

General Service in Malang, September 11, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 4:5

4:5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne = Seven lamps of golden candlestick = Seven hair braids of Samson = the seven Spirits of God. They refer to the Holy Spirit with 7 manifestations in the persona of Jesus.

John 15:1-4

15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

15:2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

15:3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

15:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

Seven lamps of golden candlestick are same as the branch sticking to the true vine. We can shine or bear fruits. It requires us to pay attention to 3 kinds of relationships as follows:

1. The relationship between branch and the true vine, meaning the relationship between us and Jesus as the true vine, as follows:

- The relationship of fidelity means persevering to be herded to one true teaching Word, namely the Word whose secret is revealed through one verse explains the other verses in Bible. Hearing other teaching could fade our faithfulness to the true teaching Word; even it made us leave the true teaching Word. It is the same as the dry branch that begins to fall from the vine so it cannot bear a fruit.

Also we must be faithful and fervent spirit in ministry. If we are unfaithful, or even leaving the ministry, we will move to other field that is of Cain (evil, envy, hatred) until end in the one of pigs (impurity).

- The relationship of holiness.

John 15:3

15:3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

We are purified through the true teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

What things must be purified?

- a. The mind and heart must be purified from unclean desires that lead to sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage. Also being purified from the evil desires that make us greedy and stingy.

Matthew 5:27-28

5:27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

5:28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

- b. The eyes are purified to look at Jesus who sits at the right side of the throne of Father God. We prioritize God or ministry more than anything.

Matthew 5:29

5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

- c. The hands are purified to produce right and good deeds, become a blessing for others, and please Jesus as

the Highest Priest who sits in the right side of the throne of Father God.

Matthew 5:30

5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

- d. The purification of character, including marriage. That is the purification of self-truth, namely covering sins with blaming others and even blaming the true teaching Word.

Matthew 5:31-32

5:31 "Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

5:32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery.

If there is self-truth in marriage, there will be quarrel, divorce, remarrying, and even marrying-being given in marriage.

Mark 10:10-12

10:10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter.

10:11 So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.

10:12 And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

The solution is to make peace, meaning to confess and forgive each other. As a result, the blood of Jesus will wash out our sins, therefore marriage becomes one.

- e. The purification of mouth to be honest. Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.'.

Matthew 5:33,37

5:33 "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.'

5:37 But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

John 15:8

15:8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

If we are faithful and pure, we will bear much fruit, namely 9 fruits of the Spirit eventhough we are as a small branch.

The results are as follows:

- We live in God's great merciful hands.

John 15:1

15:1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

We are cared miraculously by God from now in the midst of difficulties of the world until the days of antichrist, up to the eternal life.

- We are appointed as God's disciples [John 15:8] who inherit the true teaching Word. We serve in the revival of Holy Spirit at the last rain, meaning the revival in the true teaching Word to purify and unite the body of Christ until being perfect as the Heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds up to the Heavenly throne forever.

2. The relationship between branches, meaning our relationship with fellow being.

John 15:9-17

15:9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

15:10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

15:11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

15:12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

15:14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

15:15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

15:17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

It begins from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the one perfect body of Christ from the Gentiles and Israelites. The relationship with fellow being means to love each others. The practices are as follows:

- In marriage, husband loves wife as he loves himself and does not become harsh to her. Wife submits to her husband in all things. To submit means keeping silent and doing self-correction as well as not teaching and having authority over man. Children are obedient to parents.
- Owe no one anything, especially sins.

Romans 13:8

13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

We must make peace and repent. Do not harm or do evil deeds to others.

Romans 12:21

12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Loving each other also means doing good acts to other, even to repay evil with kindness.

We have a sweet wine if we can love one another. We can taste the satisfaction of heaven, so we are always grateful to God.

John 15:13-14,16

15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

15:14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

The result is bearing fruit that remains, does not fall or become rotten. We are appointed as His friends or the house of prayers, so God answers our prayers.

3. The relationship between branch and the world.

John 15:18-27

15:18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

15:20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

15:21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

15:22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

15:23 He who hates Me hates My Father also.

15:24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

15:25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

15:26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

15:27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

We face the cursed world, meaning to face difficulties, impossibilities, sufferings, tears, or hatred without any reason. The word "hates or hated" was mentioned seven times, meaning a perfect hatred that causes persecution until a mass murder by antichrist.

Why does God let us experience the sprinkling of blood or the cross in this world?

He lets it happen to make us have the Holy Spirit with His 7 manifestations, the Spirit of Glory, or Shekinah Glory.

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified..

The usefulness of the Spirit of glory is as follows:

- To give us extra strength so that we are not disappointed or hopeless, and do not leave God in facing trials.

John 16:1-2

16:1 *"These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.*

16:2 *They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.*

We keep on following and serving to God until the end line, meaning until we pass away or Jesus comes a second time.

- To give us the glory of Heaven that renews our life from flesh man to the spiritual one like Jesus, until we are as perfect as Him. Being perfect is the same as the ripe fruit or the fruit of Heavenly bride.

James 1:2-4

1:2 *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,*

1:3 *knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.*

1:4 *But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*

The daily practice of the ripe fruit begin with saying sweet words.

Song of Solomon 7:9

7:9 *And the roof of your mouth like the best wine. The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, moving gently the lips of sleepers.*

The sweet words refer to a true and good ones, testimony and worship to God. These will go down to the lips of sleeper, namely Jesus who sleeps in the stern of a ship. Therefore he will awake and calm the winds and the waves. It means everything is solved, even the impossible one. All things become successful and beautiful, until someday we are perfect when Jesus comes a second time.

God blesses you.