

General Service in Malang, July 21, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

There are three things that we must pay attention to in order to enter the New Jerusalem as follows:

1. The Book of Life. Our name must be written in it.
2. The river of water of life or the power of Holy Spirit.
3. The tree of life.

Ad.1 **The Book of Life.**

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.

Whose name can be written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

The name of the people who have experienced the ministry of reconciliation by Jesus, the High Priest, so all sins are reconciled by the blood of Jesus, and the intercession prayer of Jesus and the pastor. As a result, our heart becomes peaceful. This is the proof that our name is written in the Book of Life.

Ad.2 **The river of water of life.**

Revelation 22:1

22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

It flows continually from the throne of God. It never dries.

It refers to the activities of the power of Holy Spirit that is so active and never stops.

Romans 5:5

5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Holy Spirit flows or brings faith, hope, and love that cannot be blocked or hindered by anything.

Holy Spirit is the power of God to lift us up in the burning longing for serving and ministering to God as well as worshiping Him. It continues up to the peak, namely being the perfect bride of God when Jesus comes a second time to enter the New Jerusalem.

The river of the water of life flows in Garden Eden.

Genesis 2:10-11, 13-14

2:10 Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads.

2:11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one which skirts the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

2:13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one which goes around the whole land of Cush.

2:14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

A river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads, namely Pishon, Gihon, Hiddekel, and Euphrates. They flows at the places in Middle East, the dry area or wilderness as well as the place of war because Garden Eden or peace has been taken by God because of the sin of Adam and Eve. Only dryness and war are left.

Therefore, the river of water of life or Holy Spirit must flow in our life, our marriage, service and ministry, and worship to God so that we do not get the dryness and war, but peace. All things become easy and light.

Acts 1:4-5

1:4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

1:5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Holy Spirit is the river of water of life flowing from the throne of God as the promise of God to all sinful men who willingly eat together with Him as follows:

- Having fellowship with God through believing Jesus, repenting, getting the true water baptism, and living in righteousness.

- Enjoying the solid food or the true teaching Word that sanctifies and grows our spirituality up.

The proof is not leaving Jerusalem. It means keeping the peaceful heart.

Acts2:1-4

2:1 *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

2:2 *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

2:3 *Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.*

2:4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

It is the fulfillment of the promise of God to the one hundred and twenty disciples who were filled up by Holy Spirit.

Acts2:14-18,41

2:14 *But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.*

2:15 *"For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.*

2:16 *"But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:*

2:17 *'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.*

2:18 *And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.*

2:41 *Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousands souls were added to them.*

Peter, who had denied the Lord, could preach bravely about Jesus after he was baptized until three thousand people were baptized.

Acts4:4

4:4 *However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.*

It continued to the five thousand men, not including women and children. It means that God wants to save the whole family as long as the man becomes the head.

Acts1:8

1:8 *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

2 Timothy2:8

2:8 *Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,*

From a river of water of life or Holy Spirit flowing from the throne of heaven, there are four riverheads that refer to the four gospels about Jesus to flow all over the world up to the end of the earth. The proof is that the Gentiles can also believe Jesus.

If we keep on staying in the stream of the river of water of life or we are always anointed and filled up by Holy Spirit, we will be used by God to preach the gospel to the end of the earth.

The key of success of the ministry of Jesus in the world is as follows:

1. Making Himself of no reputation (being at zero pint) and humbling Himself (being at negative point) when He bears the sins of men on the cross.

Philippians2:5-8

2:5 *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,*

2:6 *who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,*

2:7 *but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.*

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.*

We must also make ourselves of no reputation, namely not being arrogant, disappointed, or hopeless, and humble ourselves for confessing sins. Being forgiven, do not repeat the sin! We must live in righteousness or stay in the stream of the river of life or Holy Spirit.

2. Jesus struggled in Gethsemane Garden until being able to submit His own will and fully surrender to the will of Father God.

Luke22:42-44

22:42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."

22:43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

22:44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

As a result, the power of Holy Spirit is poured out to give us strength.

3. [Philippians 2:7-8] The river of water of life flows Jesus Himself from the throne of heaven to the world to become the suffering man. He becomes a servant who has no right, but only does the duty or doulos without insisting and murmuring, but always giving thanks. He becomes the servant who is obedient to the point of death on the cross. We must be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

4. The river of the water of life flows the two streams.

Philippians2:9-11

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

It means as follows:

- Jesus as the Son of God through the Gospel Word or Good News.
- Jesus in the glory through the teaching Word or Bride Tidings.

2 Timothy2:8-10

2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,

2:9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained.

2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Paul the apostle was faithful in the stream of the river of water of life or always anointed or filled up by Holy Spirit, so he got the extra power in the service and ministry to God according to the ministry which God has entrusted until the end line although he had to bear many sufferings.

Thus, Holy Spirit gives us big power, so we can endure until the end line.

As a result, we receive the big power from Holy Spirit as follows:

1. Holy Spirit is the river of water of life. It means that Holy Spirit is able to give us life physically and spiritually.

Ezekiel47:7-9

47:7 When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other.

47:8 Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.

47:9 "And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

Wherever Holy Spirit flows, all things become alive until the things can be alive in the Dead Sea. Holy Spirit is able to preserve our physical life in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Romans8:13

8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Holy Spirit is able to put to death the deeds of the flesh or sin, so we can live spiritually in righteousness and holiness. We are used in the edification of Christ's body.

Ezekiel47:10

47:10 "It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets.

Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many.

Holy Spirit is able to make us active or faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry until the end line.

2. Holy Spirit flows the faith, hope, and love.

Romans 5:5

5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

It makes our life:

- Able to endure regardless of anything we have to face. We do not get disappointed or hopeless and leave God, but we keep on giving thanks.
- Victorious over the trinity of Satan [Philippians 2:10] although we are powerless, so all impossible problems are solved by God. Failure will be changed into success and beauty in time of need. The destroyed things can be made good. The fall in sins will be restored. Bitter life will be made sweet and peaceful as well as easy and light.

It continues until we are as perfect as Jesus is when He comes a second time to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, Paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.