

Bible Study Service in Malang, May 23, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:20b

28:20 and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

God accompanies us to the end of the age. It means He accompanies us from now on until His second coming and we can sit with Him on the throne of heavenly kingdom forever.

Exodus 33:1-4

33:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, 'To your descendants I will give it.'

33:2 "And I will send My Angel before you, and I will drive out the Canaanite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

33:3 "Go up to a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in your midst, lest I consume you on the way, for you are a stiff-necked people."

33:4 And when the people heard this bad news, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

God does not want to go with the house of Israel but He gives His angel to make war and bring them to Canaan.

Exodus 33:15

33:15 Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.

But, Moses does not want to go if God does not accompany them.

God's accompaniment is our main or absolute need that cannot be replaced by anything or anyone in the world.

God does not want to accompany the house of Israel means a terrible threat for them, the chosen people. It means that all things become meaningless without the accompaniment of God in our life, even the heaven is meaningless if God is not with us. All things will go toward everlasting perdition if there is no God's accompaniment.

The solution that God will always be with us is as follows.

1. Moses pitches the tabernacle of meeting [Exodus 33:7-11].

Exodus 33:7

33:7 Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp.

2. The house of Israel takes off their ornaments [Exodus 33:5-6].

Exodus 33:5-6

33:5 For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say to the children of Israel, 'You are a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.'"

33:6 So the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Horeb.

We must take off all our arrogances and prides so that we become sincere and honest.

There are two forms of God's accompaniment or presence in our life as follows.

1. His grace [Exodus 33:12-17].
2. His glory [Exodus 33:18-23].

We will learn about God's accompaniment in the form of His grace.

Exodus 33:12-13

33:12 Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, You say to me, 'Bring up this people.' But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.'

33:13 "Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people."

Israel needs the grace of God. Moreover, we as the Gentiles indeed need it.

The usefulness of the grace according to Tabernacle teaching is as follows.

1. **To save us.** It refers to **the Court of Tabernacle**.

Titus 2:11

2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

Romans 3:23-24

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,

Adam and Eve sinned, so all men have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. They have been naked and in curse to perish forever.

The sinful men can be justified and saved only by the grace of God through the redemption done by the sacrifice of Christ. Jesus is the one man who has no sin, so He can save the sinners.

Exodus 13:13

13:13 "But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem."

The donkey is unclean animal whose neck must be broken right after being born. The donkey refers to the Gentiles. It means that the Gentiles are not precious. Moreover, they are not useful because of being born only to be broken in the neck. The Gentiles have no relationship with God; God does not accompany them.

The donkey can be alive if it is redeemed by a lamb. It means that the Gentiles can only be saved by the grace of God through the redemption done by the blood of the Lamb of God.

Acts 19:1-6

19:1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

19:2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

19:3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

19:4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

The process of the Gentiles are saved is as follows.

- Believing or having faith in Jesus through hearing the Word of Christ.
Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Word and believe in Jesus. Our heart believes and our mouth confesses. One who believes in Jesus will confess the sin to God and other people, and then not repeat it. As a result, there is no judgment of God. It is the beginning of salvation or we enter through the Gate of Tabernacle.
- Repenting. It refers to the Altar of Burnt Offering.
It means we stop sinning to return to God and live according to His will.
- Being baptized of water and Holy Spirit. It refers to the Brazen Laver and the Door of Tabernacle.
It means we are renewed by the water and spirit, so we experience life renewal or heavenly life. We become the sons of God or saved people.

Titus 2:11-12

2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

2:12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

The facts found in the saved people are as follows.

- Leaving the ungodliness and worldly lusts to live in righteousness and we leave our sins.
- We live soberly. It means we are obedient to the true teaching Word. As a result, we will endure all things without easily stumbling or being disappointed and desperate.

It also means that we know the limit in our saying and doing in accordance to the Word of God.

- We live righteously. It means we are not on others' side but the side of God and the true teaching Word. Being on human's side, one will be wrong and not saved. On the contrary, we will be true and saved if we are on the Lord's side.
- We live godly. It means we are faithful doing our service and ministry to God while we are living in the world. We do the service and ministry in the world as the adaptation of our life in heaven.

Revelation 22:3

22:3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

1 Timothy 4:8

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.

As a result, we have the guarantee of the assurance from God for the preservation of our present life, beautiful future, and eternal life.

2. To sanctify us until we are as holy as Jesus is. It refers to **the Holy Place.**

1 Peter 1:13-16

1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

1:14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;

1:15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,

1:16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

Genesis 49:11-12

49:11 Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

49:12 His eyes are darker than wine, And his teeth whiter than milk.

The requirement for the Gentiles to be sanctified to become as holy as Jesus is being bound to the choice vine. It means we must be shepherded to the true teaching Word, not to any human or church building.

Not being shepherded but wandering, the Gentiles will become wild donkey. It means the falling and rising in sinful deeds, words, and thought up to the peak of sin, namely sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. Consequently, they lose the salvation and perish.

The Gentiles must not be shepherded carelessly. If they are shepherded to the false teaching, they will go astray and lose the salvation.

Being shepherded to the true teaching Word means being inside the true sheepfold in the upbringing of the true teaching Word. It means both the sheepfold and the food are true. The sheepfold means the Holy Place where there are three kinds of equipment that refer to perseverance in doing three kinds of service and ministry to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service.

The Gentiles get an intensive sanctification in the true sheepfold, namely the sanctification of garment from spots.

Genesis 49:11

49:11 Binding his donkey to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his clothes in the blood of grapes.

Jude 1:11

1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

The spot of Cain refers to wickedness, envy, hatred up to revenge, and hatred without any cause.

The spot of Korah is disobedience because of insisting wrong matter.

The spot of Balaam is the love of physical wage or money that causes stinginess and greediness. The stinginess means one cannot give and the greediness means he seizes the possession of other people and God, namely the tithes and offerings.

The tithes are related to these three things.

- Spiritual food, namely the true shepherding Word.

Malachi 3:10

3:10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

If we can consume the true shepherding Word, we will be able to grow spiritually to reach perfection. The shepherding Word will satisfy and make us full, so we will not enter in the famine that will happen in the end of the age.

The result of consuming the shepherding Word is the opening of the door of heaven, namely we get the blessings.

- Confession that we have been blessed by God and our life comes from Him. We are not bound by the world.

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."

- The building of the perfect body of Christ.

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 our garments are sanctified from the spots, God will give us the tunic of many colors, namely ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit. We can be used in the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ. It begins from inside the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ.

3. **To perfect us.** It refers to **the Most Holy Place.**

1 Peter 5:10

5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

1 Peter 2:19

2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

Perfection comes by suffering according to the will of God and the suffering for a while. It is as a donkey where Jesus sits that must bear a burden. We are going to New Jerusalem although we must suffer now. There is everlasting glory behind the suffering for a while.

The suffering for a while means as follows.

- The suffering to do service and ministry to God.
- The labor in birth.

John 16:21

16:21 "A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

Galatians 4:19

4:19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

It means the suffering in our flesh **to get life renewal** until Christ is formed in us.

Matthew 21:16

21:16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

Our mouth must also be renewed to become **the mouth of newborn baby**. Only the pure and spiritual milk of mother's breast or the true shepherding Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit which is preached in regularity and quietness may enter in the baby's mouth.

1 Peter 2:2

2:2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,

Only the praise and worship come out of the mouth of baby. We only worship and rely fully on the mercy and grace of God which will never end.

Song of Solomon 8:5-6

8:5 A RELATIVE Who is this coming up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth; There she who bore you brought you forth.

8:6 THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

The baby is sealed in the arm and bosom of God. We are in the embrace of the hands of God's mercy and grace.

Isaiah 46:3-4

46:3 "Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And all the remnant of the house of Israel, Who have been upheld by Me from birth, Who have been carried from the womb:

46:4 Even to your old age, I am He, And even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.

The results are as follows.

- a. The merciful hand of God which is as strong as the death is able to make us warm, joyful, and peaceful in the midst of the world waves.
- b. The merciful hand of God which is as strong as the death is responsible to preserve our life although we are powerless.
- c. The merciful hand of God which is as strong as the death is able to bear all our burdens so that our life becomes easy and light. The merciful hand of God which is as strong as the death is also able to solve all our problems, even the impossible one.
- d. The merciful hand of God which is as strong as the death is able to save and perfect us so that we have the same image of Him. We can welcome His second coming and sit with Him on His throne forever.

God blesses you.