

Bible Study Service in Malang, February 20, 2018 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 7 refers to the golden pot with manna or the perfect and unshaken faith. So, we do not deny God whatever we must face. One who has the perfect faith is perfect and sealed by God to be His possession forever or perfect Bride.

Revelation chapter 7 is divided into two big parts as follows:

1. [Revelation 7:1-8] One hundred and forty-four thousand refers to the core of the Bride of God or the house of Israel.

Revelation 7:4

7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed.

2. [Revelation 7:9-17] The great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues or the Gentiles who complete the Bride of heaven.

Revelation 7:9

7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

The house of Israel and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ or the perfect Bride of heaven who are ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds. So, if we want to be the Bride of heaven who is sealed by God, we must experience the increasing of faith to the perfect one.

The processes of the increasing of the faith in the tabernacle are as follows:

1. The Gate.

Through the gate, we can enter the court of the kingdom of heaven. The gate of heaven refers to the righteous faith, namely believing and receiving Jesus as the savior through hearing the word of God.

Romans 10:17

10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

The righteous faith comes by hearing the word of Christ or the anointed one.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- Holy Spirit helps us to hear the word seriously and with a need. It is the same as opening our ears and the door of our heart widely to hear the word of God until we understand it.
- Holy Spirit helps us to believe and trust the word of God, so it becomes faith in our heart. We trust Jesus as the only one savior.
- If our heart believes, our mouth will confess our sins to God and other people, so we experience the forgiveness by the blood of Jesus and we do not do it anymore. We die to sin or repent. It refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering.

Romans 10:10

10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

- After there is the fruit of repentance, we are baptized. After we repent, we will enter the water and Holy Spirit baptism.

The true water baptism according to the Bible is the baptism of Jesus. We are baptized like He is baptized.

Matthew 3:7-8,11

3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

3:8 "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance

3:11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:16

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Romans 6:4

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The heavens were opened means that we get the new life or the heavenly one.

So, the true water baptism happens when one who has repented or died to sin is buried in water to be raised with Jesus and experience the opened heavens, namely the new life or the heavenly one as follows:

- a. We live in righteousness in all aspects of our life. We are saved and not condemned or destroyed.
- b. The gate of heaven refers to the house of God or the place to serve and minister to Him.

Genesis 28:16-17,20,22

28:16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."

28:17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"

28:20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on.

28:22 "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

So, entering the gate of heaven means that we like serving and ministering to God. We must serve and minister to God with fear and trembling, faithfulness and fervency in spirit, and prioritize the service and ministry more than anything.

1 Timothy 4:8-10

4:8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.

14:9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.

4:10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.

As the result, we receive the double promise from God, namely the physical blessings for our life now and the spiritual blessing for the eternal life in heaven.

Genesis 28:20-22

28:20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,

28:21 "so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.

28:22 "And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

We must return the tithe which belongs to God. The tithe is our confession that the gate of heaven is opened for us. All things that we get from heaven are His which cannot be disturbed by anyone. We live from the cycle of heaven which cannot be cut until the eternal life forever.

2. The Table of Showbread.

It refers to the holy and firm faith. We get the holy faith through the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.

On the Table of Showbread there are twelve loaves which are arranged into two rows, six loaves in a row. The number sixty-six refers to the sixty-six books in the Bible. The loaves also refer to the sacrifice of Christ. The pouring of the wine refers to the blood of Jesus.

Exodus 25:29

25:29 "You shall make its dishes, its pans, its pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You shall make them of pure gold.

We get two things through the Table of Showbread as follows:

- The word and the Holy Communion sanctify us doubly, namely inward or outward or our whole life. The sanctification to the outward man is begun from the heart and mind.

Mark 7:21-23

7:21 *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 7:22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 7:23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man."*

If the heart is filled with twelve evil, unclean, and bitter desires, it will aim at the building of Babylon or the bride of Satan who is perfect in evil, uncleanness, and bitterness.

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!"*

On the other side, if our heart and mind are sanctified by the true teaching word and the Holy Communion, the heart will be filled with twelve loaves. The word of God becomes faith in our heart or the holy faith, so our deeds and words become holy as well. The holy faith becomes the brake in facing the Babylon, so we can be perfect as Jesus is. We can be used in the edifying of the perfect body of Christ.

- The true teaching word and the Holy Communion which are practiced become flesh and blood in our life or the firm and strong faith.

1 Peter 5:8-9

5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 5:9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*

It is to face the lion or Satan that attacks us through two ways as follows:

- a. The roaring of lion or the temptations in all aspects which make us doubt to the power of God and fall from faith.

It means seeking the solution outside the faith, true teaching word, and Jesus.

One becomes doubtful because he makes the temptation greater than the true teaching word.

Amos 3:7-8

3:7 *Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. 3:8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?*

When facing the roaring of the lion or the evil, we must hear and obey the roaring of the Lion of Judah or the true teaching word.

- b. The lion roars, bites, and swallows.

Amos 3:12

3:12 *Thus says the LORD: "As a shepherd takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear, So shall the children of Israel be taken out Who dwell in Samaria--In the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!"*

The lion bites the legs and ears.

The legs are bitten means that one does not has the firm standpoint to the true teaching word because of the false teaching and gossips. Being doubtful means that the boards are sloping, so the wind enters.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

4:3 *For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4:4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.*

The ears are bitten means that one does not want to hear the true teaching word, but the others. His heart is stamped by 666, so the boards fall and the clay pot is broken.

By the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion, our faith becomes firm.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

We are firm to hold fast one true teaching word and reject not to hear the other teachings although it is only once. There is firmness to hear and obey one true teaching word.

Ephesians 4:14

4:14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.

If we are firm, the lion and the wind cannot enter.

If we are mature in the spirituality, we have good five sense to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:13-14

5:13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Mark 7: 34

7:34 Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened."

If our ears and mouth are good, the door of heaven is opened.

Mark 7: 37

7:37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

God will make all things good.

3. The golden pot that had the manna that refers to the permanent or the perfect faith.

Hebrew 9:4

9:4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

All men in this world are only like the clay pots. If it is filled by the physical things only, it will become the alabaster pot. It means that the heart becomes harder. Therefore, the pot must be filled with manna.

Psalms 78:23-25

78:23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven,

78:24 Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of the bread of heaven.

78:25 Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.

Manna refers to the angels' food. The angels' food is the shepherding word or the true teaching word which is entrusted to one shepherd to be preached to the congregation faithfully, continually and repetitively, so it becomes the food for them that grows their spirituality until perfect like Jesus is. The rod of the shepherd leads the congregation to enter the shepherding pen in the world until the last one in the New Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 20:37

20:37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

If we enter the shepherding pen, we will be counted to become His; even a piece of our hair is counted by God.

The shepherd who does not want to feed the sheep or the congregation who do not want to eat the word of God will not be counted by God. It means being scattered or lost forever.

The clay pot can become the golden through the sprinkling of blood. It means the suffering in flesh because of Jesus, test or cross. Why must we experience the sprinkling of blood?

- To make our faith increase up to the perfect one to be able to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

1 Peter 1:6-7

*1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,
1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

- There is the life renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus.

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.*

We are strong and of good courage, steadfast, and not disappointed or hopeless, and we do not leave God when facing the storm in this world, but we keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry until the end line.

Acts 27:22-24,33-34

*27:22 "And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.
27:23 "For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve,
27:24 "saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'
27:33 And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing.
27:34 "Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."*

Exodus 12: 6

12:6 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

The source of being strong and of good courage is the food of the fourteenth day or the Holy Communion. We believe and hope to God, our eyes look Him, our mouth cries out to Him, our hand is stretched out to Him and He will stretch out His great merciful hand for us to hold a hair in the storm.

The results are as follows:

- a. The merciful hand of God preserves us who are small and weak in the midst of difficulties in the world, until the age of Antichrist who rules over the world for three and a half years.
- b. The merciful hand of God gives us victory to the land. It means finishing all of our impossible problems and making our life peaceful, easy and light. We do not feel what the flesh feels anymore. A hair does not fall means the perfection.
- c. The merciful hand of God is able to change us to be perfect like Him.

As the example is the two criminals who were given opportunity to be crucified with Jesus. One criminal blamed Him, so he kept on suffering in flesh, but the other criminal confessed his sins.

Luke 23:40-43

*23:40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?
23:41 "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."
23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."
23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."*

God blesses you.