

General Service in Malang, September 07, 2014 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 1:17-20

1:17 *And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.*

1:18 *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

1:19 *Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.*

1:20 *The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.*

John the Apostle was exiled to Patmos Island to suffer in the flesh, not because of sinning but the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Thus, he could fall at His feet, meaning worshiping with a contrite heart and worshiping until the flesh does not sound anymore. John the Apostle surrendered his whole life to God until He laid His right hand on him, and he experienced three things as follows.

1. "Do not be afraid", meaning the renewal of the feeling so there is no more fear but only calm and peace.
2. "I am the First and the Last", meaning receiving the love of God that increases from the first love to the perfect one. It is needed so we do not enter the spiritual winter when love will grow cold and lawlessness will abound.
3. "I am He who was dead and lives",

Matthew 16:18-19

16:18 *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.*

16:19 *And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

Jesus was dead and lives to win over the death, so He holds the keys of Hades and of Death to close those doors for us. Thus, we are not destroyed but win over the death and receive the key of the kingdom of Heaven. We can enter the Heaven to obtain eternal life.

The key of the kingdom of Heaven is the cross or flesh suffering together with Jesus. It has been discussed in Prayer Service in Malang on August 26, 2014.

2 Peter 1:10-11

1:10 *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;*

1:11 *for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

The key of the kingdom of Heaven is the call and election from God to appoint us as the priests and kings. Priests and kings are the ones who are holy, holding the ministry, and ministering God according to the ministry given by Him.

Revelation 1:19

1:19 *Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.*

John the Apostle got the ministry from God to write His revelation that was sent to seven congregations of the Gentiles. It is to sanctify the blames and faults within the congregation, so they can become as perfect as Jesus.

After being used by God in the ministry of building the body of Christ according to the ministry from Him, we must struggle solemnly in our serve to Him. We minister Him in righteousness and faithfulness up to the end line (until we die or until His second coming). Thus, we will get the full right to enter the kingdom of Heaven.

Exodus 29:1-2,7

29:1 *"And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,*

29:2 *and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil (you shall make them of wheat flour).*

29:7 *And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him.*

The requirements to minister God in the true consecration are as follows.

1. Bringing 3 types of the animal offering.
2. Bringing 3 types of the food offering.
3. Bringing the anointing oil.

The figure 3 refers to God the Trinity. It means as follows.

- God really appreciates our consecration and ministry.
- Our consecration or ministry is only for God.
Ministering only to God equals to living in His hands.

ad. 1. Bringing 3 types of the animal offering.

Exodus 29:1

29:1 And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests: Take one young bull and two rams without blemish,

Now the animal offering has been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ. There are 3 types of animal offering as follows.

- a. The offering of one young bull, that is a sin offering for atonement.

1 John 4:10

4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Before ministering God, we must reconcile first with God and the others. We confess our sins to God and the others. If we are forgiven, we must not repeat the sins anymore. Reconciliation also includes forgiving the others' sin and forgetting it. When we reconcile, the blood of Jesus sanctifies and resolves our sins, so we can live in righteousness and peace. Thus, our ministry will be easy and light, and so will our life.

- b. The offering of the first ram, that is the offering of fully surrendering our life to God.

Hebrews 5:7-9

*5:7 who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,
5:8 though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.
5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,*

If our sins have been reconciled, it will not be difficult to fully surrender our life to God and be obedient. Obedience is the start of success and happiness.

- c. The offering of the second ram, that is the consecration offering.

Hebrews 9:14

9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Because Jesus has sacrificed for us on the cross, His blood sanctifies us from evil and unclean heart and from dead works, so we can serve Him. Our ministry is in the price of His blood that cannot be paid or replaced by anything in this world.

After being used to serve Him, we must be watchful for the things as follows.

- Do not be arrogant; do not easily get irritable or easily stop serving God.
- Do not take easy the ministry and allow everything to be done. It must be done with the true consecration.

ad. 2. Bringing 3 types of the food offering.

Exodus 29:2

29:2 and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil (you shall make them of wheat flour).

Now, the food offering has been fulfilled by the Word of God. There are three types of the food offering as follows.

- a. The unleavened bread, that is the true and pure teaching Word.
It means as follows.

- The Word that is written in the Bible.
- The Word that is said by Jesus Himself. The Word whose secret is revealed, that is one verse explains the other verses in the Bible.

The sword of the Word is able and effective to solve all problems up to the problem within marriage. Solomon solved marriage problem with the sword of the Word.

If one does not want to accept the sword of the Word, the sword of condemnation surely will come.

The true teaching Word is the command in the ministry. If the command is wrong, the ministry will be wrong, and so will the worship.

- b. The unleavened cakes mixed with oil, that is the true teaching Word that is practiced so it becomes love. We can love God more than everything and love the others as loving ourselves, even we can love our enemy. Do not repay evil with evil, but repay evil with kindness.

John 14:15

14:15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

The shape of the unleavened cakes is round, meaning eternity. The Word that is practiced will result in eternal life and the death is defeated.

John 8:51

8:51 Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.

- c. The unleavened wafers anointed with oil, that is the true teaching Word that is practiced and it becomes character in our life. The unleavened wafers are thin. It refers to humility, meaning as follows.

- The ability to confess our sins to God and the others. If we are forgiven, we must not repeat the sins anymore.
- Prioritizing the others more than ourselves.

Philippians 2:3

2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

If we are humble, we will never be stumbled and fall. Thus, we can be faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering God up to the end line, and we can have fellowship with the others.

In the Bible Study Service, we receive the true teaching Word (the bread) and the Holy Communion (the animal offering). It is to establish and strengthen our ministry so we can be firm up to the end line.

ad. 3. Bringing the anointing oil.

Exodus 29:4-5,7

29:4 And Aaron and his sons you shall bring to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and you shall wash them with water.

29:5 Then you shall take the garments, put the tunic on Aaron, and the robe of the ephod, the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the intricately woven band of the ephod.

29:7 And you shall take the anointing oil, pour it on his head, and anoint him.

The process to experience the anointing oil is as follows.

- a. Taking a bath, meaning entering 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.

Colossians 2:12

2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

The true water baptism is one who has died to sins must be buried in water together with Jesus. Afterwards, he is raised

together with Him to receive new 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,

Water baptism produces new life, that is having an obedient conscience. It is a strong foundation to receive Holy Spirit.

b. Wearing the garments.

The garments are the stamp of a priest or servant of God.

- The ephod is the stamp of death or repentance.
- The robe of the ephod is the stamp of resurrection or living in righteousness.
- The tunic refers to living in holiness up to perfection as God.
- The turban refers to holy mind or thought.

c. Receiving the anointing oil.

The usefulness of the anointing oil of Holy Spirit is as follows.

- If there is anointing oil, we can dwell together with the others in unity.

Psalm 133:1-3

133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

133:2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.

133:3 It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing—Life forevermore.

Dwelling together in unity means having one heart (one teaching Word) and one voice (one worship).

If we have dwelled together in unity, everything will be good, beautiful, and successful. God will also command the blessing over our life.

- Holy Spirit makes us strong and of good courage.

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.

We are not desperate or disappointed. We do not leave God in facing anything, but we keep being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering Him. We keep believing and putting our hope in Him.

- Holy Spirit renews us from a flesh man to become a spiritual one as Jesus.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

A submission or an obedience until the flesh does not sound anymore means the anointing oil in the head has become a crown.

If spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will also happen. The impossible things will be made possible.

Disobedience means having no crown. Moreover, one is being bald and in total failure, so he cannot become the bride.

This morning we have the chance. Although it may be small as the eye of a needle, but if we become submissive and obedient, God will open large chance. He will open all the doors in this world up to the door of Heaven. When He comes a second time, we will be renewed as glorious as Him. We will be lifted up together with Him on the glorious clouds, and enter the Kingdom of Heaven forever.

God blesses us.