

Bible Study Service in Malang, May 19, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 4:1

4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

John the apostle saw a door standing open in heaven through a vision.

Genesis 3:24

3:24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Actually, since men fell in sin and were driven out of garden Eden, the door of the garden was shut and guarded by the flaming sword which turned every way. Jesus, the only sinless man, must die on the cross or get the sword of judgment to open the door of the heavenly kingdom for us.

Acts 1:8-11

1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

1:9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

1:10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

1:11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

The Lord Jesus has been lifted up to heaven and entered the heavenly kingdom with two promises as follows.

1. The pouring out of Holy Spirit or the Pentecost.
2. He will come a second time and lift us up on the glorious clouds, so we can enter the heavenly kingdom and where Jesus is, there we are forever.

Thus, we must have Holy Spirit to welcome Jesus' second coming.

Acts 2:1-4

2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

2:3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.

2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Lord poured out Holy Spirit from heaven to rule over our five senses on Pentecost Day. Why?

It is written in Genesis 3:1-24 that the main weakness of men was in the five senses which were ruled over by the sins. Consequently, they sinned and lost the glory of God or the image of the Trinity of God. They were driven out of paradise and cast to the world. They lived in curse up to eternal perdition.

God pours out Holy Spirit to rule over the five senses of men through Pentecost, so we can return to the image of the Trinity of God and enter the paradise as well as the eternal New Jerusalem.

The process of the fall and lifting up of men through the five senses are as follows.

1. The ears.

Genesis 3:1

3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

Genesis 2:16

2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

The ears hear the voice of the serpent, namely the other doctrines which are not in line with the Bible and gossips.

John 6:60-61,66

6:60 *Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"*

6:61 *When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"*

6:66 *From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.*

The consequence of hearing the other doctrines and gossips is there are many questions and doubts. One cannot be firm anymore in the true teaching Word. He begins to murmur and leave the true teaching Word. It means departing from faith or going back and walking with Jesus no more.

Luke 8:18

8:18 *"Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."*

The ears are ruled over by Holy Spirit through the Pentecost, so we can do these things.

- We can be firm to hear the teaching Word only and not to give any opportunity to hear the strange voice.
- We can seriously hear the true teaching Word until we can understand, believe, and obey it. As a result, our faith increases and becomes firm and perfect or we are worthy 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,*

Luke 18:8

18:8 *"I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"*

2. The mouth.

Genesis 3:2-3

3:2 *And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;*

3:3 *"but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "*

Genesis 2:16-17

2:16 *And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;*

2:17 *"but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

If the ears are disturbed because of giving opportunity to hear the voice of serpent, the mouth must add and take away the voice of God to be in line with the voice of the flesh.

Numbers 13:27-28,32

13:27 *Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.*

13:28 *"Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there.*

13:32 *And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature.*

The Good News and Bride Tidings will be a bad report if they are added with the voice of flesh. Consequently, the faith becomes weak. One leaves the faith and perishes forever.

1 Timothy 6:20-21

6:20 *O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge--*

6:21 *by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.*

The Good News and Bride Tidings will be an empty report if they are added with knowledge. Consequently, there are

debate and discussion which increase the sin and one will stray concerning the faith.

Galatians 4:13-16

4:13 You know that because of physical infirmity I preached the gospel to you at the first.

4:14 And my trial which was in my flesh you did not despise or reject, but you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

4:15 What then was the blessing you enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your own eyes and given them to me.

4:16 Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?

The mouth which is anointed by Holy Spirit will dare to reveal the true teaching Word although other people will make hostility towards us.

Who will be hostile towards the true teaching Word?

- The people who formerly heard the true teaching Word in enthusiasm, but then they add it with gossip, the voice of the flesh, and knowledge until they reject the true teaching Word.
- The people who transgress the true teaching Word.

3. The eyes.

Genesis 3:6

3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

If the mouth adds and takes away the Word, the eyes will look at something which is comfortable to the flesh although it is not in line with the true teaching Word.

Esau had the fleshly sight. He sacrificed the spiritual thing to get the physical one. It started from sacrificing the shepherding pen or the tent for fulfilling the lust of the flesh by hunting. Then, Esau sacrificed the firstborn right to get something in the world, namely the food of lentils. Consequently, he lost everything and wept forever although he had been great, but such condition could not be repaired anymore.

Jacob had a spiritual sight which was anointed by Holy Spirit. He dwelt in tent and kept the truth and holiness. Finally, he got all things although he did not have any potential.

4. The nose.

Genesis 3:4-5

3:4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

3:5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

If we have the sight of the flesh, we will want to be the same as God with the ambition, emotion, and fleshly ways. It means that we do not breathe spiritually.

The nose is dominated by Holy Spirit when we want to be the same as God through the tearing of the flesh as follows.

- Making peace through confessing and forgiving sins one another.
- Worshiping God, also with fasting and praying all night-long.

We will experience the renewal from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus. If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will also happen.

Let us start everything with making peace and worshiping God, so the direction is clear, namely to be the same as Jesus.

Genesis 3:6-7

3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

After the four senses are dominated by sins, the hand will be sinful, namely there is no obedience anymore. Consequently, one is naked and loses the glory of God or the image of the Trinity of God.

Living in the anointing of Holy Spirit means that we are firm in the true teaching Word and we obey it. Do not be influenced by others, especially those who are close to you.

5. The skin.

Genesis 3:7,10

3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

3:10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

It is dominated by the sins, so one becomes afraid and ashamed or there is no peace. It is the same as the tasteless salt.

The sinful men were cast to the world, but they kept on sinning, so they were not afraid and ashamed anymore like dog and swine.

The true attitude is returning to God soon after we sin. We confess our sin and do not repeat it after being forgiven. We return to the anointing of Holy Spirit and get the peace.

Genesis 3:21

3:21 Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

God helps through the offering of reconciliation. The animal was not said in garden Eden or it was not clear. It was only for two people. This thing gives a lesson that the marriage must be reconciled. The animals were clear in the days of the house of Israel, namely the ox, goat, and sheep, but only for the nation of Israel.

Romans 3:23-25

3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

3:25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

It has been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross in the New Testament.

The process of using the offering of reconciliation is making peace with God and others. It means that we confess our sins honestly to God (vertical) and others (horizontal). After being forgiven, we must not repeat the sins. We must forgive and forget the sins of others. All bitter sins and the curse have been drunk by Jesus on the cross. We are peaceful and Jesus gives us the new wine or Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

The function of the new wine or Holy Spirit is to renew us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus, namely we can be honest and believing.

Ephesians 4:24-25

4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

Acts 2:1

2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

As a result, the physical miracles also happen as follows.

1. The power to remove impossibilities. The destroyed marriage and children can be united. All diseases can be healed by God.

Mark 9:17-18,23-25

9:17 Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.

9:18 "And wherever it seizes him, it throws him down; he foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid. So I spoke to Your disciples, that they should cast it out, but they could not."

9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

9:25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

2. The power to face rottenness.

John 11:38-40

11:38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

It means that there is a miraculous preservation from God. We have the beautiful and successful future life or the help of God, so all problems can be solved.

Galatians 5:22-23

5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

We are changed continually until we return to the image of the Trinity of God. Holy Communion is the source of the peace offering and Holy Spirit in the midst of us.

God blesses you.