

General Service in Malang, February 12, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

Child Submission Service

Isaiah 57:15-20

57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

57:16 For I will not contend forever, Nor will I always be angry; For the spirit would fail before Me, And the souls which I have made.

57:17 For the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry and struck him; I hid and was angry, And he went on backsliding in the way of his heart.

57:18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him; I will also lead him, And restore comforts to him And to his mourners.

57:19 "I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near," Says the LORD, "And I will heal him."

57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

There are two kinds of men as follows:

1. **The humble**, namely those who can be broken-hearted and able to confess sins to God and other people. Being forgiven, they do not repeat the sin.
The humble also worship God much more to submit all weaknesses to God.
Such people are in the flow of righteousness and holiness that increase. As a result, God restores them physically and spiritually and gives peace. All things become easy and light. He also leads to the eternal life.
2. **The hard-hearted or the wicked**, namely those who only commit sins up to the peak. They never do the introspection in their life, but only blame at other people and God or the true teaching Word.
Such people appear like the dirt which is useless and mire or sin. Their life is never quiet until they enter the flow of Babylon and perish forever.

We submit this child so that he does not enter the flow of Babylon, but the one of righteousness and holiness until being glorified together with God.

GENERAL SERVICE

Revelation 19:1-5 is about Heaven Exults over Babylon **Revelation 19:1**

19:1 After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!"

After Babylon was drowned in the sea and not found anymore, a loud voice of a great multitude saying "Alleluia (praise the Lord)" was heard.

Alleluia is related to the following three things:

1. Salvation. Only the people who have already believed of being saved can cry out "Alleluia".
2. Glory.
3. The power of God.

Ad.2 **The word "Alleluia" is related to glory.**

Colossians 3:4

3:4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

When Jesus comes a second time on the glorious clouds in the glory of the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom, we will also appear in the glory as the bride of heaven to be with Him forever.

We must follow the following footsteps of Jesus so that we can appear in glory like Him:

1. **The footstep of death.**

Colossians 3:3

3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Repenting or stopping sinning to return to God. It is the same as being dead to sin. It begins from not having lie and hatred. We move from the hands of Satan to return to the hands of God.

Jeremiah 9:5-6

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.

9:6 Your dwelling place is in the midst of deceit; Through deceit they refuse to know Me," says the LORD.

- Not harming or committing sin to other people, but only doing good things. We do not repay evil for evil, but good for evil.

2. The footstep of resurrection.

Colossians 3:1-2

3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

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.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Living in righteousness, so we feel peaceful. All things become easy and light.
- Thinking and looking for the heavenly things more than all things in the world. It is the same as prioritizing the service and ministry to God more than all things in the world.

As a result, all things we need will be added (+) to us. We live by the cross, so we are always in surplus condition.

Romans 8:32

8:32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

The cross of Christ is able to preserve our life from now on until we have the beautiful future life and the eternal one.

3. The footstep of glory.

Colossians 3:4

3:4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

There are two people who have seen the glory of God as follows:

- Moses saw God's glory from the back, so he could write the first five books of the Bible from Genesis to Deuteronomy that contained the things that had happened far before he was born.
- John the apostle saw the glory of God from the front, namely His face, so he could write the last five books of the Bible, namely the gospel according to John, the first, second, and third epistle of John, and the book of Revelation that contained the things which would happen far after the death of John.

Now, the Church sees the glory of God entirely through seeing His heart which contains His great love.

Romans 8:35-36

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

8:36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

The church absolutely needs the love of God because how great she is in the world, her position is like the sheep for the slaughter that is powerless and the distance between her and the death is only a step.

Where can we see and experience the love of God?

- In the marriage or household, so that there will be no hail or the seventh plague.
- In the worship prayer that aims at the spiritual marriage between Christ, the Head, or Husband and the congregation as the body or wife.
Being dry spiritually, take the fasting so that the love of God will be poured out!

- In the shepherding.

John 10:11

10:11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

John 15:13

15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

We get the great love of the Great Shepherd in the shepherding.

Therefore, we must be shepherded well and correctly. We must always be in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place, namely the perseverance in committing the three main services to God. We only hear and obey the voice of the shepherd and run away from the strange voice.

Ephesians 3:18-19

3:18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-

3:19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

If we are shepherded well and correctly, we will be able to comprehend and experience the width and length and depth and height of the love of God.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- **The height and depth = up and down.**

Jesus has descended to the lower part of the earth as the depth of His love when He dies on the cross for delivering us from sins.

Ephesians 4:8-12

4:8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

4:9 (Now this, "He ascended" --what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

4:10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

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,

We can feel the depth of God's love when we can be set free from sin.

Revelation 1:5-6

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,

1:6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Jesus has ascended to heaven to appoint us as the priests and kings.

We feel the height of God's love when we are appointed as the priests and kings. It means being sanctified and equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit for being used in the ministry for the edification of Christ's body.

Acts 20:17-20,22-24

20:17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

20:18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,

20:19 "serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;

20:20 "how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

20:22 "And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,

20:23 "except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.

20:24 "But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

From being the captive of sin, we change into the captive of Spirit. The signs are as follows:

- a. Humility.
We can confess sin and suppose that other people are superior, so we can work together.
- b. Many tears = seriousness and sacrifice.
Do not sacrifice others!
- c. Faithfulness until the end line.

o **The length and width.**

Ephesians 5:25-27

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,

5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- a. Sanctifying with the water of baptism and Word.

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 rainwater of the true teaching Word is the same as the true food. Only the righteous are able to choose the right food, not by looking at men.

We fight for hearing and obeying the true teaching, so we get the sanctification to our heart.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

If the heart is holy, the whole life will be holy until there is no sin anymore.

- b. Washing us or renewing us. It means changing us from the flesh men to the spiritual ones like Jesus us. It begins from being strong and of good courage or enduring.

Romans 8:35

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

We are not separated from God regardless of anything we are facing. God pays attention to, care, and struggle for us.

Joshua 1:6-7,9,18

1:6 "Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

1:7 "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

1:18 "Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

As a result, we are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the edification of the perfect Christ's body.

Genesis 28:20-22

28:20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,

28:21 "so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.

28:22 "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Jesus becomes the Head who is responsible for our life for protecting and preserving our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world. The proof is that we can return the tithes and offerings which belong to God.

Romans 8:37

8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

We are more than conquerors like David, who defeated Goliath. All impossible problems can be solved by the mercy of God. We have the beautiful and successful future life. Our life is peaceful and all things become easy and light.

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.

It continues until we are changed to be perfect for welcoming Jesus' second coming.

God blesses you.