

General Service in Malang, September 03, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 20:1-6 is about the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the future Paradise.

Who can enter or become the inhabitant of the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace?

1. **The people who die in Jesus.**

Revelation 14:13

14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'""Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

It means living in the full surrendering to God as long as they live as well as having the true teaching Word or the sound of the trumpet, the testimony of Jesus, and true worship, so there is the life renewal until the flesh does not speak anymore or until being dead physically.

Revelation 20:4

20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

This group includes the martyrs because of the name of God from Abel to the disciples of Jesus as well as the people who are beheaded when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years because of having the testimony of Jesus (the Golden Candlestick) and the Word (the Table of Showbread), but without the Golden Altar of Incense (not worshiping God or the worship has not reached the measurement, namely the flesh does not speak anymore, so the flesh still speaks or there are no faithfulness and obedience). They are let to enter the persecution of the Antichrist until being beheaded for tearing the flesh until it does not speak anymore.

2. **The people who live in the Lord until Jesus comes a second time**, namely living in the full surrendering to God and having the true teaching Word (the sound of the trumpet), the testimony of Jesus, and the true worship, so there is life renewal until the flesh does not speak anymore.

Number 1 and 2 means that there is the first separation between the people who live in the Lord (being evacuated by the two wings of a great eagle to the wilderness, far away from the presence of the Antichrist who reigns over the world for three and a half years) and the dead in the Lord (not being evacuated to the wilderness, but staying in the tomb until the end of the persecution of the Antichrist). Both of them will meet one another again on the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

Revelation 19:17-21

19:17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God,

19:18 "that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19:19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

19:20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

19:21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

In the end of the time of the Antichrist's reigning over the world for three and a half years, the remaining men who live in the world, worship the Antichrist, live according to the fleshly lusts, and commit sins up to the peak will be destroyed by the sword of judgment or enter the feast of great slaughter.

The Antichrist and false prophets will be cast into the hell directly.

Revelation 20:1-3

20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

20:2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

20:3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Meanwhile, Satan is captured, chained, and cast into the bottomless pit for one thousand years, so he cannot disturb or deceive.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52

15:51 *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--*

15:52 *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

When Jesus comes a second time with the voice of the last trumpet, there will be two great things as follows:

1. The dead in the Lord, including the martyrs, will be resurrected by the voice of the last trumpet in the body of glory like Jesus is.

Revelation 20:4,6

20:4 *And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.*

20:6 *Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.*

It is said as the first resurrection, so there will be no second death for them.

2. The people who live in the Lord until Jesus comes a second time will be changed in the twinkling of an eye by the voice of the last trumpet in the body of glory like Jesus.

Both of them will be one perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride that is ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

Revelation 19:6-7

19:6 *And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"*

19:7 *"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."*

As a result, there is meeting between Jesus, the Heavenly Bridegroom, and the congregation or the heavenly bride with shouting for joy "Alleluia" for entering the marriage supper of the lamb, the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace, and the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 20:5

20:5 *But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

Nevertheless, the other dead people who are not resurrected in the first resurrection are as follows

- The people who do not know Jesus and pass away.
- The Christians who are not serious, faithful in serving and ministering to God, and obedient until rejecting the voice of the trumpet will not be sanctified and changed, but keeping the fleshly men who fulfill the lust of the flesh or commit sins up to the peak.
- The Christians who are left when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years will deny Jesus, worship the Antichrist, and be the same as him.

After the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace, they will be resurrected to enter the hell.

The second separation happens, namely the eternal one that starts from the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace up to the heavenly kingdom. The separation happens with the people who enter the hell like the five wise virgins who are separated from the five foolish ones. They cannot meet anymore forever.

Although we are living in the same family, shepherding, and ministry, but having the different way of life, namely living in Jesus or living in the flesh, there will be the different destiny of life when Jesus comes a second time. The people who live in Jesus will enter the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace whereas the people who live outside Jesus will enter the hell. The eternal separation happens.

Therefore, as long as we are still alive, we must pray for and advise one another. Do not hate each other, have the self-truth, and so on. We must fight for being the five wise virgins who have the oil for supply, so our lamp keeps on burning. Where can we get the oil for supply 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 must die, be risen, and ascend to heaven for pouring out Holy Spirit to us.

If we appreciate the sacrifice of Christ, we will get the pouring of Holy Spirit. **The facts found in appreciating the sacrifice of Christ are as follows:**

1. Willingly suffering in the flesh for repenting or stopping sinning and returning to the Lord.

1 Peter 4:1

4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

2. Willingly suffering in the flesh for living in righteousness.

1 Peter 2:24

2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

It starts from entering the true water baptism, so we get the new life, namely the heavenly one in the anointing of Holy Spirit. It means living in righteousness. We get the restoration from the physical and spiritual diseases.

3. The righteous can be shepherded well and correctly.

1 Peter 2:25

2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has willingly sacrificed His soul so that the sheep can be shepherded well and correctly in the perseverance in committing the three main services to God.

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.

As a result, we are always sanctified and anointed by the oil of Holy Spirit, so our lamp keeps on burning. In the shepherding, the oil of the anointing of Holy Spirit helps the lamp that is almost quenched or the quenched one so that it can keep on burning until Jesus comes a second time.

The examples and results are as follows:

1. Israel was hopeless like a lamp that was almost quenched.

Exodus 14:15-16,21-22

14:15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

14:16 "But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

14:22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

It happened because of facing the Red Sea and the armies of Pharaoh, namely dead- end, impossible problems, up to the death.

Moses lifted up the rod. It means appreciating the cross, so Holy Spirit divided the Red Sea. It means that we are in the wall of God's protection and preservation physically and spiritually.

Holy Spirit gives solution, finishes all problems, and gives the beautiful successful future life.

2. Paul the apostle almost got hopeless like a lamp that was almost quenched.

2 Corinthians 1:8

1:8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life.

It happened because of suffering without any sin in the service and ministry to God. Nevertheless, Paul the apostle appreciated the sacrifice of Christ.

Romans 5:5

5:5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

As a result, Holy Spirit pours out the love of God, so we can endure and be strong and of good courage, namely not being disappointed or hopeless and leaving God in facing all things, but keeping on holding fast the true teaching Word and being obedient or not committing any sin. We can keep faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God. We keep on believing and worshiping God.

Joshua 1:6

1:6 "Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them.

As a result, we are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the edification of the perfect Christ's body.

Isaiah 26:3

26:3 You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You.

We get the peace. All things become easy and light.

1 Thessalonians 3:13

3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Holy Spirit changes us until we are perfect as the bride who is ready for welcoming Jesus' second coming.

God blesses you.