

Good Friday Service in Malang, April 18, 2014 (Friday Evening)

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

Revelation 1:13

1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

The appearance of Jesus in the glory as the High Priest is signified by these things.

1. Being clothed with a garment down to the feet.
2. Being girded about the chest with a golden band.

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Isaiah 11:5

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

The belt means the righteousness and faithfulness.

The chest refers to the love.

Being girded about the chest with a golden band means the righteousness and faithfulness in love. The love is eternal, thus, the righteousness and faithfulness are also eternal.

As the priests and servants of God, we must serve Him in the eternal righteousness and faithfulness in love.

Revelation 19:11

*19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.*

The righteousness and faithfulness in love are related to **the name of Jesus**.

If we serve and minister to God in the righteousness and faithfulness in love, our life will be girded by the name of Jesus. As a result, Satan cannot gird our life with problems, temptations, and so on.

If we serve and minister to Him in the righteousness and faithfulness in love, we will be used in the revival of the white horse, namely the revival for building the perfect body of Christ.

Actually there are two kinds of spiritual revival as follows.

1. **The revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain, namely the revival in gospel of salvation, gospel word, or Good News** [Proverbs 25:25].

Acts 1:8

1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The gospel word preaches about Jesus' first coming to die on the cross and save the sinners.

Thus, the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain is the revival in gospel word to call the sinners to be saved and blessed by God.

Acts 13:46

13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles."

Actually, the gospel word is only for the house of Israel, but a part of them has rejected it, so the salvation may come to the Gentiles.

The direction of the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain is from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, from the west to the east, up to the end of the earth (Papua).

The facts found in receiving the gospel of salvation or making our salvation firm are as follows.

- a. Believing in Jesus as the Only Savior.

- b. Repenting or stopping sinning to return to God.
- c. Being baptized of water.
- d. Being baptized of Holy Spirit.

Water baptism added with Holy Spirit one means being renewed of water and Holy Spirit to result in new life, namely life in righteousness. It means that we are saved and blessed by God up to our descendants and we can become blessings for others.

2. **The revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain, namely the revival in the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the solid food, the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, or the Bride Tidings**[Matthew 25:6].

Hebrews 4:12

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The bride Tidings is the Word preaching about the second coming of Jesus in the glory as The Heavenly Bridegroom in the glory to choose the saved people, sanctify, and perfect them to become the heavenly Bride.

Matthew 24:27

24:27 "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

The direction of the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain is from the east to the west, to Samaria, Judea, up to New Jerusalem or the eternal heavenly kingdom.

If the house of Israel receive the Bride Tidings, both them and the Gentiles will be one perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus's second coming.

Thus, the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain is the revival for building the body of Christ.

John 2:19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

It took forty six years to build the physical temple.

The figure four refers to the four commandments written in the first tablet of the two tablets of stone. They arrange our relationship with God.

The figure six refers to the six commandments written in the second tablet of the two tablets of stone. They arrange the relationship between us and our neighbor.

The two tablets of stone mean the Law.

Thus, the foundation for building the physical temple is the law, so it is valid only for the house of Israel. The Gentiles cannot enter the physical temple.

Nevertheless, the building of the spiritual temple takes time for three days.

The three days refer to the death of Jesus.

Thus, the foundation of the building of the spiritual temple is the body or sacrifice of Christ or God's mercy, so the Gentiles may enter in it.

The revival for building the body of Christ is the revival in the mercy of God, in which the house of Israel and Gentiles can become one perfect body of Christ to welcome Jesus's second coming.

Thus, we commemorate the death of Jesus in order to being active in the revival for building the body of Christ or the revival of God's mercy.

The fact or manifestation of the revival for building the body of Christ is a fellowship or oneness as follows.

1. Beginning from marriage.

We must keep the righteousness in the beginning of our marriage as well as the holiness and unity. If we have been righteous, holy, and united in the marriage, we will serve to one another.

2. Shepherding.

The true shepherding begins from the true food and consecration. We must keep the holiness and unity also in the shepherding. We will perish because of being pounced if we go out of the unity in the shepherding.

3. Inter-shepherding, up to the oneness of the perfect body of Christ.

The true fellowship of the body of Christ must heed the True Vine, namely Jesus Himself as the Head or the true Teaching Word. The true Teaching Word has these signs.

- Being written in the Bible.
- Being revealed by Jesus through a verse that explains other verses.
- Being obeyed.

The false fellowship happens between the dry branches. It can be detected from the saying that is dry, full of gossips, lies, and so on.

The atmosphere of the building of Christ's body is as follows.

1. Being natural. It means not being forced, of necessity, or forcing.
2. Fearing the Lord, living in righteousness, and hating sins.

Haggai 1:12

1:12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people feared the presence of the LORD.

3. Being faithful and fervent in spirit because of the encouragement of the sacrifice of Christ.

Haggai 1:14

1:14 So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,

4. Being strong and of good courage.

Haggai 2:4

2:4 Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel, says the LORD; and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, says the LORD, and work; for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts.

We are not disappointed or hopeless and do not leave God, regardless any risk we have to face. We keep on believing and hoping in Him.

5. The atmosphere of shaking or crises in many fields of life.

Haggai 2:6

2:6 For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

God allows the crises to happen to make us not rely on the world, but His mercy.

If the revival for building the body of Christ is **the revival in the mercy**, we will be able to reach the peak of the building of Christ's body, namely the relationship in worship.

Psalm 5:7

5:7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

We cannot do anything without the worship.

John 4:23-24

4:23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

4:24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 17:17

17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

The requirements of the true worship are as follows.

1. Being encouraged by the truth and spirit, namely the true Teaching Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit. It is the Teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword to sanctify us, beginning from our heart.

Matthew 15:19

15:19 "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

Matthew 5:8

5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

The worship is not about the place where we can pray, but about our heart. If our heart is holy, we will be able to worship God.

2. Worshiping God with humble heart and confession that we are not able and worthy. We confess that we cannot do anything because we are only clay.

As a result, we experience **the power of renewal** from fleshy man to spiritual one as Jesus is, even we can be as perfect and glorious as Jesus is. We become the heavenly bride.

Revelation 21:9-11

21:9 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife."

21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

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

The beginning of the renewal is through the worship until we can be as clear as crystal, namely being honest to say *yes* if *yes* and *no* if *no*. The beginning of honesty is about teachings. If we can be honest about the teaching, we will be able to be honest about marriage and finance, even all things.

Being as clear as crystal also refers to the tested pure faith or full believing to God.

Being girded with the honesty and pure faith means that we are girded with the grace and mercy of God.

John 8:2,4,11

8:2 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.

8:4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.

8:11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

The death of Jesus will deliver us from the girding of Satan and gird us with the mercy of God. The woman was embarrassed, failed, and unclean. Her marriage was destroyed and there was no hope, as if her life was girded by Satan. The power of the death of the Lord through the Holy Communion will gird us with the mercy of God. The woman could be honest in confessing her sin and the truth of the Word as well as believe in it. As a result, there was help and restoration from God.

John 11:39-40

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

Martha was honest to confess her sins and believed in the lord. Lazarus had been dead for four days. It was impossible to make him alive because he had been rotten, but the mercy of God was able to help and revive him.

Matthew 8:5-8,10

8:5 Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him,

8:6 saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

8:7 And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

8:8 The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

8:10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

The paralyzed Gentile can be helped by God. We only need to be honest and believing. The paralysis on the bed refers to

uncleanness and destruction in marriage and children. Nevertheless, God is able to help until we become His Bride. **The death of the Lord delivers us from the girding of Satan, even it girds us with honesty, faith, and the mercy of God.**

God blesses you.