25

18:25 "But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.

There will be two possibilities as follows:

- Keeping on believing Jesus or not worshiping the Antichrist, one will be persecuted and beheaded, but raised when Jesus comes a second time to enter the One Thousand Year Kingdom of Peace.
- Many will deny Jesus and worship the Antichrist until being stamped with triple six and becoming the same as the Antichrist to be destroyed.

2. **Because the wage of sin is death.**

Romans 6:23

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What is the debt of sin which must be paid?

- **The sinful deeds up to the peak.**

2 Corinthians 5:10

5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- **Meaningless words, lies, gossips, and slanders.**

Matthew 12:36

12:36 "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

- **The desires of sin in the heart.**

Romans 2:16

2:16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

The ways to pay the debt of sin are as follows:

1. [Matthew 18:23-27] **Paying the debt of sin from man to God (vertical).**

It is through confessing sin to God by the encouragement of the teaching Word honestly regardless of any risk which we have to take like the woman of Samaria who gets divorce-remarrying five times.

If we confess our sin honestly, God will not punish us, but forgives us. We can be the witness of God.

1 John 1:7,9

1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Every time we confess our sin to God, the blood of Jesus will be active for doing the following things:

- Forgiving or covering our sin by His blood, so there is no remnant of it anymore. God cannot point at the sin. Satan cannot accuse us and we do not feel accused.
- Sanctifying us from all evil or pulling out the roots of sin, so we get the deliverance from sin or we do not commit sin anymore. It is the same as receiving the garments of forgiveness or the robe of the ephod.

1 John 1:8,10

1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Not being willing to confess sin because of self-truth is the same as deceiving ourselves and being empty of the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love until there is no satisfaction, but murmuring, grumbling, and blaming at others.

2. Paying the debt of sin to other people (horizontal).

Matthew 18:28-35

18:28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'

18:29 "So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'

18:30 "And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

18:31 "So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.

18:32 "Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me.

18:33 'Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'

18:34 "And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

18:35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

The process is through confessing and forgiving one another by the encouragement of the Word.

As a result, the blood of Jesus forgives our sins until there is no remnant anymore or we get the garments of forgiveness.

The evil servants do not want to confess and forgive one another. Consequently, they keep on being under the judgment of God.

Colossians 2:13-14

2:13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

2:14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

If we confess sin to God and others as well as do not commit any sin, the debt of sin has been nailed on the cross, namely being paid by the blood of Jesus, so it is not valid anymore. We are set free from the judgment of sin.

If the debt of sin has not been paid yet, one will be the accused until he is in distress and craziness until perishing.

To be able to give us the garments of the forgiveness or paying the debt of sin, Jesus was willingly stripped on the cross and He drank the sour wine mingled with gall or the bitterness because of sin until crying out "it is done" and being dead on the cross.

The proof that the debt of sin has been paid is that we wear the garments of forgiveness.

1. Loving one another.

Romans 13:8-9

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

13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We only do good deeds. We never do evil thing or harm others. We do not repay evil for evil, but good for evil.

2. Loving God more than anything.

1 John 4:20-21

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?

4:21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

It is the same as having the two tablets of stone or the perfect love.

Do we have the love of God? The greatest losing on the last days is losing the love of God. For example, Peter denied the Lord (not loving the Lord) and cut the ear of Malchus (not loving others).

The functions of the love of God or the two tablets of stone are as follows:

1. The two tablets of stone destroyed the golden calf as follows:

- Idol, namely all things which hinder us to love God or sins up to the peak. It is destroyed until we can live in righteousness and holiness as well as we are close to God.
- Hardness of heart or disobedience. It is changed into obedience.
- Lukewarmness or not being defeated nor victorious. It is the same as unfaithfulness. It is changed into faithfulness.

Being holy, obedient, and faithful is the same as being on the Lord's side. As a result, God is on our side and who can be against us? The love of God is able to protect and preserve our life. The love of God saves us with our family and gives us miraculous help. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the edification of Christ's body.

2. Moses' face shone.

The love of God is able to change us to be strong and of good courage. We do not get disappointed or hopeless and leave God, but keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry until Jesus comes a second time.

The heart becomes peaceful. The face shines. All things become easy and light.

Who can separate us from the love of God? Our position is like John who leaned on Jesus' bosom. The love of God makes us more than conquerors. Nothing is impossible for God. There is beautiful and successful future life until we are changed to be as perfect as Jesus is.

God blesses you.