

General Service in Malang, July 25, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 13:13-15

13:13. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.

13:14 And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

13:15 He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

Verse 11-18 = the beast coming up out of the earth, namely the false prophets.

Verse 13-15 = the signs of the false prophets. The false prophets perform the great signs until making fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. It is the same as the demonstration of the power to do the things as follows:

- Matching God's great working, namely the one of the fire of Holy Spirit at the first rain to save the church of God and in the last rain to make us perfect.
The false prophet wants to obstruct the working of God for saving and making His church perfect.
- Misleading the church of God, so we cannot become the same as Jesus, but being evil and unclean like the Antichrist who will be punished at doomsday up to the hell.

If our eyes are just set upon the physical miracle in our following Jesus, we will surely be influenced by the great signs or fire of the false prophet.

The consequences are as follows:

- We do not experience the fire of Holy Spirit from heaven, so we are without Holy Spirit.
- We surely experience the doomsday fire up to the hell forever.

The facts of being without Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. Man of clay becomes a living being because of Holy Spirit.

So, without Holy Spirit we will become men of clay or flesh and blood men. It is the same as becoming dead creature.

Genesis 2:7

2:7. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

The fact found in it is **being disobedient** like Adam and Eve who transgressed God's order, namely not to eat the forbidden fruit.

I John 3:4

3:4. Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

Consequently, men keep sinning up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage, including the false marriage.

Men have sinned since Adam and Eve, as well as the days of Noah and Lot. Further, the Israelites worshipped golden calf and they did the sin of eating-drinking; even the Gentiles (a woman of Samaritan) did the divorce-remarrying five times. It continues up to the last of days (Luke 17).

Genesis 3:10

3:10. So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

Consequently, men became naked. They were afraid because they lost the glory of God. They tried to get the glory of the world, namely riches, position, *et cetera*, but they would be ashamed as well as living in fear, anxiety, and stress.

Genesis 3:17-19

3:17. Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.

3:18. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

3:19. *In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.*"

Men live in the curse atmosphere, namely labors, heavy burdens, tears, *et cetera* to perdition in the hell forever.

2. Without Holy Spirit, men just become **wicked**.

Jude 1:14-19

1:14. *Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,*

1:15. *"to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

1:16. *These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.*

1:17. *But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

1:18. *how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.*

1:19. *These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.*

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Evil deed, namely harming and hurting others. He cannot do the good thing even repaying evil for good like Satan. It is better to be quiet or pray to God than do evil and hurt others if we cannot do the good thing.
- The harsh things. It means that one judges others and blames at God or the true teaching Word. He likes to praise others even though they are false and evil just to get the physical advantage. He also likes to grumble especially about manna or the shepherding Word. It is the fact that he does not experience satisfaction. He is rebuked by the Word but he keeps his sin, so he cannot receive the heavenly bliss.

Numbers 14:29

14:29. *'The carcasses of you who have complained against Me shall fall in this wilderness, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above.*

If one is not shepherded and cannot receive the shepherding Word anymore because of being arrogant, he will be changed from star into animal no matter how great he is. Without Holy Spirit, man is just like an animal.

- Liking to mock and cause divisions.

2 Peter 3:3-7

3:3. *knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,*

3:4. *and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."*

3:5. *For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,*

3:6. *by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.*

3:7. *But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

He mocks the Word that reveals Jesus' coming in the glory of the King of kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom, namely the Bride Tidings or the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

The true protection of the Word is like curtains for us.

On the last days, one who has followed the Bride Tidings becomes a scoffer. The true teaching Word is considered as self-truth, because he mixes the Word with knowledge, logic, *et cetera*.

On the contrary, the self-truth is made as the true teaching Word. We must be careful.

Romans 16:17

16:17. *Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.*

The divider is those who teach or receive other teaching that is contrary to the doctrine which we have learned. It

also happens in the true fellowship.

Isaiah 30:1-2

30:1. "Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, "Who take counsel, but not of Me, And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, That they may add sin to sin;

30:2. Who walk to go down to Egypt, And have not asked My advice, To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

They enter the fellowship because of physical considerations that cause gossip, groups, hatred without a cause, *et cetera*.

They cannot enter the unity of the perfect body of Christ, but experiencing doomsday up to perdition in the hell forever.

Keep the true teaching Word whatever we face!

3. Without Holy Spirit, men become the worshipper of the Antichrist as well as becoming the same as him.

I John 2:22

2:22. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

Who are they?

I John 2:18-19

2:18. Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

2:19. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

The Antichrist is those who are not of us.

It means as follows:

- Being unfaithful and leaving the ministry to God.
- Not ministering earnestly, so one does not experience the renewal of life.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1. But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3:3. unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4. traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

3:5. having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

He ministers but denies its power. It means that he does not experience the renewal of life but living with the eighteen characters of the flesh. The number eighteen refers to the seal of 666, so he becomes the same as the Antichrist.

- Becoming the same as the Antichrist. It is the same as becoming a liar. Lie is the word that is not according to the fact, including denying God with the meaningless words such as lie, gossip, and slander as well as the deed that is not in line with the Word.

A liar cannot be touched by men. God is also unable to do anything, but the Antichrist will destroy him in the hell forever.

Revelation 21:8

21:8. "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Revelation 20:10

20:10. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Luke 12:49-50

12:49. "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"

12:50. *"But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!"*

The way out to face against the fire of the false prophet is that Jesus comes from heaven to the earth to send fire. It is not easy because Jesus must willingly die on the cross to give the fire of Holy Spirit.

John 16:7

16:7. *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."*

Jesus must die, rise, and ascend to the Heaven to pour out the fire of Holy Spirit, so we are not tricked by the fire of the false prophet.

Our attitude is that we must experience the cross with Jesus, namely we must die and rise with Jesus. It starts from blood baptism, namely believing in Jesus and repenting (the Altar of Burnt Offerings), and water baptism (the Brazen Laver).

As a result, we receive a new life, namely the heavens are opened and Holy Spirit comes upon us.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

1. The fire of Holy Spirit is able to burn the fleshly men, so we can produce fragrance. It is the same as experiencing the renewal of life.

Romans 15:16

15:16. *that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

We can testify to bring others to believe in Jesus, so they are saved and perfected.

The promise of God is not limited. Holy Spirit is poured out for the Israelites and Gentiles.

Holy Spirit is able to change those who are decayed like dog and swine to become fragrance, namely honesty and obedience. The thing that has been destroyed can be good. We are used to bring the fragrance of Christ, namely we are used to bring the Good News and Bride Tidings.

Honesty and obedience are the same as becoming the house of prayer.

If Holy Spirit can do the spiritual miracle, the physical one will happen too. Failure becomes success and beautiful. The thing that has been destroyed can be good.

2. Holy Spirit helps us to minister to God more faithfully and fervently up to the finish line (the lamps keep burning).

Romans 12:11

12:11. *not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*

3. The fire of Holy Spirit becomes curtains and fence in our life. It refers to God's miraculous protection and care in the midst of the difficulties and disasters of the world until the crisis at the age of the Antichrist.

Spiritually, we can keep living in righteousness and holiness in the midst of the darkness of sins up to the peak in the world.

2 Kings 6:17,21-23

6:17. *And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.*

6:21. *Now when the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?"*

6:22. *But he answered, "You shall not kill them. Would you kill those whom you have taken captive with your sword and your bow? Set food and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master."*

6:23. *Then he prepared a great feast for them; and after they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syrian raiders came no more into the land of Israel.*

God gives winning over all enemies (verse 21-23). The impossible thing becomes possible. God finishes all problems. Nothing is impossible for God.

God gives peace for us (verse 23: 'they ate'). All things become easy and light.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we are changed to become as perfect as He is.

The power of Holy Spirit (horses and chariots of fire) will lift us up on the glorious clouds to meet our beloved who have passed away before us, so all of us greet Jesus when He comes a second time. We enter Paradise and the New Jerusalem forever.

Jesus has willingly died, so we do not die. Jesus pours out Holy Spirit, so we do not become the same as the Antichrist.
All we need are in the Holy Spirit.

God blesses us.