

General Service in Malang, June 26, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

Psalm 23:1,6

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

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

We submit a child into the hands of God the Good Shepherd. It means that this child becomes a right and well shepherded life. He will dwell in the house of God and be faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering God. He will always be within the merciful and good hands of the Great Shepherd.

The results is "I shall not want", meaning as follows.

1. The merciful and good hands of the Great Shepherd are able to care us in the midst of difficulties in this world, so we live abundantly and always give thanks to God. He also cares and protects us until the days of antichrist.
2. We are sanctified until we are perfect and blameless to be worthy to welcome His second coming.

God blesses us.

GENERAL SERVICE

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 in the form of the light of the precious stones. It is so that lives who are in the darkness of sins may live in light until sitting together with Jesus on the throne of Heaven.

There are four precious stones as follows.

1. Jasper stone refers to the faith (= the Gate of Tabernacle).
2. Sardius stone refers to repentance (= the Altar of Burnt Offering).
3. Crystal or the sea of glass refers to water baptism (= the Brazen Laver).
4. Emerald or the rainbow around the throne refers to Holy Spirit baptism (= the door of Tabernacle).

We are still learning the first one, that is jasper stone. It is the most beautiful stone and refers to the faith (the Gate of Tabernacle).

John 3:16-19

3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

3:17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

3:19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Faith means believing Jesus as the only Savior. It equals to entering the door of the Heaven. It means that we are set free from sins by the sacrifice of Christ, so we are not condemned and destroyed, but we receive eternal life.

If one does not believe Jesus, it means that he is outside the Gate. He keeps living in sin up to its peak, that is sin concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. He is under the judgment of God up to the everlasting perdition in the hell.

There are three levels of faith or believing Jesus as follows.

1. Believing Jesus who has died and been raised.

Romans 4:25

4:25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

Jesus has died to bear our sins and sets us free from sins.

Jesus has been raised to justify us.

The practice of believing Jesus who has died and been raised is we must enter the true water baptism.

Romans 6:2

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

The requirement of the true water baptism is we must die to sins. It equals to repentance.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 But (1)the cowardly, (2)unbelieving, (3)abominable, (4)murderers, (5)sexually immoral, (6)sorcerers, (7)idolaters, and all (8)liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Especially we must repent from eight sins that bring us directly to the hell as follows.

- a. Being coward, meaning being afraid of something in this world until opposing God.
- b. Unbelieving.
- c. Being abominable.
- d. Murderer, meaning hating the others up to hatred without any reasons.
- e. Being sexually immoral.
- f. Sorcerer.
- g. Idolater.
- h. Liar.

If we die to eight sins, we are as the eight people who entered the ark of Noah and were saved.

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 practice of 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 the Heavenly life.

Matthew 3:7-9

3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

3:8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

3:9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Heavenly life is experiencing renewal from the brood of vipers to the descendants of Abraham. Some characters of the viper are having serpentine move and poisonous tongue, meaning being dishonest.

Galatians 3:7

3:7 Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

The descendant of Abraham lives from faith, that is living in righteousness in all aspects of our life.

Psalms 37:25-26

37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

Thus, we will be blessed up to our descendants and become blessing to the others.

2. Believing Jesus who has ascended to the Heaven and sat on the right side of the throne of Father God.

Hebrews 12:2

12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,

despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Ephesians 4:8-12

4:8 Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

4:9 (Now this, "He ascended"--what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

4:10 He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

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,

The practice of believing Jesus who has ascended to the Heaven is we receive the gifts from Him, that is the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit. The gift of Holy Spirit is miraculous ability from Holy Spirit so we can do the ministry entrusted by God. We are appointed as the priest and king, that is one who is right and holy, as well as one who holds the ministry from God so we must be faithful and responsible.

The tasks of a priest are as follows.

- a. We must be active or faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry of building the spiritual house or the body of Christ, according to the ministry entrusted by God until the end line, that is until we die or Jesus comes a second time.

Ephesians 4:12

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

The building of the body of Christ is started from within marriage. A husband loves his wife as loving himself and does not be bitter toward her. A wife must submit to her husband in every matter. Children must obey their parents. It is continued within shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ, and we are ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

- b. Testifying, meaning radiating the light of life renewal through good and right words and deeds, as well as good and right marriage.

1 Peter 2:9-10

2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2:10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

The result is we become a living stone who lives from the great mercy of God. We can live wherever, whenever, under any situation, up to the eternal life. A living stone is a beautiful stone, meaning our life will be beautiful in His time.

3. Believing Jesus who will come for the second time on the glorious clouds.

Revelation 22:20-21

22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The practice of believing Jesus who will come for the second time is living in the great grace of God.

1 Peter 2:19

2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

It means being willing to experience flesh suffering together with Jesus. It is a light and short suffering, as Jesus who died for three days but then He is glorified in the Heaven forever.

John 16:21

16:21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

God lets us experience flesh suffering with Him so we experience life renewal and become as the newborn baby. A baby drinks the breast milk, meaning enjoying the true shepherding Word, being obedient and honest.

A baby only cries, meaning worshipping God with faithful words and trust.

Genesis 22:5

22:5 And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

Facing the problem of marriage, let us stretch out our hands and believe that the great merciful hands of God are able to help us.

Mark 5:28

5:28 For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

Facing physical illness, financial problems, *et cetera*, let us be as a crying baby who has faithful words and trust that the merciful hands of God are able to help us.

Luke 1:37-38

1:37 For with God nothing will be impossible."

1:38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Facing broken future, let us believe that the merciful hands of God are able to help us.

Revelation 22:20

22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

At this moment, we still have many weaknesses, but let us pray so we experience life renewal. There is still the great merciful hands of God that are able to help, until we are ready to welcome His second coming.

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