

General Service in Malang, July 29, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 7:15b-16

7:15 *"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.*

7:16 *"They shall neitsher hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat.*

The activity of God on the throne of heaven is dwelling, spreading His wings, or giving His covering for us from now to the eternal one on the throne of heaven.

Psalms 68:5-6

68:5 *A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation.*

68:6 *God sets the solitary in families; He brings out those who are bound into prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a dry land.*

Who are the people who deserve to get the covering from God?

1. The fatherless (spiritually).
2. The widows (spiritually).
3. The strangers (spiritually).

ad. 1. The fatherless.

The fatherless refer to men who leave the old father, namely the devil or Satan.

John 8:44

8:44 *"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

The devil or Satan is the father of liars, murderers, and haters or the source of death or perdition. Therefore, we must be set free from the old father or Satan to get the covering of the Father God.

How can we be set free from the old father or Satan as the source of the sin, death, and destruction?

The death of Jesus on the cross performs two great things in our life as follows:

1. Hebrews 2:14

2:14 *Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.*

Jesus died on the cross to defeat the devil or Satan as the source of the sin and death so that we have no relationship with the old father or Satan, lie, and death. It starts from neither lying nor hating anymore. So, we become fatherless spiritually or there is no relationship with the old father, Satan, or the devil anymore and we get the covering of God.

2. John 1:10-12

1:10 *He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.*

1:11 *He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.*

1:12 *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.*

Jesus died on the cross to lift us up to become the children of God.

The process is as follows:

- Receiving or having faith to Jesus who has died on the cross.
- Repenting, stopping sinning, returning to God, or dying to sin. After we are forgiven, do not do it anymore.

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."*

We repent especially from the eight sins which drown us to the lake of fire and brimstone.

- Being reborn from God through the true water baptism.

John 1:12-13

1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

1:13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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

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.

Colossians 2:12

2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Matthew 3:16-17

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.

3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

The true water baptism is that one who has believed, repented, and died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus, so he comes out of the burial of water with Him and the heaven is opened. It means that we get a new life or the heavenly one and we become the children of God.

1 John 3:9-10

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.

3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

The sign of the children of God is that we do not sin anymore, but live in righteousness in all aspects of our lives, and love one another until we cannot sin anymore, but become as righteous as Jesus is.

After we are fatherless spiritually, we will become the children of God who live in righteousness and love one another, so we get the covering of the Father God.

There are three kinds of the covering of God as follows:

1. The covering of the forgiveness from sin. It is the same as the covering of salvation or the one from death or destruction.

Matthew 6:14

6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

The requirement to get the covering of God is confessing our sins to Him and other people honestly. After being forgiven, do not do the sin anymore, until we are not accused anymore. We are peaceful. We must forgive, forget, and not accuse the sins of other people. So, the blood of Jesus finishes our sins.

If there is sin in us, we will be separated from God and other people.

Isaiah 59:1-3

59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

59:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sin have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

59:3 For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity.

The sin separates us from God until being separated by the ravine of death or perishing forever in hell like the rich man and Lazarus.

After the sin is finished by the blood of Jesus through confessing and forgiving one another, we get the results as follows:

- We get the covering of God from death physically and spiritually, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
- Our prayer is answered by God.

2. The covering of the preservation of God or the holiness one.

John 15:1

15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

John 15:2-3

15:2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

The requirements are as follows:

- The branch must attach to the true vine or the true teaching word, namely the one which is sharper than any two-edged sword, spoken by Jesus, or revealed through one verse that explains other verses in the Bible.
- Always being in the shepherding pen or the Holy Place, namely the perseverance in doing the three main services as follows:
 - The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and the gift of Holy Spirit. The sheep are given drink so that they are not dry, but fresh.
 - The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing 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 sheep are fed so that they grow.
 - The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love. We breathe in His love until we get the eternal life.

So, in the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God like the branch attach to the true vine. We cannot be touched by the trinity of Satan, but experiencing the sanctification continuously.

What must be sanctified?

- The sin of Judas Iscariot, namely stealing or being stingy and greedy.

John 13:10-11

13:10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

Being stingy means that one cannot give time, energy, thoughts, or finance to the work of God and other people who are in need.

Being greedy means stealing the possession of God or the tithe and special offering.

- The swine returns to its wallow.

Psalms 80:8 13

80:8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it.

80:13 The boarout of the woods uproots it, And the wild beast of the field devours it.

The matter of the swine returns to its wallow refers to the sin of uncleanness, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. Then, there must be the dog licking the vomit, namely the idle words, lie, gossip, and slander.

- The little foxes.

Song of Solomon 2:15

2:15 HER BROTHERS Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines, For our vines have tender grapes.

The little foxes refer to ones who murmur, complain and gossip It makes the flower fall. It means not being

beautiful. One cannot bear fruits, but the rotten ones.

If we are sanctified from these three things, we will bear many sweet fruits. As a result, "My father is the vinedresser" or we will never be bankrupt.

Psalms 23:1

23:1 <<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

God is able to preserve our life abundantly until we can give thanks. When we need something, He provides it for us. We are sanctified to be as perfect as Jesus.

3. The covering of the glory of God. There is no impossible thing.

Mark 14:35-36

14:35 He went a little farther, and fell on the ground, and prayed that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

14:36 And He said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

The requirement is through the worship, fasting, and all night-long prayer.

The worship prayer is the process to tear the flesh with all of its desires, lusts, and wills. The feeling of fear, sadness or forcing our own will must be torn until we can cry out "Abba, Father". We can be faithful until the flesh does not speak anymore and we can love God more than anything.

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."

Then, Holy Spirit will anoint and fill us up abundantly. We get the covering of Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

As a result, Holy Spirit is able to renew us from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus. It starts from being honest. If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will also happen. The impossible things become possible and our steps are the ones of miracle. It continues until the time when Jesus comes for the second time that we are changed to be as perfect as Him. We can welcome His coming on the glorious clouds, enter the paradise or the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace, and the throne of heaven. We and our family are covered forever.

God blesses you.