

Youth Service in Malang, December 28, 2013 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 6: 12-14 is about Jesus calls twelve apostles.

In Luke 6, **there are seven kinds of upbringing as follows:**

1. **Luke 6:1-5** is about the body is brought up by God to enter in **spiritual activity**,
2. **Luke 6:12-16** is about the soul is brought up by God that we have **spiritual position**,
3. **Luke 6:17-19** is about the spirit is brought up by God,
4. **Luke 6:6-11** is about the deed is brought up by God,
5. **Luke 6:20-26** is about the mind is brought up by God,
6. **Luke 6:27-45** is about the heart is brought up by God,
7. **Luke 6:46-49** is about life journey is brought up by God.

Ad.2. the soul is brought up by God

Luke 6:12-16

6:12. *Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.*

6:13. *And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:*

6:14. *Simon, whom He also named Peter, and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bartholomew;*

6:15. *Matthew and Thomas; James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called the Zealot;*

6:16. *Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot who also became a traitor.*

In the past time, God called twelve disciples whom He named twelve apostles.

Now, God calls and chooses us as priests and kings. It is same as spiritual position.

Why does God call and choose twelve disciples to be appointed as twelve apostles?

Revelation 21:12

21:12. *Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:*

Because the number twelve is related to New Jerusalem which is filled up by number twelve.

So, **the purpose of God's calling for us** is that we can enter the New Jerusalem.

It is same as becoming the perfect bride and entering the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

We should have the number twelve in spiritual meaning too that we can enter the New Jerusalem which is filled up by number twelve. The spiritual meanings of number twelve are as follows:

1. Twelve disciples means that we should have true teaching Word.

The apostle Paul classifies the preaching of the Word in two kinds as follows:

- The gospel of salvation/gospel Word/milk/good news.

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,*

It is the gospel that preaches the first coming of Jesus to the world to save sinner by His sacrifice on the cross.

- The gospel of the glory/teaching Word/solid food/word sharper than any two-edged sword.

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.*

It is the gospel that preaches Jesus's second coming in the glory of the Bridegroom to purify saved people. So, they are perfect, spotless and worthy to greet Jesus's second coming on the glorious clouds.

Revelation 19:9

19:9. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

We meet Jesus and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Then, in Revelation 20, we enter future Paradise or a Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace.

Then, in Revelation 21-22, we enter the New Jerusalem.

2. Twelve apostles means that we should have ministry and the gift of Holy Spirit.

Luke 6:13

6:13. And when it was day, He called His disciples to Himself; and from them He chose twelve whom He also named apostles:

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers

4:12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

If we are purified by true teaching Word, we will be equipped by God with ministry and the gift of Holy Spirit. So, we are used in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ.

If we serve in holiness in accordance with ministry and the gift of Holy Spirit, we will get tunic of many colors like Joseph.

It means that God will make all things beautiful in His time.

We just wait for God's working for us.

3. The number twelve refers to fellowship.

If we are holy, surely we can become one.

There are two kinds of fellowship as follows.

- Fellowship with others (horizontal).
If we are holy, we will love others like ourselves up to love our enemy.
- Fellowship with God (vertical).
We love God more than anything. It is same as **we are obedient and faithful** until our flesh does not sound anymore.

So, we have to serve with love which is same as bearing the cross and suffering in the flesh with Jesus without any sin.

It is same as the robe dipped in blood.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24

1:23. but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

1:24. but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

There is wisdom and power behind the cross.

The results are as follows:

- Protecting us from antichrist that he does not take our robe of service.

Revelation 13:18

13:18. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Judas loses his robe of service and his stomach is torn by the claw of antichrist.

The wisdom and the power of God will care our life for three years and six months while antichrist is reigning over this world.

The wisdom and the power of God will become the two wings of a great eagle, so we can fly to the wilderness, far from the eyes of antichrist.

- Giving miracle.

Matthew 13:54

13:54. And when He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this Man get this wisdom and these mighty works?"

Spiritual miracle is renewal from flesh men to spiritual ones like God. They are worthy to enter the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:27

21:27. But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

Revelation 22:15

22:15. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Starting from being honest, there is no lie and God surely helps us.

Physical miracle will happen too.

God helps us in His time.

Until the last miracle when Jesus comes a second time, we are changed as glorious as Him.

God blesses us.