

General Service in Malang, June 04, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

Grace and peace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 6:1-2

6:1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

6:2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

The opening of the first seal is the first judgment of Holy Spirit God to the world, namely the revival of the white horse or the judgment over the sins. If the sins are judged, men do not need to be judged. However, if one preserves the sins, he will be judged until entering the hell forever.

There are two meanings of the horse as follows.

1. The physical meaning.

- a. The flesh with all its abilities (richness, smartness, high position) that becomes the reliance of men, including the children of God, so they do not trust in God.

Isaiah 31:1,3

31:1 Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, Who trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, Nor seek the Lord!

31:3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; And their horses are flesh, and not spirit. When the Lord stretches out His hand, Both he who helps will fall, And he who is helped will fall down; They all will perish together.

- b. The fleshly desire that peaks on sins concerning eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, consuming drugs) and marrying-being given in marriage (sexuality sin with all its varieties, mix marriage, marrying-divorcing).

Jeremiah 5:8

5:8 They were likewise fed lusty stallions; Every one neighed after his neighbor's wife.

2. The spiritual meaning.

2 Kings 2:11

2:11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Zechariah 14:20

14:20 In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

Horses of fire refer to the power of Holy Spirit that makes us repent and live in righteousness and holiness. The sins are judged so we are not judged with three times seven judgments of God the Trinity up to the hell.

Now, we celebrate the Pentecost, that is the pouring 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 goes away means that He dies on the cross, is raised and lifted up to the Heaven, to pour the Holy Spirit in the upper room of Jerusalem until now.

John 14:16-17

14:16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

14:17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

No matter how great a man is, without the Holy Spirit he is just as the orphan spiritually. It means as follows.

- Being weak spiritually, meaning easily being disappointed and desperate, as well as easily being proud.
- Not experiencing the new birth. One relies on the fleshly ability and desire, so he falls in sins up to the peak.

Therefore, absolutely we need the power of Holy Spirit or the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The process to receive the anointing of Holy Spirit is as follows.

1. Through the true water baptism.

Matthew 3:15-16

3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

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.

The true water baptism is according to the will of God. We must be baptized as Jesus is.

Romans 6:2,4

6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

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.

The requirement of the true water baptism is believing Jesus and repenting. We die to sins.

The execution of the true water baptism is one who has died to sins must be buried in water together with Jesus, to be raised with Him and experience the opening of the Heaven and the pouring of Holy Spirit. We receive new life or Heavenly life, namely living in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

In the past, water baptism was illustrated as the Israelites who went out from the Red Sea. There were horses that chased them, namely the fleshly abilities and desire. However, all of them died.

Exodus 14:28-30

14:28 Then the waters returned and covered the chariots, the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. Not so much as one of them remained.

14:29 But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

14:30 So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.

In water baptism, the old fleshly man must be buried, so we can receive new life, namely living in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The results are as follows.

- The Israelites walk on dry land.

Romans 6:18

6:18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

It means that we live in righteousness and become the instrument of righteousness or the priests and kings. We become the servants of God who are faithful and righteous. We serve Him with faithfulness and righteousness according to the ministry entrusted by Him.

- The waters become a wall on the right and left, meaning as follows.
 - There is certain guarantee of God's care starting from now in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the days of antichrist, even up to the eternal life. Our matter is ministering in faithfulness and righteousness. The rest is the matter of God.
 - There is guarantee of salvation until we enter the wall of the New Jerusalem.

2. A priest must dwell in the Holy Place.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.

God commanded Moses to make the Tabernacle, so there is the ambience of the Heaven in the world. The Tabernacle consists of three places, that is the Court (salvation), the Holy Place (holiness), and the Most Holy Place (perfection). We have been saved, but we have not been perfected yet. Therefore, our place now is in the Holy Place.

There are three types of equipment in the Holy Place as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service and Fellowship. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
- Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.

Through the perseverance in three main services in the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit cling to God the Trinity. Thus, Satan the trinity cannot touch our lives. We are always sanctified and anointed by God. The Gentiles become the sheep within the hand of the Great Shepherd.

Psalm 23:1-2

23:1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

The results are as follows.

- "I shall not want". There is abundant care by God, so we always give thanks to Him.
- Peace and calmness. Everything becomes easy and light.

The more we are sanctified and anointed, the more abundant God's care to us. Our life becomes calm more and more. We are more faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering God. We are sanctified continually until "I shall not want", namely until we are perfect and blameless as Him.

Exodus 32:25

32:25 Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies),

If one is not shepherded, he will become as the wild horse. It means not being able to be advised, but following the flesh desire and lust to do sins up to the peak. The wild horse is being neglected, meaning there is none who cares or is responsible for the salvation of the soul, until being destroyed forever.

3. Through standing and sitting before His feet.

Luke 7:36-38

7:36 Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

7:37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

7:38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil.

It means that we humble ourselves before God's feet. Whatever our condition now, no matter how sinful we are, as long as we are willing to humble ourselves before His feet, He still wants to forgive and anoint us.

The practices of humbling ourselves before God's feet are as follows.

- Hearing and obeying the true teaching Word or the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword which points the hidden sins.
- Washing His feet with tears, meaning having a contrite heart.
- Wiping His feet with the hair, meaning leaving all pride until we feel powerless and unworthy.
- Kissing His feet, meaning confessing our sins to God and the others. If we are forgiven, we must not repeat the sins. Thus, the fragrant anointing oil will be poured.

The result is miracle happens. The rotten things will be made fragrant.

Spiritual miracle is life renewal from the unclean life to the right and holy one. We obey the Word of God.

2 Corinthians 2:14

2:14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

We can bring the fragrance of Christ in every place. We can testify through the Good News to bring the sinful men to believe Jesus and be saved. We also testify through the Bride Tidings to the ones who have been saved, so they can be shepherded, sanctified, and renewed up to perfection. We will be worthy to welcome Jesus' second coming.

Zechariah 4:7

4:7 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone. With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'

Physical miracle is that Holy Spirit is able to solve all impossible problems. The steps of testimony equal to the steps of victory or the steps of miracle. The mountain becomes a plain means that there is beautiful and successful future. When Jesus comes a second time, Holy Spirit will renew us to become perfect and blameless as Him. We can welcome His second coming. The Heaven is opened and we are lifted up to the glorious clouds to enter the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

God blesses us.