

Youth Christmas Service in Malang, December 10, 2016 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 10:38-42 is about Mary and Martha worship and serve.

Luke 10:38-40, 42

10:38. Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

10:39. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

10:40. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

10:42. "But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Mary sits at Jesus' feet and hears His word. It is the same as persevering in hearing the word of God and obeying it, whatever risk may come. It is the good part and eternal one.

If we prioritize the word of God in all of our worship (persevering in hearing the word and obeying it), God will make all things good in our life up to eternal life.

Luke 1:30-31, 34, 37-38

1:30. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

1:31. "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS.

1:34. Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

1:37. "For with God nothing will be impossible."

1:38. Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Mary, Jesus' mother, also hears the word of God and obeys it, so she conceives in her womb and brings forth a Son, whatever risk may come.

So, one who perseveres in hearing the Word and obeys it is the same as conceiving the baby Jesus spiritually. As a result, all things become good and nothing is impossible up to eternal life.

Psalm 7:14

7:14. Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood.

If one does not want to hear the word and obey it, he will conceive the sin and falsehood, so he leads to destruction, impossibility, and perdition.

The spiritual meanings of conceiving the baby Jesus are as follows:

1. **Conceiving the word of God**= the word is ingrained in our life.

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.

Christmas means that God was born as a man in Jesus' life.

There are two kinds of the preaching of the Word as follows:

- a. The gospel word/the gospel of salvation/good news/milk.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

The gospel of salvation means the one that preaches Jesus' first coming to the world to die on the cross and save the sinners.

The proof of conceiving the gospel of salvation is believing Jesus, repenting (being dead to sin), experiencing water

and Holy Spirit baptism, so we can live in righteousness.

- b. The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ/teaching word/the bride tidings/solid food.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3. *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,*

4:4. *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ means the gospel that preaches Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds to purify saved people up to being perfect like Jesus and becoming God's bride.

The process to conceive the word of God is persevering in committing bible study service and holy communion(the table of showbread).

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

5:7. *Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

5:8. *Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

The result is teaching word and Christ' sacrifice purify us, so we live in sincerity and truth.

Sincerity means we are holy up to our heart. We hold the true/pure teaching word.

Limit our company with the fence of sincerity and truthor according to the word!

Revelation 14:1, 4a

14:1. *Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.*

14:4a. *These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins....*

If we persevere in bible study service and holy communion, we will be sanctified increasingly up to having the quality of purity like a virgin. We are not defiled by the sins up to the peak and false teaching. It is the same as we have **the light of the moon**under our feet.

2. Conceiving Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:20-21

1:20. *But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.*

1:21. *"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."*

Christmas means Holy Spirit God was born as a man in Jesus' life.

The process is persevering in committing general service(the golden candlestick).

Romans 8:23

8:23. *Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

Holy Spirit= Spirit of firstfruits who encourages us to prioritize the ministry to God more than anything.

Do not become like Esau who sells his birthright for food. It is the same as sacrificing spiritual thing to get physical one. Consequently, one will lose everything.

Romans 12:11

12:11. *not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;*

Revelation 14:4

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.*

Holy Spirit encourages us to minister faithfully and fervently up to we reach the quality of first-born.

It is the same as having **the light of a garland of twelve stars.**

3. **Conceiving the love of God.**

John 3:16

3:16. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Christmas means the love of God was born as a man in Jesus' life.

The process is persevering in committing prayer service(golden altar of incense).

Matthew 5:43-45, 48

5:43. *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'*

5:44. *"But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,*

5:45. *"that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*

5:48. *"Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*

The result is we can love one another. We can love others as we love ourselves. We can confess and forgive one another.

As a result, the love of God finishes all of our sins up to we can love our enemy. We do not return evil for evil, but return good for evil.

Revelation 14:5

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

It continues until we reach the quality of being without fault, namely we do not lie anymore. It is the same as having the light of the sun.

Revelation 12:1

12:1. *Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.*

The church of God who conceives the baby Jesus (the word, Holy Spirit, and love) through perseverance in sheepfold will have the light of the sun, moon, and twelve stars. It is the same as becoming the light of the world like Jesus or perfect bride of God.

Revelation 12:2-3

12:2. *Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.*

12:3. *And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.*

The church of God who becomes the light of the world is powerless s like a woman in pain to give birth; even she has to face a dragon (crisis in all aspects of life, the depravity, and the destruction in marriage and children). Even more, she faces Jesus' second coming.

The thing that we can do is only groaning and crying to God. We stretch out our hand to God and He will stretch out His hands of great mercy like two wings of a great eagle.

The results are as follows:

1. Evacuating us to the wilderness to make us far from antichrist.

Revelation 12:14

12:14. *But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.*

The hands of God are able to take care of and protect us miraculously in the middle of difficulties of the world until the days of Antichrist's reigning on earth for three and a half years.

Two wings of a great eagle are able to bring us to pass the storm in the ocean of the world. We experience calmness, peace, and quietness. Everything becomes easy and light. All problems up to the impossible ones are finished in due time.

2. Lifting us to the glorious clouds when Jesus comes a second time.

The hands of God lift/restore us from the fall into sin. Failure becomes success and beauty. We are used in the revival of

Holy Spirit in the last rain or the building of the perfect body of Christ.

We are purified and changed, starting from **being strong and of good courage.**

It continues until we become perfect when Jesus comes a second time. We are with God forever.

God blesses us.