

Youth Service in Malang, January 25, 2014 (Saturday Evening)

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

Overall, Luke 6 refers to righteousness, the Court of Tabernacle.

God creates perfect man according to His image and as glorious as Him. He puts him in Eden and he lives in happiness.

But human falls into sin. He loses God's image, namely glory, holiness, and righteousness.

Consequently, they are cast out to the world to live in curse and perish.

God is not willing if human perishes. So, He makes efforts to return human to His image, namely righteousness, holiness and glory.

God's effort to return us to His image is called **God's upbringing**.

There are seven kinds of God's 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** in the Kingdom of Heaven.
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. 3. the spirit is brought up by God

Luke 6:17-19

6:17. And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases,

6:18. as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed.

6:19. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed them all.

The spirit is brought up that we have **healthy spirit**/spiritual health. One who loses God's image and glory has spiritual sickness. If it continues, we will die spiritually.

The practice of spiritual sickness is sin up to the peak of sin, namely sin of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage.

The practice of spiritual death is life in sin and there is no regret anymore, even one does not want to repent. Spiritual death causes the second death, namely the hell.

The way of God to bring up sick spirit is we must have private contact with Jesus. It means that we have to touch Him and be touched by Him through the Word, Holy Spirit and love of God [**Luke 6: 19**].

How evil and unclean a man is, he can change if he receives God's touching through the Word, Holy Spirit and love of God. It starts from regret and confession of sin, repentance and new life according to God's will

A level place is the place where we can meet Jesus and contact Him [**Luke 6:17**].

Level place refers to **level heart, straight heart and good conscience**.

Luke 3:3-6

3:3. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,

3:4. as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'

3:5. Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth;

3:6. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Human's heart is full of hills(being haughty), and valleys(feeling inferior), and crooked(full of wickedness, uncleanness, and dishonesty).

So, he becomes the way of snake or Satan and is controlled by sin.

The ways that our heart can be changed into a level heart are as follows:

1. Believing Jesus and repenting, being dead to sin.

2. Water baptism.

One who has died to sin must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out from water with new life, level heart and obedience.

I 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 through 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,

Good conscience, a level heart or peaceful one is described in three things as follows:

1. a level wilderness.

It means shepherded life. Youth must be shepherded and make efforts to eat the shepherding Word like a woman of Canaan who eats the crumbs (to listen the Word of God).

2. The calm face of the waters.

3. (It have not been discussed yet).

Ad 2. The calm face of the waters.

Genesis 1:2

1:2. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

The face of the waters is at **zero point**. Heart like that means as follows:

- being humble: confessing our mistake,
- being clear: being honest or transparent.

If we are humble and honest, our heart can receive Holy Spirit God.

How great a man is, without Holy Spirit, his condition is like the earth before it was created as follows:

- without form. It means there is no form of righteousness,
- darkness. It means a muddle with sin, darkness up to the peak of sin,
- void. It means one's life is not satisfied, but thirsty, and suffered with lots of tear and finally he perishes.

One without Holy Spirit who is same as the earth before it was created is also same as thirsty woman of Samaria.

John 4:15

4:15. The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Human who does not experience spiritual satisfaction will look for satisfactions in the world until he falls into sin up to the peak of sin, perishes forever, and lives in bitterness as if he drinks sour wine mingled with gall.

Bitterness caused by sin cannot be removed unless **by new wine**, namely the power of Holy Spirit.

John 4:7, 10

4:7. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

4:10. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink, and you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.'"

Our effort to get the new wine is by **giving sour wine mingled with gall to God**. It means confessing our sin honestly to Jesus until He says "It is finished!" which means we stop doing sin and do not sin anymore.

The usefulness of the new wine (the power of Holy Spirit) is as follows:

1. Holy Spirit springs up into everlasting life. It means that Holy Spirit gives satisfaction of Heaven abundantly and encourages us to worship God. When we worship God, spiritual miracle happens, namely renewal of life from carnal men to spiritual ones like Jesus (like golden pot that had the manna in tabernacle).

John 4:14

4:14. "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 4:28

4:28. The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men,

The woman of Samaria leaves her waterpot. It means she leaves her old life and lives in righteousness, holiness and honesty.

2. Holy Spirit flows to dry lands. It means that we can testify and invite others.

John 4:29, 39

4:29. "Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever

4:39. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all that I ever did."

3. Holy Spirit makes mountains plain.

Zechariah 4:6-7a

4:6. So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, â[?]? Says the LORD of hosts.

4:7. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain!

Physically, Holy Spirit makes mountains plain means He finishes problems up to the impossible one and gives beautiful future to us.

When Jesus comes a second time, we are worthy to greet His second coming, and we return to Paradise until the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

God blesses us.