

General Service in Malang, January 20, 2019 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 8:10-11

8:10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

8:11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

The third trumpet is sounded. It is the third condemnation of the Son of God to the world with all of creatures in it who reject the sound of the trumpet, namely the true teaching word or the shepherding word which is hard, sharper than any two-edged sword, and repeated to sanctify us until we are as perfect as Jesus is. So rejecting the sound of the trumpets is the same as rejecting the sanctification and keeping the sins up to the peak.

The sound of the third trumpet is signified with the great star falling on a third of the waters which becomes wormwood or bitter to make many men die.

The great star refers to one who is specially used and anointed by Holy Spirit like Esau.

Genesis 25:25

25:25 And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau.

Esau had the birthright. He came out red. It refers to the repentance. He was like a hairy garment all over. It refers to the anointing of Holy Spirit. So, he was a great star which was used by God specially and anointed by Holy Spirit, but he became the wormwood and fell. His birthright was given to Jacob.

Why did it happen?

Hebrews 12:15-16

12:15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

12:16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

He fell short of the grace of God.

The grace of God means His gift which is very precious for men who are actually not worthy to receive it.

Titus 2:11

2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

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1 Peter 5:10

5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

The grace of God perfects all of us.

From these two verses, we can conclude that the grace of God is greater and more precious than all things in the world. We must receive and live in it until the perfection forever.

1 Peter 2:19

2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

The fact found in it is that we willingly suffer in flesh with Jesus or in the path of the cross, namely the path of death, resurrection, until the glory forever. The path of death or the suffering with Jesus is only a while or a light one, comparing with the sacrifice of Christ and the glory that we will receive forever.

The facts found in the path of cross in our daily life are as follows:

1. We die to sin and live in the righteousness or repent.

1 Peter 2:21-24

2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

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.

The process is as follows:

- Reconciling.

By the encouragement of the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword and repeated, we can realize our sin, regret, and willingly suffer in flesh to confess it to God and other people seriously. After being forgiven, we do not do it anymore.

By the encouragement of the hard word which is sharper than any two-edged sword, we can willingly suffer in feelings to forgive and forget the sins of other people. So, the blood of Jesus forgives and forgets all of our sins, so we can repent and die to sins. We do not do the sins, lie, and repay evil for evil anymore but we repay good for evil.

- The true water baptism.

Genesis 6:8

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

Noah and his family found grace in the eyes of the Lord, so they entered in one ark.

Now, we and our family find grace in the eyes of the Lord to enter one true water baptism.

The true water baptism is the one according to the will of God or the Bible. We are baptized like Jesus.

Matthew 3:16

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

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.

Acts 8:27,35-39

8:27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship.

8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

8:36 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?"

8:37 Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

8:38 So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

8:39 Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.

Our family can enter the true water baptism only by the grace of God.

The true water baptism is that one who has believed and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus and he will arise from the tomb of water with Him. So, the heaven is opened, and we get the new life or live in righteousness. We are saved and blessed by God.

Proverbs 10:2-3

10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.

10:3 The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

1 Peter 2:25

2:25 *For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

After we are saved and blessed by God, we must be shepherded well and correctly because it is the grace of God. The shepherding pen refers to the Holy Place or we have the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows:

- The Golden Candlestick refers to the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts of Holy Spirit.
- The Table of Showbread refers to the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching word and sacrifice of Christ.
- The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love. The love is eternal, so we get the eternal life forever.

The results of being shepherded are as follows:

- The body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so we cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan or torn into pieces by the beast. It means that we do not fall in sins and we cannot be deceived, so we are firm in the salvation and blessings of God, even they are multiplied.
- [1 Peter 2:25] The double preservation from the Great Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep. Physically, we are full and spiritually, we are peaceful and satisfied and always giving thanks to God until we get the firstborn right and all things from God, even the eternal heavenly kingdom.

Jacob was not the firstborn or he was nothing, but because he was shepherded, he became a great star. On the contrary, Esau was a great star but he wandered or were not shepherded, so he came hungrily. It means that he was not preserved physically. He was weary and heavy laden or not peaceful. It means that his spiritual life was not preserved. Finally, he sold his birthright to Jacob. At that time, he lost everything, so he hated Jacob and became a wormwood or a great star which fell.

Genesis 25:29-31

25:29 *Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau came in from the field, and he was weary.*

25:30 *And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed me with that same red stew, for I am weary." Therefore his name was called Edom.*

25:31 *But Jacob said, "Sell me your birthright as of this day."*

Genesis 27:41

27:41 *So Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father blessed him, and Esau said in his heart, "The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."*

2. Thinking and looking for the heavenly things or prioritizing the service and ministry to God more than the physical one or serving and ministering to God faithfully, righteously, and fervently in spirit until the end line. It means until we pass away or Jesus comes for the second time.

Colossians 3:1-3

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.*

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

Matthew 6:31-33

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."*

The results are as follows:

- There are no worry, fear, and stress because we confess that we live in the hand of God.
- All things that we need will be added by God. It means that we live from the cross or the sacrifice of Christ from now, the good future, until the eternal life forever.

Hebrews 12:16

12:16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

[Hebrews 12:16] Esau became a fornicator or profane person, namely, he always sacrificed the spiritual things or the righteousness and salvation to get the physical one and sacrificed the service and ministry. So, he lost his birthright. It means that he lost everything.

3. Jesus was obedient to the point of death of the cross. We must also be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

Philippians 2:8

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.

Acts 5:32

5:32 "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

If we are obedient, we will have the strong foundation to receive the anointing of Holy Spirit..

Acts 10:44-45

10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

10:45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

Actually, Holy Spirit is only for the Israelites, but through the preaching of the hard word, the Gentiles can also receive it. It is only by the great grace of God.

Romans 8:15

8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

The functions of the Holy Spirit are as follows:

- Holy Spirit is able to set us free from the sins up to the peak.
- Holy Spirit makes us fear God or hate the sins. We can live in righteousness and holiness. We are fervent in spirit to serve and minister to God and used in edifying the perfect body of Christ.
- Holy Spirit renews and changes our life from the fleshly man to the spiritual one, namely being honest and obedient. We become the house of prayer.

Exodus 14:21

14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

The hand of Holy Spirit is able to finish all of impossible problems, give the successful and beautiful future life, and open the closed doors. The physical miracle also happens, until the door of heaven is opened for us.

God blesses you.