

General Service in Malang, December 29, 2013 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 1:5

1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

There are three names of Jesus as follows.

1. The faithful witness.
2. The firstborn from the dead.
3. The ruler over the kings of the earth.

How can we receive the name of Jesus?

1. Jesus is the faithful witness.
It refers to the death of Jesus. He is an obedient and faithful servant until His death on the cross to save and justify sinful man.

From our side, if we have death experience with Jesus, we will be justified and saved.

The practices are as follows.

- o Being dead to sins. In the prolongation of our age, let us reconcile our sin and not add any sins.
1 Peter 2:22-24
2:22 Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth;
2:23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;
2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.

Being dead to sins means not doing sins anymore, not saying lies, not repaying evil with evil but with kindness.

- o Living in righteousness.
Romans 6:18
6:18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

In the matter of ministry, we must also live in righteousness as Daniel who firmly kept his ministry in righteousness. In our marriage, work, driving our vehicle, *et cetera*, we must also live in righteousness. If we do not live in righteousness, it means we throw away the name of Jesus.

We must live in righteousness and become slaves of righteousness, that is becoming the faithful and righteous servant of God.

Thus, if we have death experience with Jesus, we will become faithful and righteous servant of God up to the end line of our life.

1 Peter 2:24

2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.

If we live in righteousness, we will experience the power of God's stripes, so we can be healed and healthy physically and spiritually.

2. Jesus is the firstborn from the dead.
It refers to the resurrection of Jesus.

He is the firstborn from the dead to make us the firstborn of God forever.

Exodus 13:1-2

13:1 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

13:2 *Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine.*

The firstborn of beast refers to physical or outer part.

The firstborn of man refers to spiritual or inner part.

Thus, the firstborn is the servant of God who experiences physical and spiritual sanctification, outer and inner parts.

Where does the servant of God experience outer and inner sanctification? In the Holy Place or the shepherding pen.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 *nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.*

There are three types of equipment within the Holy Place that refer to perseverance in three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His anointing and gifts. The permanent gifts of Holy Spirit will become a garland of twelve stars. By committing it, we experience sanctification by the fire of Holy Spirit.
- Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ. We experience redemption until it becomes the moon under the feet of the bride. By committing it, we experience sanctification by the fire of the Word of God.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love, until it becomes the sun. By committing it, we experience sanctification by the fire of God's love.

It has been experienced by Moses.

Exodus 3:1,3-5

3:1 *Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.*

3:3 *Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."*

3:4 *So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."*

3:5 *Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."*

Moses sees the bush that is burning with fire, but it is not consumed. In the shepherding pen, we experience physical and spiritual sanctification (body, spirit, soul) by God the Trinity through the fire of the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love, until we become as newborn baby (taking off the sandals).

1 Peter 2:1-2

2:1 *Therefore, laying aside (1)all malice, (2)all deceit, (3)hypocrisy, (4)envy, and (5)all evil speaking,*

2:2 *as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,*

The signs of newborn baby are as follows.

- Laying aside five sins, until there is no more evil speaking.
- Always desiring the pure and spiritual milk, that is the shepherding Word which is true and anointed by Holy Spirit. Being anointed by Holy Spirit also means being well ordered and organized. Do not add or take away the Word.

If a baby consumes the pure and spiritual milk, he will be satisfied and calm. Until he only worships God with a contrite heart, only depends on the mercy and kindness of God. A baby is an honest life. God will answer our prayer if we are honest. We become the house of prayer.

The bush that is burning with fire but it is not consumed is the great sight seen by Moses. The bush refers to man who is cruel and likes to hurt one another. But sinful man can be shepherded in the shepherding pen so he will be sanctified by the fire of the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love to become spiritual baby.

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.

The great sight seen by Moses will be fulfilled by the great sight in heaven, that is the perfect bride in the light of the sun, the moon, and the stars.

3. Jesus who rules over the kings of the earth, or the King of kings who will come for the second time. It refers to the glory of Jesus.

Mark 13:26-28

13:26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

13:27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

13:28 *Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.*

From our side, the practice of accepting Jesus as the King of kings is being tender. It means being obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. In Tabernacle, it equals to the torn veil, so we can enter the Most Holy Place or glory.

If we are willing to accept the name of Jesus who is faithful and righteous, the name of Jesus who is the firstborn from the dead, and the name of Jesus who rules over the kings of the earth, meaning we can be faithful and righteous, obedient, and honest as a baby. As a result, we will receive the power of His name.

1. Victory power to beat Satan the trinity, so we can endure and not fall because of anything.

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,

Satan is the source of problem. If Satan is beaten, all problems are solved.

2. Lifting power, meaning we are lifted up to become successful and beautiful in His time. We are lifted up, glorified, and used by God. We are renewed continually until we have no more fault in our words. Our lip only worships *Alleluia* to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.