

General Service in Malang, January 05, 2014 (Sunday Morning)

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

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 beglory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

There are two powers of Jesus's blood as follows.

1. His blood sets us free from sins.

1 John 1:7,9

1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The process is confessing our sin to God (vertical) and the others (horizontal). The results are as follows.

- His blood will actively forgive our sin, so it is no longer counted by God. He also covers our sin until the trace cannot be seen anymore.
- His blood will actively pull out the root of sin so we do not do it anymore. It equals to being set free from sin and living in righteousness.

2. His blood makes us priests and kings.

A priest is the one who is holy, holds the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit, and ministers God.

Psalm 20:9

20:9 Save, Lord! May the King answer us when we call.

A king is the one who wins over sins, obstacles, blockages, *et cetera*.

God wants His servants to always have victory, not being weak and desperate, and not stumbling. Thus, we can be faithful and fervent in spirit up to the end line.

The tasks of a priest are as follows.

- Proclaiming the miraculous works of God who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, or testifying about life renewal.

1 Peter 2:9

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- Offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Everything that we do in the church must be a spiritual sacrifice that is acceptable to God. It must be true and anointed by Holy Spirit so it has a spiritual value.

- Ministering the building of the spiritual house, that is the perfect body of Christ.

1 Peter 2:5a*2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, &[?];*

The equipment of a priest is as follows.

- Ministry from the Son of God.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to beapostles, 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,

Ministry is our place in the body of Christ, or our place in the Kingdom of Heaven.

- The gifts of Holy Spirit, that is miraculous ability from Holy Spirit God.

Ephesians 4:7

4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

- The deeds of love from Father God.

Ephesians 4:15-16

4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head "Christ"

4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

The motor of our ministry must be love. Love is eternal, and thus the ministry will also be eternal forever. If there is love, we will not be unsteady in facing any obstacles and blockages.

Thus, priest and king are equipped and accompanied by God the Trinity.

Haggai 2:6-7,21-22

2:6 For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

2:7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory, says the Lord of hosts.

2:21 Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying: I will shake heaven and earth.

2:22 I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, Every one by the sword of his brother.

The situation of the building of the body of Christ is facing shocks in the land, sea, and heaven.

3. In the heaven.

Shocks in the heaven are triggered by red dragon in the heaven. It refers to Satan with evil and unclean spirit that urges man or the servants of God to do sins up to the peak of sins, that is sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

- In the land.

Shocks in the land are triggered by false prophet with false teaching and lie that cause false ministry and worship.

- In the sea.

Shocks in the sea are triggered by antichrist with the power of money that causes crisis in economy up to total crisis in every field.

Why does God let the situation of the building of the body of Christ be in the situation of shocks in the land, sea, and heaven? It is so that we only put our hope to God the Trinity who will always accompany us.

God the Trinity will accompany only holy priest and king who work according to the ministry. Thus, we can win over shocks triggered by Satan the Trinity. We will not walk any step back.

The attitudes in the building of the body of Christ are as follows.

- Being fervent in spirit in facing everything.

Haggai 1:13-14

1:13 Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, spoke the Lord's message to the people, saying, I am with you, says the Lord.

1:14 So the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God,

Isaiah 50:4

50:4 The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

The true courage comes from the fire of the true teaching Word. If we have the true courage from God, we will be fervent in spirit when listening the Word of God.

If the courage does not come from the true teaching Word, it comes from strange fire, that is fire of lust, fire of position, *et cetera*. Nadab and Abihu serve with strange fire, and the consequence is dying. If one serves with strange fire, the more he ministers, the more he dries until dies spiritually.

- Being strong and of good courage.

Haggai 2:4

2:4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel, says the Lord; and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, says the Lord, and work; for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts.

We are not desperate and disappointed. We do not stumble or become proud in ministry, but we always give thanks and put our hope in Him.

2 Chronicles 15:7

15:7 But you, be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded!

Haggai 2:8

2:8 The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the Lord of hosts.

If we minister God with being fervent in spirit, strong and of good courage, God will give our salary, that is spiritual gold and silver.

Proverbs 10:20

10:20 The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; The heart of the wicked is worth little.

Silver is the right tongue. Let *yes* be *yes* and *no* be *no*. Honest man will become the house of prayer, and He will answer our prayer.

Gold is the godly character, that is being obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore.

Being honest and obedient is spiritual gold and silver that have the same value as the powerful name of Jesus.

Acts 3:6-8

3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.

3:7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

3:8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them walking, leaping, and praising God.

The results are as follows.

- Healing power.
- Lifting power. It means everything becomes beautiful in His time.
It also means recovery of the broken marriage and children. It will be justified by God.
- Life renewal power to become faithful and delighted to dwell in the house of God. God also delights to dwell in us, although the vine produces sour and bitter fruit but He wants to drink it. God wants to renew all of us.

Isaiah 5:7

5:7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry for help.

Although the Word is hard, but if we delight in it, we will experience life renewal power.

Psalms 119:16-18

*119:16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.
119:17 Deal bountifully with Your servant, That I may live and keep Your word.
119:18 Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.*

God blesses us.