

General Service in Malang, July 14, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:25

21:25 Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there).

The gates of the New Jerusalem shall not be shut at all. It means that God still gives the mercy or opportunity for us to enter the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:27

21:27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

What cannot enter it?

- Anything that defiles, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.
- Anything that causes an abomination, namely evil, loving money, or not being able to love God and others. Stinginess means that one cannot give to the work of God and others who are in need. Greediness means stealing the possession of God and others.
- A lie. It is the same as heaping sins.

The name's not being written in the Book of Life is the same as being separated from the righteous.

Psalm 69:28

69:28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous.

2 Peter 3:13

3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we must use the opportunity and mercy of God (the gates of the New Jerusalem shall not be shut) for being the righteous and living in righteousness until being as righteous as Jesus is. As a result, our name is written in the Book of Life and we can enter the New Jerusalem.

In fact, all men have sinned. How can we live in righteousness?

There are three levels of righteousness as follows:

- The sinful men must be justified through the forgiveness by the blood of Jesus on the cross.
All great things in the world such as riches, intelligence, and position cannot finish sins; even they cause men to commit sin. Only Jesus, a Man who is sinless, who is able to justify the sinners. The requirement is that we can realize, regret, and confess our sins to God and other people honestly by the encouragement of the true teaching Word that points at the hidden sins. Being forgiven, do not repeat the sin! As a result, the blood of Jesus forgives or covers our sin until there is no remnant of it anymore as if we had never done such sin. We live in righteousness.
- Righteousness because of being set free from sin.
We do not commit any sin although there are opportunities, advantages, threats, and so on.
- We cannot commit sin or we become as righteous as Jesus is.

1 John 3:9

3:9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

1 John 3:7

3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

Being the righteous, the name is written in the Book of Life and we can pass the gates of the New Jerusalem or heavenly kingdom. As a result, the doors in the world will be opened for us too.

The facts found in being the righteous are as follows:

1. **The righteous lives by faith.**

Romans1:17

1:17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

It is the same as liking hearing the Word until understanding, or keeping the Word in the heart to become faith, namely the brake so that we do not commit sin.

Romans10:17

10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Psalms119:11

119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

Afterward, we can obey the Word.

2. **Always serving and ministering to God in faithfulness and righteousness.**

Malachi3:18

3:18 Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him.

Malachi4:1

4:1 "For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch.

In the service to God, He gives the guarantee of assurance for our life now until we have the eternal life.

Not being faithful until leaving the service and ministry to God, one will be like the stubble. It means being useless or only waiting for being burnt in the hell.

3. **Hating sins until hating lies.** It means being honest.

Proverbs13:5

13:5 A righteous man hates lying, But a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.

Psalm 146:8

146:8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous.

God loves the righteous. The righteous loves God. His position is in the heart of God.

Psalm 37:17,39

37:17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous.

37:39 But the salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; He is their strength in the time of trouble.

The righteous is like the baby in the embrace of the strong merciful hands of God. He only cries to God. How great our effort is, it is only as baby's. It must be added with crying to God. As a result, God pays attention to, cares, and struggles for us.

Genesis 7:1,16

7:1 Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.

7:16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

As a result, the merciful hands of God are able to protect and preserve us in the midst of difficulties in the world until we get eternal life.

Our life becomes peaceful. All things become easy and light.

Psalm 118:15

118:15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

The hands of God give victory over the trinity of Satan. The trinity of Satan or the source of sins is defeated, so we keep on living in righteousness and holiness and we are used in the ministry for the edification of Christ's body. Our life becomes beautiful. The trinity of Satan is the source of impossible problems. All problems are solved in time of need.

Psalm 118:16

118:16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

The hands of God are able to exalt us in due time. It means changing our life to be humble. The failed can be made successful. The destroyed can be good, up to the perfection.

God blesses you.