

General Service in Malang, February 19, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

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

Revelation 19:3

19:3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"

The first "Alleluia!" is related to the salvation, glory, and power of God.

The second "Alleluia!" is related to the smoke that rises up forever and ever. Worship prayer is the same as lifting up the sweet-smelling aroma before God.

Matthew 17:1

17:1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

The number six refers to the flesh whereas the mountain refers to the worship.

It means that the worship prayer refers to the process of tearing the flesh with all of its lusts, desires, and characteristics, so there is increase of faith (James), hope (Peter), and love (John). It is the same as the ark of the Ark of the Covenant which is filled by the golden pot that had manna (faith), Aaron's rod that budded, bloomed, and yielded fruit (hope), and the two tablets of stone (love). The worship prayer is the same as the sweet-smelling aroma that comes up before God to attract His presence, so the Church gets the mercy seat.

Matthew 17:3

17:3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

Moses refers to Father God. Jesus refers to the Son of God. Elijah refers to Holy Spirit God --> the mercy seat.

As a result, the Church is protected from the enemies that threaten and destroy.

Jude 1:11

1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

The enemies of the Church are as follows:

1. Cain, who is without love --> resisting against John
2. Korah, who is rebellious, disobedient, unholy, or without hope --> resisting against Peter
3. Balaam or the false teachings that destroy the faith --> resisting against James

We learn about Cain.

1 John 3:11-13

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

3:12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

3:13 Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you.

The Church faces the hatred without a cause or the condition without love.

There are two kinds of hatred as follows:

1. The world hates the Church seven times until without a cause.

John 15:18-25

15:18 "If the world (1) hates you, you know that it (2) hated Me before it hated you.

15:19 "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world (3) hates you.

15:20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

15:21 "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

15:22 "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

15:23 "He who (4)hates Me (5)hates My Father also.

15:24 "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also (6)hated both Me and My Father.

15:25 "But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They (7)hated Me without a cause.'

John 16:1-2

16:1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

16:2 "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

We may have all things in the world such as riches, intelligence, position, job, study, marriage partner, and so on as long as we do not rely on or we are not bound by them because someday we will be expelled or even killed. Being bound by something in the world, one will get disappointed and reject Jesus for sure.

2. Cain towards Abel.

Genesis 4:3-8

4:3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.

4:4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,

4:5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

4:6 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?

4:7 "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

4:8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

Cain refers to the false church that hates the true church without a cause.

1 John 2:18-19

2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2:19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

Why can it happen?

- Because there is no sign of firstborn son = not being serious in the service and ministry to God or not prioritizing God = not being faithful in the service and ministry to God.
- Because there is no sign of blood = there is no sacrifice, but sacrificing others.
- Because the conscience is not good, so the deeds are evil.

1 Peter 3:21

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--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,

Therefore, the water baptism is important because it determines whether our spiritual life will be like Cain or Abel.

Through the true water baptism, we get the new life or the good conscience, so our deeds can be good.

- Because there is no love.

1 John 4:7-8

4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

We must face the hatred without a cause with the love of God. Where can we get the love of God? We get it from the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

1 John 4:9-10

4:9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Leviticus 4:4-5

4:4 *'He shall bring the bull to the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, lay his hand on the bull's head, and kill the bull before the LORD.*

4:5 *'Then the anointed priest shall take some of the bull's blood and bring it to the tabernacle of meeting.*

The sacrifice of Christ is the same as the reconciliation or sin offering. The blood is used.

Hebrews 9:22

9:22 *And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.*

Only the blood of Jesus, the sinless man, can forgive all of our sins.

The proofs of receiving the love of God through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross are as follows:

- o **We are reconciled by the blood of Jesus.**

We must make peace with God (vertical) and men (horizontal) or come to the cross.

We confess sins to God. We confess and forgive one another. As a result, the sins are finished by the blood of Jesus.

The meanings of being reconciled are as follows:

- a. Being covered.

When we confess our sins to God and others, all sins have been covered by the blood of Jesus and there is no remnant of it anymore as if we had never done such sin.

The sins are not counted anymore by God, so Satan cannot accuse us. We cannot accuse others and we do not commit sin anymore. We also do not accuse others.

Proverbs 28:13

28:13 *He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.*

As a result, we experience the love of God.

- b. Being born.

Jesus bears all sins, the curses, and the judgments of our sins on the cross, so we do not experience the curse and judgment of sins.

- c. Changing from the two parties to unite the different things.

Isaiah 59:1-3

59:1 *Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.*

59:2 *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.*

59:3 *For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity.*

The sins have separated men with God and others.

God comes from heaven as the sinless man to die on the cross for reconciling the sins of men.

Matthew 15:24-28

15:24 *But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."*

15:25 *Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"*

15:26 *But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."*

15:27 *And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."*

15:28 *Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.*

Actually, Jesus has died on the cross only for the Israelites or the lost sheep. The Gentiles are only dogs that are not worthy to take part in salvation. Nevertheless, by the mercy of God, the Gentiles can take part in the

crumbs, namely the sacrifice of Christ or the revelation of the Word. We can be united with God.

The Gentiles must be shepherded well and correctly because our position is only like the sheep for the slaughter.

Zechariah 11:4-5

11:4 Thus says the LORD my God, "Feed the flock for slaughter,

11:5 "whose owners slaughter them and feel no guilt; those who sell them say, 'Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich'; and their shepherds do not pity them.

Be careful! Do not enter the shepherding in the system of buying-selling! In such system, the pastor does not feed the sheep, but only looks for the physical profit until aiming at the Antichrist that is without mercy.

The signs of the true shepherding are as follows:

- a. With the sign of blood or suffering in the flesh for being reconciled with God or not committing sin anymore.
- b. There is the door or suffering in the flesh for entering the sheepfold, namely the perseverance in committing the three main services to God.

John 10:9-10

10:9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10:10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

- c. We find the pasture or the shepherding Word. We hear and obey the shepherding Word.
- d. We are brought to the atmosphere of Canaan, namely the atmosphere of abundance. Our life is arranged to be neat and beautiful. We are used in the revival for the edification of Christ's body until we can say "I shall not want" or we always give thanks and become blessings for others until we get the eternal life.

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 power of reconciliation continues until someday we cannot commit sin anymore. We are without blemish, but perfect like Jesus is. We become the bride who stands on the red moon.

Matthew 5:25-26,38

5:25 "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

5:26 "Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

Not making peace, one will enter the Law or the law of sowing and reaping.

Making peace, we will enter the system of mercy, namely we are not condemned, but reconciled.

Revelation 6:3-4

6:3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

6:4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Rejecting the work of the sword of the Word or not making peace, the sword of the Word will be the one of judgment. The red horse appears for taking the peace away until the great massacre happens.

○ Loving one another.

1 John 4:11

4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Matthew 7:12

7:12 *"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

Loving others like we love ourselves means as follows:

- a. Only committing good deeds to others. We do not harm others.
- b. We can pay attention or give to others who are in need or deficiency.

1 John 3:17-18

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.*

- o **Not owing money or sin.** All sins must be finished.

Romans 13:8

13:8 *Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.*

It continues until Jesus cries out on the cross 'It is finished' or all sins have been finished.

The results are as follows:

- a. Mending the net = the ordination or service and ministry to God.

Matthew 4:21

4:21 *Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,*

The physical nets such as the occupation, salary, job, study, and so on can be fixed also.

- b. Making the bed.

Acts 9:33-34

9:33 *There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed.*

9:34 *And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately.*

Fix the marriage, household, and children to be righteous, holy, and one for reaching the marriage supper of the Lamb! As a result, the paralytic will be healed. The paralysis refers to unfaithfulness. It is changed into faithfulness and fervency in spirit. The impossible disease can be healed.

- c. It continues until *"It is done!"* happens in the New Jerusalem. We are perfected.

Revelation 21:6

21:6 *And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.*

God blesses you.