

General Service in Malang, May 03, 2015 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 2-3 is about the seven times of the sprinkling of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant. It refers to the last sanctification to the seven churches of the Gentiles or the church in the last days, until they are perfect and blameless as Jesus, to become the Heavenly bride who is ready to welcome His second coming.

Although the church of God has many excellences, but if there is a blemish, everything will be useless since they will be left on His second coming and be destroyed forever.

Revelation 2-3 consists of two parts as follows.

- I. Revelation 2 refers to sanctification to 4 congregations of the Gentiles as follows.
 - a. Revelation 2:1-7, sanctification to the church of Ephesus.
 - b. Revelation 2:8-11, sanctification to the church in Smyrna.
 - c. Revelation 2:12-17, sanctification to the church in Pergamos.
 - d. Revelation 2:18-29, sanctification to the church in Thyatira.
- II. Revelation 3 refers to sanctification to 3 congregations of the Gentiles as follows.
 - a. Revelation 3:1-6, sanctification to the church in Sardis.
 - b. Revelation 3:7-13, sanctification to the church in Philadelphia.
 - c. Revelation 3:14-22, sanctification to the church of the Laodiceans.

We learn about the second part.

Revelation 3 refers to the conditions of the Gentiles represented by the church in Sardis, in Philadelphia, and of the Laodiceans.

- a. The condition of the church in Sardis is in the sign of death.

Revelation 3:13:1 *And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.*
- b. The condition of the church in Philadelphia is in the sign of resurrection.

Revelation 3:7
And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, These things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens:
- c. The condition of the church of the Laodiceans should be in the sign of glory, but the reality is they are lukewarm.

Revelation 3:15-16
*3:15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.
3:16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*

Being lukewarm means neither dying nor rising, meaning not experiencing life renewal, but preserving the flesh man who only looks for physical matters in the ministry, without bothering spiritual matters or the true teaching Word.

The consequence of being lukewarm spiritually is being as vomit before God, meaning being useless for God and the others, making God grieve and dishonoring Him. This kind of life is unclean and abominable, and will be destroyed forever.

Thus, we as the Gentiles in the last days, must have the sign or experience of death and resurrection together with Jesus, so we also have the sign or experience of glory with Him.

The sign of glory is experiencing sanctification and renewal from the flesh man to the spiritual one up to perfection as Jesus. We become the perfect body of Christ or the Heavenly bride who is ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds. Thereafter, we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, that is the perfect marriage.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 Then he said to me, Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb! And he

said to me, *“These are the true sayings of God.”*

Afterwards, we enter the Paradise or a thousand years kingdom of peace [Revelation 20]. It is continued with entering the New Jerusalem [Revelation 21-22].

The Tabernacle consists of three rooms, that are the Court, the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place. There are three levels of renewal in the Tabernacle as follows.

1. Renewal through water baptism (the Brazen Laver in the Court).

Ephesians 4:5

4:5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

There is only one baptism in one body of Christ, as there is only one ark of Noah that saves. The ark of Noah is entered by Noah with his wife and his three sons together with their wives each. Accordingly for us, one family must have one water baptism, so we can enter the unity of marriage and the unity of heart, and all are saved.

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 we must die to sin, or we must repent.

1 Peter 2:1

2:1 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

Repentance is started with laying aside five main sins by the power of the blood of Jesus that comes out of the five main wounds.

- Malice is the lust of money that causes stinginess and greediness. Stinginess is being unable to give. Greediness is seizing the right of the others and of God.
- Deceit.
- Hypocrisy is pretending doing good or being faithful to cover sins, *et cetera*.
- Envy is hatred without any reasons.
- Evil speaking is saying wrong the right things or saying right the wrong things.

The execution of the true water baptism is being buried together with Jesus in water, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, that is Lord Jesus Christ. Thereafter, we are risen from water together with Him to receive new life (the heavens are opened), that is Heavenly life.

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.

Jesus is baptized to obey the will of God.

Jesus comes up from the water means He is also buried in water.

The term *“come up from the water”* is together with the term *“the heavens are opened”*. If one does not come up from the water, the heavens are closed and he is still in his old life.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us “baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

New life equals to Heavenly life, that is having a good conscience as the heart of a dove.

Dove is the calling to the wife or bride (in the book of Song of Solomon). The heart of dove or the heart of bride is a sincere one, meaning the heart that is sensitive to differ the right and wrong matters. It is started from differing the true teaching

Word and the wrong one, the true ministry and the wrong one, the true marriage and the wrong one. Dove has no gall. The heart of dove refers to a peaceful one. It does not feel the things felt by the flesh. The heart only loves God. We experience relief and everything becomes easy and light.

If we have sincere and peaceful heart, we move from the ambience of the curse in the world to the one of Heaven. One with a sincere and peaceful heart will be used to serve God.

Matthew 11:30

11:30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.â

2. Renewal through worship prayer (the Golden Altar of Incense in the Holy Place).

Matthew 17:1-2

17:1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; 17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

Worship prayer is the process of tearing the flesh so we experience life renewal from the flesh man to the spiritual one as Jesus.

Life renewal is started from the face that shines like the sun. Face represents heart. A hard heart is renewed to a gentle one that is filled with God's love. Thus, we are always obedient.

Matthew 17:3

17:3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

In the beginning of his life, Moses was a baby thrown at the Nile River. Moses obeyed God and only cried to Him. During the journey of his life, Moses also obeyed God and only stretched out his hands to Him when facing the Red Sea.

Numbers 20:7-12

20:7 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying,

20:8 âTake the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals.â

20:9 So Moses took the rod from before the Lord as He commanded him.

20:10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, âHear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?â

20:11 Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came out abundantly, and the congregation and their animals drank.

20:12 Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, âBecause you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.â

Unfortunately, in the end of his life, Moses hardened his heart and disobeyed God because of the rebelliousness of the Israelites. The consequence was he could not enter Canaan and did not receive the promise of God.

But in a worship prayer, Moses experiences renewal from a hard heart to a gentle one. He returns to become as a baby that only cries and obeys God. Thus, Moses can step his feet in Canaan. It means experiencing the ambience of Heaven and the impossible things are made possible.

Matthew 7:24-25

7:24 â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.

An obedient life will be used in the building of the perfect body of Christ. It is started from within marriage. If one is obedient, he will endure so he will not fall until Jesus's second coming. We will also experience the ambience of Heaven.

3. Renewal through the sprinkling of blood (the Most Holy Place).

The sprinkling of blood on the Ark of the Covenant refers to the flesh suffering experienced by Jesus.

The sprinkling of blood in front of the Ark of the Covenant refers to the flesh suffering that we must experience. The example is suffering to minister God, suffering because of righteousness, suffering because of being slandered, *et cetera*.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

Why does God let us experience the sprinkling of blood? It is so that we experience renewal from the flesh man to the spiritual one until we are perfect and worthy to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

What must be renewed to enter the New Jerusalem or the Kingdom of Heaven?

- A doubtful heart must be renewed to a heart that believes God and the true teaching Word.

Revelation 21:1

21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

James 1:6

1:6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

- There is no more lie. We must be honest.

Revelation 21:4

21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.â

Isaiah 28:15

28:15 Because you have said, âWe have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we are in agreement. When the overflowing scourge passes through, It will not come to us, For we have made lies our refuge, And under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.â

Being honest and believing are the steps of miracle to enter the New Jerusalem.

John 14:12

14:12 âMost assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

If we are honest and believe, we will be used to preach the Good News and Bride Tidings.

Genesis 22:5

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

Abraham is honest and believes God. The result is Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide.

Mark 7:27-29

7:27 But Jesus said to her, âLet the children be filled first, for it is not good to take the childrenâs bread and throw it to the little dogs.â

7:28 And she answered and said to Him, âYes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under the table eat from the childrenâs crumbs.â

7:29 Then He said to her, âFor this saying go your way; the demon has gone out of your daughter.â

This woman honestly confesses as a dog. She also believes. As the result, her marriage and daughter are recovered.

John 11:39-40

11:39 Jesus said, âTake away the stone.â Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, âLord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days.â

11:40 Jesus said to her, âDid I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?â

Martha is honest ("Lord, by this time there is a stench") and believes. The result is she sees the glory of God. The failed will be renewed to success, suffering and tears will be replaced with joy. The last renewal is we will be renewed as perfect and

glorious as Him. We become the Heavenly bride who is ready to welcome His second coming.

God blesses us.