

General Service in Malang, December 20, 2015 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

The proofs that a child is God's gift to us are as follows.

1. Eyes are fixed on God.

1 Samuel 2:1-2

2:1 And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

2:2 "No one is holy like the Lord, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.

It means that we put God first in our life.

2. They are like arrows in God's hands.

Psalms 127:3-4

127:3 Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

127:4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

Arrows are the weapon of truth and glory. God will use children in the building of the body of Christ. They will be faithful and fervent in the ministry to God according to the positions that God has entrusted to them.

Being faithful and fervent in the ministry is like attacking the enemies with the arrows so that we will win with God. On the contrary, if we are not faithful and fervent, it means we are attacked by the evil with the arrows until we fall and die.

If God uses us, we will be always victorious until we become His on His second coming.

God blesses us.

GENERAL SERVICE

Grace and peace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 3:14-22 is about the church of the Laodiceans or the church of the end of time.

Revelation 3:16-17

3:16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

3:17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'--and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--

The church of the Laodiceans was lukewarm. It means that they were physically rich, they needed nothing, but they were spiritually empty. The church of the Laodiceans was putting the physical aspects first, but they did not want to be filled with the true teaching. The consequence is they became like chaff to be burnt, be vomited by God, and separated from Him forever and ever.

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.

That is why God rebuked, advised, and chastened us to buy the wealth of heaven so that we will not be lukewarm and vomited, but we can be eaten and can satisfy God. There are 3 kinds of the wealth of heaven as follows.

1. Gold refined in the fire.
2. The white garment to cover the nakedness.
3. Eye salve to anoint the eyes.

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Eye salve is used so that we are not blind. It means that we should have the anointment of the Holy Spirit so that we can see Jesus.

Why should we see Jesus?

1. If we can see Jesus through the Word, we have a big hope that we can see Him in the throne of Heaven forever and ever.

Revelation 22:3-4

22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

- If we cannot see Jesus through the Word, our condition is like the disciples with the locked door, which means that there is no solution to our problems, we start laboring and being heavy laden, afraid, stressed, and without peace.

John 20:19-20

20:19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20:20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

Being afraid and stressed are the main killers in the end of time, both physically and spiritually. They make us dry spiritually and not fervent in spiritual things until we perish forever.

The peak of being afraid is being afraid to see Jesus' second coming in the glorious cloud in the glory of the King of kings, the Bridegroom of Heaven. It means that we are left and will perish forever.

Revelation 6:15-17

6:15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

6:16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

6:17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

This is why we really need a lot of the anointment of the Holy Spirit so that we can see Jesus from now.

John 20:20

20:20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

The process to see Jesus is as follows.

- Seeing Jesus' stomach which was pierced by a spear.

John 19:32-34

19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Jesus died with four main wounds as the form of God's love to the Israelites, God's chosen nation. The Gentiles should have not gotten any part of it. However, there was a Gentile soldier who made the fifth wound in Jesus' stomach with a spear. It was the biggest and deepest wound from where blood and water came out as the form of God's grace to the Gentiles.

The proof that the Gentiles can see Jesus' pierced stomach is the blood and water marks.

- The blood refers to the Altar of Burnt Offerings, which refers to repentance, stopping sinning and returning to God.

Jeremiah 9:5

9:5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

Repentance starts from not lying.

- The water refers to the Brazen Laver, which refers to the water baptism.

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 like when Jesus was baptized. Those who have repented should be buried in the water with Jesus, and be raised from the water with Jesus to receive the new or spiritual life, which means to live in

righteousness.

Psalms 112:6-9

112:6 Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance.

112:7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

112:8 His heart is established; He will not be afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his enemies.

112:9 He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever; His horn will be exalted with honor.

Those who live in the righteousness are remembered by God and always remember Him. It means as follows.

- Being strong and of good courage, not doubtful, not disappointed, dismayed, afraid, and we do not leave God in facing anything. We have to believe and put our hope on God.
- God blesses us and our descendants and we can be blessings to others.
- We have the horn of salvation, which means that we will be saved and glorified by God.

Ephesians 5:25-26

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

5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

After being saved through the water baptism, the Gentiles have to be drown in the drizzle of the true word. It means that we need to fall deeply into the true word, especially through the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion. We are sanctified deeply, especially from the Gentiles' characters, as follows.

- The characters of dogs and sows.
Dogs lick their vomit, which means that we repeat vain words and blaspheme God.
A sow returns to her wallowing in the mire, which means that we commit sins over and over to the peak of sins, the sins concerning eating-drinking and the sin of marrying and giving in marriage, which lead to Babylon.
The characters of dogs and sows make the Gentiles cannot be a shepherded sheep. If our speech and deeds are sanctified so that we are righteous, holy, and good, we can be the shepherded sheep.
- The characters of being worry.

Matthew 6:31-34

6:31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

6:32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

6:34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Worrying makes the Gentiles cannot live righteously and faithfully in the ministry and shepherding.

If we are sanctified deeply from the characters of Gentiles, we can be righteous and good sheep in the shepherding.

Ezekiel 20:37

20:37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

The Gentiles can receive the rod of the shepherd, which is the repetitive word which leads the sheep to enter the pen. In the Tabernacle, a pen refers to the Holy Place. There are 3 objects in the Holy Place as follows.

- The Golden Candlestick, which refers to the General Service, a fellowship with God, the Holy Spirit, with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- The Table of Showbread, which refers to the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion, a fellowship with God, the Son, with the teaching and His sacrifice.
- The Golden Altar of Incense, which refers to the Prayer Service, a fellowship with God, the Father, in His love.

In the shepherding, our body, soul, and spirit are united with God Trinity, and He will count us. Being counted means we are nurtured directly by God through Christ's sacrifice.

- Seeing Jesus' hand with the wound of the nail.
It means that we minister to God like Jesus or in obedience (faithfulness), holiness, and love.

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,

We should minister to God until the finish line, either until we die or until Jesus' second coming.

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,

If we minister to God in obedience, holiness, and love, we will be equipped with positions and gifts of the Holy Spirit, which equal to the tunic of many colors from Jesus. Our lives will be beautiful.

Revelation 19:8

19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

The tunic has to be dipped in blood, which means that we have to undergo the suffering in flesh with Jesus in the ministry. In order to not be stripped by Satan, our tunic should be more and more glistening until we welcome Jesus' second coming.

- Seeing Jesus' face.

John 9:35-38

9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

9:36 He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

9:37 And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

9:38 Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

Seeing Jesus' face and talking with Him are the same as worshipping Him. When we are alone, it is the best time to worship God, to shout and surrender to Him.

Psalms 136:4

136:4 To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

Jesus is able to do many great miracles for us and change our hearts to be humble, gentle, and patient.

Humility is the ability to confess our sins to God and others. If we are forgiven, we should not commit sins anymore.

Gentleness is the ability to forgive the sins of others.

We must be patient in the suffering and in waiting God's timing, and we do not look for our own solutions.

If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will also happen, the impossible becomes possible. In the end when God comes for the second time, we are changed to be as glorious as Him. We see God face to face in the glorious cloud until we see Him face to face forever and ever in the throne of Heaven.

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