

General Service in Malang, May 30, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 13:3-4

13:3. And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast.

13:4. So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

The verse three is about the sign of the Antichrist, namely one of his heads was as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. It refers to the false death and resurrection, so one just receives the false glory in the world. There is no heavenly glory, so he will be destroyed.

If the servant of God just looks for the false glory in the ministry, he will surely become amazed to the Antichrist. He admires the Antichrist too much; even he worships him, so he will be destroyed forever.

The verse four is about the Antichrist who becomes the flesh. It is the same as becoming the beast, so he is very great physically like unbeatable. It causes people including the church of God to become amazed too much to the Antichrist and worship him, even becoming the same as him up to perdition forever. We must be watchful!

We should not look for the glory in our following Jesus, but the true experience of death and resurrection.

Who is able to make war with the Antichrist and defeat him?

2 Thessalonians 2:7-8

2:7. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

2:8. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

If the perfect church of God is evacuated to the wilderness, the Antichrist will reign over the world for three and a half years to persecute and kill the church of God who is left in the world.

There are two possibilities as follows:

1. The smallest possibility is that the church of God keeps worshipping God although he is persecuted until he is beheaded by the Antichrist.
But he will be risen in the body of glory to enter the heaven when Jesus comes a second time.
2. The biggest possibility is that the church cannot survive against the persecution, so he worships the Antichrist. He can enjoy his life in the world, but he will be left in the world and destroyed with the Antichrist when Jesus comes a second time.

After the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years, Jesus will come a second time to consume and destroy him.

So, the one who is able to make war with the Antichrist and defeat him is Jesus (the Head) and those who follow Jesus earnestly (the body).

The Antichrist cannot be defeated with intelligence and riches in the world. Those who are not earnest will surely be left with the Antichrist.

How can Jesus defeat the Antichrist?

The Antichrist is Satan who incarnates to become the flesh with the mark 666. It means that his body and soul are just the flesh, and without Holy Spirit. The Antichrist is shown as the beast.

Matthew 1:20-21

1:20. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

1:21. "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

Luke 2:52

2:52. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Jesus is Holy Spirit who is born as man. He has body, soul, spirit, mind, and feeling, so He pleases God and others.

2 Timothy 2:8

2:8. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,

Matthew 22:42-44

22:42. saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David."

22:43. He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying:

22:44. 'The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"?"

Jesus is a man who experiences the true death, resurrection, and glory until He sits at the right hand of the throne of God the Father. He will come a second time.

2 Thessalonians 2:8

2:8. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Jesus will come a second time to consume the Antichrist with the breath of His mouth, namely the power of Holy Spirit.

Why must Jesus be born as a man to die on the cross, rise, and ascend to the heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father?

1. Jesus is born as a man, so He as the Head can defeat the Antichrist, and so can we as His body.

Do not be preyed by the Antichrist! Do not become the same as the Antichrist!

2. To give His example or steps to us, namely the ones of death, resurrection, and glory.

1 Peter 2:21

2:21. For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

We will never become amazed nor follow the Antichrist. We will never get lost or follow the steps of the Antichrist which are without the true death, resurrection, and glory.

We will never become amazed too much to the physical things. We may receive the physical thing, but we may not admire it until we do not focus on Jesus.

The facts found in following the steps of Jesus up to the throne of heaven are as follows:

o We must enter the true water baptism.

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.

We are baptized as Jesus is. Actually, Jesus does not need to be baptized, because He does not sin. But, He is baptized to become the example of the true water baptism.

The water baptism is the base, so it must be true because it determines whether we reach the true glory or not.

The requirements of the true water baptism are as follows:

- Believing in Jesus as the only Savior. He has died on the cross to forgive and take away our sins.
- Repenting or stopping sinning and returning to God. It starts from not lying.

The implementation of the true water baptism is that one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus in the name of God the Father, Son of God, and Holy Spirit, namely the Lord Jesus Christ, and come out or rise from water with Him, so the heavens are opened. We receive the new life or heavenly one. Holy Spirit comes to give the breath of life, so we can live in the anointing of Holy Spirit, namely life in righteousness. It is the same as receiving the seal of the name of Jesus.

We cannot be marked or touched by the Antichrist, but we are saved and blessed by God.

o We must be shepherded well and correctly.

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.

The requirements are as follows:

- We must be in the spiritual sheepfold, namely the Holy Place. It refers to the perseverance in committing the three kinds of main service to God.

The Golden Candlestick refers to the perseverance in committing the General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God.

The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God.

The Golden Altar of Incense refers to the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God.

In the sheepfold, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch us. We cannot be marked with 666 by the Antichrist.

The fact found in it is that we can live in righteousness as well as persevere in the shepherding.

The Antichrist will start writing his mark as soon as we do not live in righteousness as well as not persevere in the shepherding.

If we leave the shepherding or walk about, we will be preyed by the Antichrist.

- We just hear and obey the voice of the Shepherd or eat the shepherding Word.
 - The shepherding Word is entrusted by God to a shepherd to be preached to the congregation faithfully, regularly, continually, and repetitively to become the food for them.
 - We must be watchful when a shepherd does not feed faithfully, because the Antichrist may come.

The usefulnesses of the shepherding Word are as follows:

- Leading us to follow the steps of Jesus as the Good and Great Shepherd, namely the way of the cross or the step of death, resurrection, and glory. The Shepherd's rod will remind us when we step away from the steps of Jesus.

Our attitude to the shepherding in the world determines whether we enter the heaven (the last shepherding) or not.

The Word will give us strength.

The shepherding Word also protects us from strange voice, so we do not follow the false teaching which is different from the true teaching Word.

Receiving and following the strange voice are the same as straying from the right way although it is just a little difference.

If it continues, one will surely be separated from the true way.

The strange voice refers to the teaching that is different from the true teaching Word, gossips, *et cetera*.

- Becoming the spiritual food to purify us continuously up to perfection like Jesus. There is no more sin. We are spotless.
 - If we are shepherded, we will become holier day by day because we are purified continuously.

Deuteronomy 6:6-8

6:6. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

6:7. "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

6:8. "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

What must be purified?

- The forehead, namely our heart and mind.
 - A harlot's forehead is marked with 666. It means that one does not want to be purified.
 - Our forehead must be marked with the Word.
- The hand. It means that sinful deeds up to the peak must be purified to result in good and holy deeds.
- The mouth. It means that sinful and dirty words, lie, and slander must be purified, so we do not stumble in words. It is the same as being perfect.

James 3:2

3:2. For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

The results are as follows:

- If we are purified, so our forehead and hand are marked with the true teaching Word, we will not be marked by the Antichrist.
We win over the Antichrist.
- The more we are purified, the bigger the two wings of a great eagle until by which we may fly to the wilderness, far from the eye of the Antichrist. We win over the Antichrist.

Revelation 12:1, 14

12:1. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

12:14. But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

3. Pouring out Holy Spirit or the breath of life for us.**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.

The results are as follows:

- Holy Spirit is able to change us from fleshly men to spiritual ones like Jesus.

John 14:16-18

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.

14:18. "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Without Holy Spirit, we are just orphans spiritually no matter how great we are.

We do not have life support and strength to follow the way of the cross, so we will surely be on the way of the Antichrist which is comfortable for flesh. It is against God, and we will be destroyed.

The birth or origin of an orphan is not known. The Antichrist is Satan who incarnates, so his father and mother are not known.

It means that we cannot experience the new birth without Holy Spirit. We are never changed, so we keep living with eighteen attitudes of flesh and will be marked by the Antichrist up to perdition.

- Holy Spirit is able to give satisfaction, so we can give thanks to God. We live in peace, so we are happy, and all things become easy and light.

John 4:9,15-16

4:9. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

4:15. The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

4:16. Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

Without Holy Spirit, we will not experience the satisfaction, but living in uncleanness and bitterness no matter how great we are, so we just hurt others.

- Holy Spirit will be poured out abundantly in our life until it becomes the reserve of oil on the last days, so our lamp keeps burning until God comes a second time.

2 Kings 4:1-7

4:1. A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves."

4:2. So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your

maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil."

4:3. Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors--empty vessels; do not gather just a few.

4:4. "And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones."

4:5. So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out.

4:6. Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased.

4:7. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest."

Without Holy Spirit, we are like a widow who is in debt. It means that there is something wrong or something that cannot be finished in our physical life, namely temptation and problem, and spiritual life, namely being unable to become perfect.

We must be careful with the grasp of the Antichrist, namely the bond of money that makes us greedy and stingy.

The orphans, woman of Samaria, and widow are the image of those who are weak.

The way out is closing the door and praying.

Our heart is closed for all things in the world such as temptation, problem, *et cetera*. Do not think it all the time! Do not hope others but Jesus!

Our heart is just opened for God. It means that we confess that we can do nothing. We do not demand, because we are just worthy to be destroyed.

We just trust, hope, and totally surrender to God.

2 Kings 4:10, 32-33

4:10. "Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there."

4:32. When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed.

4:33. He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD.

Holy Spirit is able to finish the problem of dead child, namely impossibility, the problem that is never finished, and the marriage that is wrong.

The marriage can become one, holy, and perfect. We can become the witness of God or the burning lamp.

A widow can become a girl.

A widow refers to one who has been separated with God because of sin, disappointment, and problem.

The girl refers to one who lives in holiness. We are not evil and unclean. We are not desperate or disappointment but we have the good relationship with God.

With Holy Spirit, we can live in holiness and obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore.

We have Jesus' mind and feeling, so we become the same as the first creation.

The reserve of oil of Holy Spirit also evacuates us to the wilderness when the Antichrist reigns over the world. The reserve of oil of Holy Spirit changes us to become as glorious as Jesus, so we are worthy to greet Him on the glorious clouds. We are with Him in the heaven forever.

We need Holy Spirit to win over the Antichrist.

God blesses us.