

General Service in Malang, December 19, 2010 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

1 Peter 2:1-2

*2:1. Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,
2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*

Physically, The children is born and lives in the hand of their mother. They are fed by milk from their mother

Why do we have to perform child submission service ?

To make the children become spiritual newborn babies in the God's hand.

The process happens as follows:

- Throwing away all malice, all deceit, envy, and all evil speaking. Live in righteousness.
- Consuming the pure milk of the word, being shepherding and enjoying hearing the True Shepherding Word = living in the God's hand.
- Using mouth only to praise and worship God.

Matthew 21:15-16

*21:15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant
21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise?'"*

In the Great Shepherd's hand, we experience the physical miracles in the world which is already tough also experience the spiritual miracles (the renewal of life) to welcome the Jesus' second coming.

GENERAL SERVICE

Matthew 25:31-34

*25:31. "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.
25:32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.
25:33 "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left."
25:34 "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:."*

Jesus appears as King of kings and Great Shepherd to divide sheep and goats at the time of His second coming. Beware, this separation will be more strict, even to two people on one bed separated; one becomes sheep which is lifted up and another becomes goat that will be left and perish eternally.

Every single person must be responsible of himself/herself. No one can rely on the other, neither husband relies on his wife, nor wife relies on her husband, nor children rely on their parents, etc.

Each of us is struggling/fighting earnestly to become the God's sheep in these last days.

Sheep's position is at the right, and goat's position is at the left.

The base of separation is the heavenly wisdom.

Ecclesiastes 10:2

10:2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand, But a fool's heart at his left.

The sheep are at the right hand because of having heavenly wisdom, while the goats are at the left because of being spiritually foolish.

The facts found in spiritually foolish goats are as follows:

Psalm 74:18

74:18 Remember this, [that] the enemy has reproached, O LORD, And [that] a foolish people has blasphemed Your name

The foolish goat like to **blaspheme God's name.**

The levels are showed as follows:

1. Often complaining / nagging.

The Israelites have come out from Egypt but they had no gratitude even they complain to God. Just like us, maybe we always complain about why something happens although we already worship and minister Him faithfully.

Numbers 14:29

14:29 The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.

From all people of Israel, only 2 men who were still alive in wilderness, namely : Joshua and Caleb. The rest of them were complaining and degenerating spiritual level to carcasses.

2. Often blaspheming God, His Word, the neighbor, etc.

Revelation 13:1-2,5-6

1:1. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name.

1:2 Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like [the feet of] a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

1:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for fortytwo months.

1:6 Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven..

That kind of life becomes like Antichrist who will be perished eternally.

This morning, Let us **struggle to become a sheep which is always gives thanks and worships Him.**

Complaining, we will blaspheme God, but giving thanks, we will worship Him.

Psalm 107:1-2

107:1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for [He is] good! For His mercy [endures] forever.

107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say [so], Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

We always give thanks **for His mercy and kindness that redeemed us from all sins with His own blood.**

Exodus 13:13

13:13 But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem [it], then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

Whatever the condition of the Gentiles (smart, rich, etc), Without redemption of Jesus, everything that we have or everything that we are proud of is useless like being born only to be broken neck.

Without redemption, the Gentiles is nothing.

When we can give thanks because of the redemption of the blood of Jesus, surely we also can give thanks in everything.

When we are blessed, we give thanks. All happen because God redeemed us.

When we are in trouble, we still give thanks because God has redeemed us. That's important.

Revelation 5:9-10

5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

There are 3 kinds of redemption that we experience as follows:

1. The redemption of tribe and nation.

Meaning:

- o Do not discriminate tribe in society.
- o We are redeemed from the World with all influence (Each nation shows their respective positions in this world).

James 4:4 (old version and new version)

4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

The proof that we are redeemed from world is : Being faithful to worship and minister God.

Being unfaithful = Committing Adultery = Being Babylon prostitutes who will be perished eternally.
Being unfaithful life = being useless.

Everyone, each of us, struggle and pray for being faithful. Then God will show us the way.

2. The redemption of clan/family.

Meaning: We are redeemed from the flesh with all its desires.

Romans 8:7

8:7 Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be..

The proof that we are redeemed from the flesh with all its desires is : **Being obedient to the True Teaching Word with all the risk.**

We often are more afraid to the humans. For example : worries, afraid of fights, and etc. So we let ourselves (together) to become unfaithful to The Words.

Jesus' example is being obedient to the death of the cross.

We often obey God's command (the Word) only when it fits with the flesh voice.

We are used to be obedient in childhood, but once we become unfaithful. Don't be like that (Don't just tell about your past, But how does you behave now?)

3. The redemption of language/tongue.

Meaning : We experience the redemption of sins. Tongue is the most sinful part of our body.

The proof that we are redeemed from tongue/sins :

- Do not tell a lie, do not hide something = Being honest.

As long as we still tell a lie or hide something, We aren't redeemed.

For example :

- Even though we are unfaithful, The tongue exaggerates itself to be redeemed by God. It is the same as knowing God without the right understanding.
- Even though we are unfaithful in worshiping and ministering God, The tongue sings to be redeemed by God.

Following God in earnest, do not be deceived!

The Life that stands still in telling a lie = Has no hope.

- Do not stumble in word/tongue.

James 3:2

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he [is] a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

If we do not stumble in word = We will become perfect, there is no blemish again.

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Those who experience 3 kinds of this redemption will be shown as:

1. The priests and the kings.

The priests and the kings = life that has accepted the tunic of many colors. Their life becomes more beautiful.

If we feel that our life is not beautiful anymore, We must check our tunic. Maybe it has already had a hole (unfaithful) or maybe our tunic is dirty (full with sins, lie, etc)

Let us check the redemption, Has the tunic been washed by the blood of the Lamb?

Is there still a redemption from the world, the flesh and sins?

GOD NEVER DECIEVES US

Upon the cross, He was willing that His tunic of many colors was taken off in order to give it to us. God never lets our life become not beautiful.

Although we have removed the tunic, as long as we hear the warning from the Teaching Word, Let us back into ministering God. Once the chance is closed, we can't go back there again.

Leaving Ministry = Being naked.

Three Possibilities that will happen are as follows:

- Wearing the tunic of many colors and his life is beautiful.
- Wearing holey tunic or dirty tunic then his life is no longer beautiful.
- Taking off the tunic = being naked, even the intestines is poured out just like Judas.

2. The Perfect and Spotless Heavenly Bride like Jesus.

Revelation 12:1

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.

We will be appear with the sun, the moon, and the stars = the Light of the World as Jesus is, no more sins/spotless.

The Condition of Church that has been redeemed in the last days is only one step more to become Heavenly Bride like pregnant woman who is about to give birth (being painful and weak the most) and faces the huge fiery-red dragon.

Revelation 12:2-3

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

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

Why? **Î In order that we can only cry out and hope (fully rely) to God = Worshiping God.**

With the permission of God, We often faces huge problems. Remember, Do not complain / nag. **Call upon His Name, Jesus!**

Calling upon Jesus, Worshiping God is the key to be renewed, namely : the redemption from flesh

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.

The smallest proof of renewed life begins with **PATIENCE, BEING STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE** (Learning from the pregnant woman who is about to give birth).

Be patient, strong and good courage to face all problems that become harder day by day, until the time before giving birth = the labor peak that decides :

Are we disappointed/desperate? Then we are perished eternally.

Are we complaining / nagging, or blaspheming God? Then we become carcass.

Are we patient, strong and of good courage? Do we still call upon His name? God will make all those things beautiful in His Time.

There is hope to make everything good, beautiful, and perfect.

1 Chronicles 19:13

19:13 "Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do [what is] good in His sight."

1 Thessalonians 3:13

3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

God blesses us.