

General Service in Malang, June 19, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 4:3,6

4:3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

4:6 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

God and His throne radiate the light of glory or shekinah glory in the form of the light of the four precious stones as follows.

1. Jasper stone refers to the faith.
In Tabernacle, it refers to the Gate.

Romans 10:17

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

The true faith comes from hearing the Word of God, the Word anointed by Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit helps us hear the Word solemnly, understand it, until believe and have faith to the Word.

2. Sardius stone refers to repentance.
In Tabernacle, it refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering.

In the past, the offering animals were slaughtered to get the forgiveness of sins. Now, all have been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

Repenting means stopping sinning to return to God. We die to sins.

3. Crystal or the sea of glass refers to water baptism.
The sea of glass reminds us to Kolsom Sea. In Tabernacle, it refers to the Brazen Laver.

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.

The true water baptism is one who has died to sin must be buried in water together with Jesus, to be raised with Him and receive new life, that is living in righteousness. We must radiate the light of righteousness in every aspect of our life. Personally we live in righteousness in our job, education, and marriage. We also minister in righteousness.

4. Emerald or the rainbow around the throne refers to Holy Spirit baptism.
In Tabernacle, it refers to the door of Tabernacle.

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."

One who is filled up with Holy Spirit will be able to cry out "Abba, Father". We can be obedient whatever the risk we must face. We can be obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore.

Matthew 7:21

7:21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

If we are obedient, the door of Heaven will be opened, until we can sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever.

The daily practices of being obedient are as follows.

1. Being a well and right shepherded sheep.

John 10:27-28

10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

10:28 *And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.*

We will experience two things as follows if we are well and right shepherded.

- Jesus knows us well, and we know Him well through the shepherding voice.

John 10:4

10:4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

We know Him deeper and closer. It is until we sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven.

John 10:5

10:5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

Be careful with strange voice, that is gossip, false teaching, or the teaching that is not in the same tone with the voice of the shepherd.

- We follow the step of Jesus with the blood sign, that is being willing to experience flesh suffering with Him.

John 10:27

10:27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Do not be doubtful. With the blood sign of Jesus, Satan will not be able to touch. We will not fall or stumble. We will not be deceived. We keep following and ministering God until His second coming.

John 10:4

10:4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

We follows Jesus with two directions as follows.

- a. Entering the shepherding pen (Holy Place).

There are three types of equipment within the Holy Place that refer to perseverance in three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. 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 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.

In the shepherding pen, our body, spirit, and soul cling to God the Trinity, so we can say "I shall not want". It means that we are cared abundantly so we always give thanks to Him. Our body, spirit, and soul are also sanctified until we are perfect and blameless.

- b. Going to the other pens.

John 10:16

10:16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

We are used in the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ. We unite with the sheep from the other pens. We become one flock with one Shepherd, one body with one Head. We are ready to welcome His second coming.

- 2. Living in holiness and loving one another. We love the others as loving ourselves, even we can love the enemy.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 *And He Himself gave some to beapostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,*
4:12 *for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

Thus, we will be equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit. We are appointed as the priests and kings who are used in the ministry of building the body of Christ. The ministry equals to the beautiful tunic. If God appoints us as the priests and kings, He is beautifying our life.

If one does not want to become the priest and king, he will be used for the building of Babylon that will be destroyed forever.

3. Enduring, meaning overcoming Satan the Trinity.

Matthew 7:24-25

7:24 *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:*

7:25 *and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.*

- Rain refers to evil and unclean spirits that ruin and scatter marriages.
Enduring means keeping living in righteousness and holiness, so our marriage is holy, united, and joyful.
- Wind refers to false prophet with the spirit of lying and gossiping, as well as false teachings that ruin the ministry.
Enduring means holding fast the true teaching Word and preserving the right ministry.
- Flood refers to antichris with the selling-buying spirits, that make the servants of God become stingy and greedy. It ruins the true worship.
Being stingy means being unable to give for the work of God and the others who are in need.
Being greedy means seizing the right of the others, or ministering with aiming for physical matters.
Being stingy and greedy equals to worshiping money or idol.
Enduring means keeping worshiping God in the true worship, whatever happens in our life.

Enduring equals to being wise, and being as the shining stars.

Matthew 7:24

7:24 *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:*

Daniel 12:3

12:3 *Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.*

John 10:27-28

10:27 *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.*

10:28 *And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.*

The position of one who is obedient is within the hands of the Great Shepherd, the High Priest. It means that Jesus always cares and understands our condition, until He says "It is finished!" on the cross.

The results are as follows.

1. The merciful hands of the Great Shepherd give us certain guarantee to care our present life in the difficult world, and to give us beautiful and successful future, up to the eternal life.
The merciful hands of the Great Shepherd are able to give us victory over the enemies who are stronger than us. It is because the merciful hands of the Great Shepherd make a war for us to solve all impossible problems right in His time. We do not stumble or fall in sins. We keep living in righteousness and holiness.
2. The merciful hands of the Great Shepherd give us the crown of glory that does not fade away.

1 Peter 5:4

5:4 *and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.*

The hands of the Great Shepherd renew us from the flesh man to the spiritual one. We keep being faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry. We does not fade until the end line.

Ephesians 4:24-25

4:24 *and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.*

4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

We are renewed continually until we do not stumble in word. We only cry out "Alleluia" to welcome His second coming, until we sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever.

God blesses us.