

Bible Study Service in Malang, July 06, 2017 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 6:3-4

6:3 *When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."*

6:4 *Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.*

The opening of the second seal or the second judgment of Holy Spirit to the world refers to the revival of the red horse to take the peace from the earth. Consequently, all men in the world including the servants of God hate, slander, and kill one another, and experience the great sword of judgment until they perish and cannot enter the New Jerusalem or the City of Peace.

There are two witnesses of the revival of the red horse as follows.

1. The second living creature like a calf that refers to the shadow of Jesus as the reconciliation offering in the Old Testament.

Revelation 4:7

4:7 *The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.*

2. The Lamb who has been slain, namely the fulfillment of Jesus as the reconciliation offering in the New Testament.

Revelation 5:6

5:6 *And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*

1 John 4:10

4:10 *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

God has prepared the reconciliation offering before the peace is taken from the earth, namely Jesus, who has poured out His blood and died on the cross so that the sinful men can be reconciled and get peace.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

5:18 *Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,*

5:19 *that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

There are two things about the reconciliation as follows.

1. *all things are of God*[verse 18].
Since Adam, Eve, and all men in the world sinned, the sinners could not return to God. Therefore, God had an initiative to reconcile Himself with the sinners through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross or the reconciliation offering.
2. After the sinners are reconciled by the sacrifice of Christ, God does not impute the sins to us [verse 19]. He sees us as if we had never done such sins. This is the power of the reconciliation which is done by the sacrifice of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13-16

2:13 *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

2:14 *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,*

2:15 *having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,*

2:16 *and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.*

The reconciliation which is done by the blood of Jesus starts from the marriage or household, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between the house of Israel and the Gentiles. Having the reconciliation is the same as breaking down the middle wall of separation. The causes of the separation are as follows.

1. Sins up to the peak which is hidden.
2. The sin of self-truth. The color is white, but it is leprous. It refers to the truth which is not in line with the Bible.

3. Covering sins by blaming others and God or the true teaching Word.
4. Hiding sins behind the verses of the Bible which are reversed like Adam and Eve, who formerly covered their nakedness by the fig leaves.

1 Corinthians 7:8-9

7:8 But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am;

7:9 but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.

The widow refers to a wife whose husband has passed away. Many people often reverse it by saying that a widow or a wife who has divorced may remarry.

Breaking down the middle wall of separation is the same as building the wall of the New Jerusalem. We are reconciled and get the peace until we enter the New Jerusalem.

Mark 9:49-50

9:49 "For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.

9:50 "Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

One who has been reconciled by the blood of Christ is anointed by Holy Spirit or seasoned by salt. **Such life becomes the salty salt with these signs.**

1. Not being rotten because of the virus or bacteria of sin as well as the worms of sin which gnaw men up to the hell. It means that we can live in righteousness and holiness.
2. Giving delicious taste, the salt is needed everywhere.
It means that we become the witness of God to glorify His name. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for the edifying of the perfect body of Christ.

In the New Testament, the salty salt is the same as the donkey where Jesus sat to enter Jerusalem.

In the Old Testament, the salty salt is the same as Lot and his family who went out of Sodom and Gomorrah to reach the mountains.

Genesis 19:17

19:17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

Revelation 21:9-10

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,

It could be divided into two parts as follows.

1. Lot and his family went out of Sodom and Gomorrah. It refers to being saved or the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain.
2. Lot and his family escaped to the mountains. It refers to perfection or the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. Be careful because many will fail like the wife of Lot on the way from the salvation to the perfection.

Genesis 19:26

19:26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

The wife of Lot looked back and became the pillar of salt. It refers to the tasteless salt. There is no anointing of Holy Spirit or peace, but the hatred.

The facts found in being the tasteless salt are as follows.

1. **Losing heart or being disappointed and hopeless in these three things.**

- a. In the service and ministry to God.

2 Corinthians 4:1

4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

It means unfaithfulness; even leaving the service and ministry to God because of not appreciating the mercy of God. Formerly, the Gentiles could not serve and minister to God. Nevertheless, we can serve and minister to God because of His mercy through the sacrifice of Christ. As long as there is the sacrifice of Christ and we appreciate it,

we will never leave the service and ministry to God regardless of anything we must face.

Psalms 137:1-2

137:1 By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion.

137:2 We hung our harps Upon the willows in the midst of it.

Being unfaithful until leaving the service and ministry is the same as hanging the harp. Consequently, there will be tears, sufferings, sorrows, weariness, and heavy burdens. Finally, such person is used in the edifying of the body of Babylon in the peak of evil and uncleanness until he hangs himself like Judas Iscariot to perish forever.

- b. In the marriage. It happens until one leaves the marriage.

Colossians 3:21

3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The cause is feeling more righteous and greater than others.

Colossians 3:18

3:18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

If a wife feels more righteous or greater, she will not be able to be submissive. She will teach and have authority over the husband like Eve, who gave the forbidden fruit to Adam and caused the marriage to enter the curses.

Colossians 3:19

3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

If a husband feels more righteous and greater, he will not be able to love the wife. He will do bitterly towards her like a crazy man in the tombs who hit himself. Consequently, the marriage enters the atmosphere of the tomb.

Colossians 3:20

3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

If a child feels more righteous or greater, he will resist against the parents and the marriage as well as the future will not be beautiful.

Colossians 3:21

3:21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

The parents will make the children discouraged if they force their own will to the children or supporting the false will of the children.

- c. In the time of troubles.

Proverbs 24:10

24:10 If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small.

It happens because of feeling able and relying on one's own power or others, not God. Such person does not hope in God.

Losing heart is the same as the spiritual AIDS, namely there is no immunity to resist against sins because there is no Holy Spirit or peace. Consequently, one becomes rotten and produces worms.

2. **The words are tasteless.**

Colossians 4:6

4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

It refers to idle words, lies, gossips, and slanders.

3. **The deeds are tasteless.**

It refers to the idle works and the fleshly or sinful deeds like the wife of Lot, who looked back and became disobedient.

Why could she look back or be disobedient?

- a. Because of being bound by the riches of Sodom and Gomorrah, the will of money, stinginess, and greediness.

Stinginess means that one cannot give and greediness means that one steals the possession of others and God, namely the tithes and offerings.

- b. Being bound by sins of Sodom and Gomorrah, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk and drugs abuse, and the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage or fornication.

Consequently, one will be trampled by the antichrist who reigns in the world for three and a half years.

One who keeps on worshipping God will be persecuted and beheaded. He becomes the salty salt and will be resurrected when Jesus comes a second time.

On the contrary, one who denies God and worships the antichrist will not be persecuted by the antichrist, but be destroyed when Jesus comes a second time.

God does not want that the men He has created must be the tasteless salt to perish.

John 16:7

16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."

The way God helps is that Jesus must go away. It means as follows.

1. Jesus must die on the cross to reconcile us from our sins, so we can get the peace.
2. Jesus must be raised to ascend to heaven and pour out Holy Spirit, so we can be the salty salt.

As for us, we must do these things.

1. We must make peace with God and others by confessing and forgiving one another. As a result, the blood of Jesus will remove all of our sins and we get the peace.
2. We must persevere in praying.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows.

1. Holy Spirit sanctifies the Gentiles.

Romans 15:16

15:16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

He burns our sins, so we can live in holiness, produce the fragrance before Him, and become the salty salt. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the ministry for the edifying of the perfect body of Christ. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, and inter-shepherding. It indeed needs the sacrifice of our time, energy, thought, money, and so on, like the donkey where Jesus sat to go to Jerusalem. Nevertheless, we become the throne of God in the world and there will be physical and spiritual increase in our life.

2. Holy Spirit makes us strong and of good courage.

Ephesians 3:16

3:16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

We are not disappointed or hopeless. We do not leave God regardless of anything we must face. We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God until the end line. We keep on believing and entrusting our life to God. We stretch out our hands, cry out and surrender to Him.

God lets something great happen in our life to help us from our weaknesses, so we can cry out and surrender to Him.

Exodus 14:15-16

14:15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward."

14:16 "But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea."

For example, Moses faced the Red Sea and Pharaoh because of crying more. It means grumbling and telling his problem to others.

Nevertheless, God stretched out His hand or the power of Holy Spirit to give the solution because he could stretch his hand to God. There will be the preservation and protection of God from now on in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the days when the antichrist reigns over the world.

Peter began to sink because of his doubt [Matthew 14:29-32]. He could stretch out His hands, so the Lord lifted him up from

the sinking. God will restore the fall and sinking. The failure is changed into success and beauty. God uses our life to glorify His name.

The widow of Zarephath had to face the economy crisis and the dead son or the destruction in marriage and child because of the egoism, namely prioritizing her self-interest and family more than God.

1 Kings 17:11-15

17:11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

17:12 So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

17:13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son."

17:14 "For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'"

17:15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days.

Nevertheless, she could be obedient to the Word, so God preserved her in the time of crisis. God helped her marriage and child.

We will be changed to be as perfect as Jesus is when He comes a second time and we will enter the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.