

General Service in Malang, August 25, 2013 (Sunday Morning)

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

Matthew 28:20b

28:20 I am with you always, to the end of the age. Amen.

The accompaniment of God is to the end of the age. It means He is with us from now in the middle of difficult world so our life will be easy and light. Moreover, He is also with us during the days of antichrist who will reign for three years and a half, so we will be evacuated to the wilderness. He is also with us until we are lifted up to the glorious clouds on His second coming. At last, we will sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever.

The accompaniment of God is our main need and cannot be replaced by anything else in this world.

Revelation 3:21

3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Who may get the accompaniment of God starting from now on until to sit together with Him on His throne? They are those who overcome together with Jesus.

The requirements to overcome together with Jesus are as follows.

1. Being called, chosen, and faithful.
2. Being anointed by the Holy Spirit.
3. Being obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore.

Philippians 2:8-10

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Jesus is obedient to the point of death on the cross so He receives the name that has power to beat Satan the trinity. He is glorified to the highest place and sits on the throne of Heaven.

Thus, the requirement to overcome together with Jesus is being obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore.

ad. 3. Being obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore.

As an example in the Holy Bible, Abraham was obedient until sacrificing Isaac, his only son.

Genesis 6:5-6

6:5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6:6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

But the fact is the heart of human tends to be wicked and unclean, so there are deeds making God grieved. Such deeds must make parents and pastor (spiritual parents) grieved also. This kind of life is against the kingdom of Heaven. One who has wicked heart will receive the consequence.

Genesis 6:7-8

6:7 So the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

In the past, wicked heart dragged the judgment from God, that is the great flood that destroyed all human belongings. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

2 Peter 3:10

3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the

elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

Now, in the last day, a wicked heart will drag the judgment of God from the heaven.

Where can we get an obedient heart?

1 Peter 3:20-22

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves usâ€”baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

We can get it through the true water baptism. We must be careful because there is false water baptism. The true water baptism is as the ark of Noah. There must be other advanced ships, but only the ark of Noah that can save the people.

Romans 6:4

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The true water baptism is one who has died to sin must be buried in water together with Jesus and come out of water to raise in new life that has new conscience, that is an obedient conscience. If our water baptism is true, there is hope to sit on the throne of God.

In the past, eight people got the grace so they might enter the ark of Noah and were saved from the great flood. It means as follows.

1. Only few people who want to enter the true water baptism, but they will get a heart that obeys the true teaching Word. The result is being saved from the judgment of God and receiving the blessing from God. It is until we are lifted up (orbited) and sit on the throne of Heaven.
2. These eight people consist of four couples. It refers to the marriage that receives the grace of God so they can enter the ark of Noah. The marriage has one true water baptism, one true shepherding, one true teaching Word, and one true ministry, so they will not be separated forever.

A good conscience will not criticize the true teaching Word. A good conscience will only be obedient.

The daily practices of an obedient heart are as follows.

1. Our whole life is purified so we can live in holiness and have sincere love of brethren. We love the others as ourselves.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

It is the same as the second tablet of the two tablets of stone. The manifestation of having the second tablet of the two tablets of stone is started from within the household.

Ephesians 5:22-24

5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

5:24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

The true love of a wife is being obedient to her husband in everything. This kind of wife will make the household as sweet as honey.

Ephesians 5:25

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

The true love of a husband is loving his wife as himself and not being bitter toward her. Thus, he will be as strong as the lion of the tribe of Judah.

Marriage is as a riddle. If we can guess according to the Word, we will live in this world as in the heaven. When the riddle of

Samson is answered, the cloth of glory will be given, up to the perfect marriage.

Ephesians 6:1

6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

The true love of children is being obedient to their parents in everything.

1 John 3:11,17-18

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

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?

3:18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

We must also open the door of our heart to the others who are in need, until we can feel that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

When we are allowed to see the others who are in need, let us open the door of our heart. As a result, the door of Heaven will also be opened. If we close the door of our heart and ignore the others, it equals to closing the door of Heaven.

2. Loving God more than everything. It equals to the first tablet of the two tablets of stone.

John 14:15

14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

The practice is being well shepherded, that is entering perseverance in three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlestick, that is perseverance in General Service.
- Table of Showbread, that is perseverance in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.
- Golden Altar of Incense, that is perseverance in Prayer Service.

In the true shepherding, the pastor and sheep must be inside the pen. The result is God's care and protection in the middle of this difficult world as a wilderness. God also protects us from three times of seven judgments. Until he protects us from the judgment in the hell.

Being obedient means our heart is filled with two tablets of stone. It is our victory until we can sit together with Jesus in His throne. The results of having two tablets of stone are as follows.

1. Destroying the gold calf.

Exodus 32:19-20

32:19 So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

32:20 Then he took the calf which they had made, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder; and he scattered it on the water and made the children of Israel drink it.

The gold calf means as follows.

- Being stiff-necked or hardening the heart that must be destroyed by the love of God. The practice is always arguing and opposing the Word. It must be renewed so we are silent more. We do not doubt and oppose the Word. We check ourselves and pray more to God.
- Corrupt attitude, that is sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. It also includes broken marriage and mixed marriage. One also does false ministry that uses system from this world.

Exodus 32:7

32:7 And the Lord said to Moses, Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

Everything must be corrected by the love of God, so we have righteous life, marriage, and ministry.

- Being spiritually lukewarm, not the noise of the shout of victory, nor the noise of the cry of defeat.

Exodus 32:18

32:18 But he said: It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear.

The two tablets of stone destroy the spiritual lukewarmness, so we are always faithful and fervent in spirit in ministry.

2. Facing the teaching of Pharisees, that is the teaching that lets one who has married in front of God marry the other one and be blessed in front of God.

Matthew 22:34-39

22:34 *But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together.*

22:35 *Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying,*

22:36 *“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?”*

22:37 *Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”*

22:38 *This is the first and great commandment.*

22:39 *And the second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Luke 10:25-29

10:25 *And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”*

10:26 *He said to him, “What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?”*

10:27 *So he answered and said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”*

10:28 *And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.”*

10:29 *But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”*

The two tablets of stone are to destroy self-truth, that is the truth got by blaming the others.

Mark 12:28-34

12:28 *Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first commandment of all?”*

12:29 *Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

12:30 *And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment.*

12:31 *And the second, like it, is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”*

12:32 *So the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He.*

12:33 *And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”*

12:34 *Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God. But after that no one dared question Him.*

The two tablets of stone are to face questions, problems, and tears. The greatest question is when questioning the true teaching Word. It is the time when tears drop more, and many problems are unsolved.

3. Renewal of the countenance.

Exodus 34:29

34:29 *Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses’ hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.*

Falling countenance happens because of getting angry, envy, and hatred (as Cain who was getting angry to Abel). It can be helped by the love of God so one will have radiant countenance.

Sad countenance caused by marriage problem (as experienced by Hannah) can also be helped by the love of God so one will have radiant countenance.

Sad countenance because of being discouraged and disappointed (as two disciples on the road to Emmaus) can be radiated by the love of God so one will have radiant countenance.

Pale countenance because of being afraid and worried, ashamed countenance, bad and unclean countenance can be radiated by the sun of God’s love so one will have radiant countenance.

The woman who commits adultery is luckily brought to Jesus so she receives the sunshine of God's love. She is pale, afraid, shy, worrying, sad, but luckily she is brought to Jesus. This woman is as hard as stone, but God wants to write and illuminate her with His love.

When Lazarus dies for four days, Martha has sad countenance and she forbids God to open the tomb. Martha doubts the true teaching Word and the love of God. Martha becomes hard stone and experiences rottenness. But when the tomb is opened, the sunshine radiates everything and the rotten things become good. No matter how rotten our life is, the sunshine of God's love is able to make everything good.

God blesses us.