

# General Service in Malang, September 29, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

## **Revelation 22:4**

*22:4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.*

It means that Jesus always remembers us and we always remember Him. Jesus becomes ours and we are His. He becomes the Head and we are the body that cannot be separated forever.

We must be active in the ministry for the edification of the perfect body of Christ that starts from the marriage or household, shepherding, inter-shepherding, and so on so that Jesus becomes the Head over His body.

## **The facts found in the body's following the Head or the edification of Christ's body are as follows:**

### **1. Putting Jesus as the Head in our life.**

#### **Matthew 8:18-20**

*8:18 And when Jesus saw great multitudes about Him, He gave a command to depart to the other side.*

*8:19 Then a certain scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."*

*8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head."*

#### **John 1:1,14**

*1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

The true teaching Word (Logos) becomes the Head of our life or the most important thing we follow in every step of our life through our obedience.

#### **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,*

We get the good conscience or obedient heart through the true water baptism.

As a result, we can be victorious over the temptations from Satan and we keep obedient. We get the sanctification from foxes and birds.

#### **Revelation 18:2**

*18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"*

#### **Jeremiah 51:37**

*51:37 Babylon shall become a heap, A dwelling place for jackals, An astonishment and a hissing, Without an inhabitant.*

The foxes refer to the evil spirits, namely the will of money, stinginess, and greediness as well as the false teachings, gossips, bitterness, envy, hatred, and revenge.

The birds refer to the unclean spirits.

We can confess our sins to God and other people. Being forgiven, we do not repeat the sin. We live in righteousness and holiness.

#### **Micah 7:18-19**

*7:18 Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy.*

*7:19 He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.*

Sins cannot rule over us anymore. If sin or the heaviest burden has been finished, all impossible problems will be solved also by the true teachings.

### **Revelation18:21**

*18:21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore."*

Being hardhearted and rejecting the true teaching Word, one is putting the foxes and birds as the head. Such life is thrown down into the sea and will not be found anymore until being drowned in the lake of fire and brimstone to perish forever.

## 2. **Do not look back!**

### **Luke9:61-62**

*9:61 And another also said, "Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."*

*9:62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."*

### **Luke17:7-10**

*17:7 "And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down to eat'?"*

*17:8 "But will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink'?"*

*17:9 "Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not."*

*17:10 "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.'"*

Looking back is related to the following three things:

- [verse 7] Not being shepherded. One wanders or does not dwell in the sheepfold, the Holy Place or he does not have the perseverance in committing the three main services to God.

### **Leviticus10:7,1**

*10:7 "You shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die, for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you." And they did according to the word of Moses.*

*10:1 Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the LORD, which He had not commanded them.*

Consequently, he is not holy. He does not have the anointing of Holy Spirit until being dry spiritually. He ministers with the strange fire or emotion, intelligence, and so on until stopping on the way, not reaching the end line, or stumbling in front of the gate of heavenly kingdom.

- [verse 8] Not wearing the belt.

### **Isaiah11:5**

*11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.*

It means unfaithfulness and unrighteousness. The wife of Lot became the pillar of salt, namely being useless.

Therefore, we must serve to God in faithfulness and righteousness. It is the same as giving food and drink to Jesus to make Him satisfied. As a result, we are satisfied by God with the heavenly satisfaction, so we do not look for the worldly satisfaction or fall into sins. There is the guarantee of assurance from God for the preservation of our life from now on until we reach the eternal life.

- [verse 9-10] Insisting right until not doing the duty. One blames at God and others much more.

We minister to God only by doing our duty according to the ministry which God has entrusted to us, without the right or not insisting any right like the mother of Moses who breast-fed the baby Moses. It refers to the ministry which can glorify God.

### **Isaiah49:3-4**

*49:3 "And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.'*

*49:4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.'"*

The purpose of our ministry to God is to glorify Him. As a result, our right and reward are in His hands for our present life, the beautiful future life, and the eternal one.

### 3. Following Jesus wherever He goes.

#### **Revelation 14:4-5**

14:4 *These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.*

14:5 *And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

It refers to following Jesus with the sprinkling of blood, the cross, or the suffering in the flesh without any sin because of Him. Why does the sprinkling of blood have to happen?

- [verse 4] So that we are redeemed from the fleshly men with all of its wills and lusts, so the love of God is poured in our life. We can love God more than anything. We are never separated from Him regardless of anything that happens in our life. The love of God is able to fulfill all our needs.
- So that we get the renewal from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus is.

#### **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,*

Losing heart is changed into strong and courageous heart, namely not being disappointed or hopeless nor leaving God regardless anything that happens to us.

[verse 5] We can be honest or we do not lie. We are as clear as crystal.

#### **Revelation 21:11**

21:11 *having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.*

We become the house of prayer.

#### **Mark 9:23-27**

9:23 *Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."*

9:24 *Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"*

9:25 *When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"*

9:26 *Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead."*

9:27 *But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.*

As a result, there is power of healing from the physical disease and the diseases in the marriage and children. Impossible things can be made possible.

#### **Daniel 6:4-5, 10, 20-22**

6:4 *So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.*

6:5 *Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God."*

6:10 *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.*

6:20 *And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"*

6:21 *Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever!"*

6:22 *"My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."*

The power of God protects and preserves us until we become as perfect as He is.

God blesses you.