

General Service in Malang, January 24, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 3:14-22 is about the church of the Laodiceans.

The spiritual condition of the church of the Laodiceans is being lukewarm. Physically they are rich and have need of nothing. However, spiritually they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. The consequence is being vomited by God and destroyed forever.

Revelation 3:18-19

3:18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

God does not want us to become as vomit. He rebukes, counsels, and chastens the church of the Laodiceans or all of us to buy the richness of the Heaven so we are rich spiritually and not lukewarm. Thus, we will not be vomited by God. We can satisfy and please God, and He will please us until we enter the eternal Heavenly joy.

There are three types of the richness of the Heaven that must be bought as follows.

1. Gold refined in the fire = the perfect faith.
2. White garment to cover the nakedness = the garment of ministry.
3. Oil to grease the eyes, so we can see = the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Matthew 6:19-20

6:19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

6:20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

While we are active to buy three types of the richness of the Heaven, there are three enemies that endanger as follows.

1. Moth destroys the white garment.
2. Rust destroys the metal.
3. Thieves steal the oil.

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Exodus 25:3

25:3 And this is the offering which you shall take from them: gold, silver, and bronze;

The metals used to build the Tabernacle or the house of God are gold, silver, and bronze.

We will learn about the metals spiritually. They are used to build the spiritual house of God or the perfect body of Christ.

Deuteronomy 28:23

28:23 And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron.

The spiritual meaning of bronze is judgment.

The usefulness of bronze in the building of Tabernacle is as follows.

1. Making the Altar of Burnt Offerings.

Exodus 27:1-2

27:1 "You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide--the altar shall be square--and its height shall be three cubits.

27:2 You shall make its horns on its four corners; its horns shall be of one piece with it. And you shall overlay it with bronze.

The Altar of Burnt Offerings is made of black acacia wood that is overlaid with bronze outside and inside. The Altar of Burnt Offerings is used to burn the animal offering for the forgiveness of sins. Now, we do not need to offer animal because it has been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ as the Lamb of God that is slaughtered on the cross.

The acacia wood refers to flesh man that is fragile and easily broken.

There are 60 pillars called as the pillar of faith or the hero of faith.

Luke 3:23-34

3:23 Now Jesus Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, the son of Heli,

3:24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph,

3:25 the son of Mattathiah, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,

3:26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah,

3:27 the son of Joannas, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

3:28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the son of Er,

3:29 the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

3:30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim,

3:31 the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattathah, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

3:32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,

3:33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,

3:34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,

From Abraham to Joseph, there are 56 people.

Four pillars of the Gate are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Luke is a Gentile. It is the mercy of God so both the Israelites and Gentiles may become the pillars of faith.

The practices of becoming the pillars of faith are as follows.

- a. Not being doubtful to the promise of God or the true teaching Word.

Romans 4:19-21

4:19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

4:20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

4:21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

It means as follows.

- Keeping holding fast and obeying the true teaching Word, whatever the risk is.
- Keeping believing that God is able to fulfill His promise.

Romans 4:17

4:17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed--God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

The result is the true teaching Word is able to create the things that have not existed yet, to care our life and give the joy of marriage. The impossible things will be made possible. All things are solved right in His time.

- b. Leaning on Jesus' bosom, uniting with Him.

John 13:23

13:23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved.

John 21:20-22

21:20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"

21:21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"

21:22 Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

Through the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion, we experience sanctification of our physical and spiritual life until we can lean on Jesus' bosom. It means we believe and fully surrender our life to Him. Thus, our death and life are His matter. God decides all aspects in our life. It is until we become the Heavenly bride who sits together with Him on the throne of Heaven. God always gives us the best things even the perfect ones.

God blesses us.