

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 02, 2014 (Thursday Evening)

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

The book of Revelation chapter 2 and 3 refer to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of the Covenant in Tabernacle. It means the suffering in the flesh that the church must experience or **the last sanctification for the church** to make them as perfect as Jesus is or without any blemish as the Bride of God who is ready to welcome Jesus's second coming on the glorious clouds.

There are four tools or means of the sanctification as follows.

1. The blood of Jesus.

It refers to **the sanctification for the past sins or the sins that have been done, said, and thought**. Such sins are heavy burdens that make people weary and perish forever.

1 John 1:7-9

1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The sanctification for the past sins refers to the Court of Tabernacle. The process is through **confessing our sin** honestly to God and other people. As a result, the blood of Jesus actively does these things.

- Forgiving us our sins or covering them until there is no remnant of them anymore as if we never do such sins.
- Sanctifying us or pulling out the roots of sin so that we do not sin anymore. We can live in the righteousness and light.

If we live in the righteousness or light, we will enter the right fellowship of the body of Christ as the branches that dwell in the True Vine or the true teaching Word. Soon or later, we will produce sweet fruits.

John 15:6

15:6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

Be careful! There is dry branch, namely spiritual dryness or unhappiness because of keeping or not confessing sin. In such condition, one keeps the self-truth or covers the sin by blaming others and God or the true teaching Word. It means deceiving himself. The dry branches enter the fellowship without the True Vine or the true teaching Word. It means a conspiracy.

David was a great king, but he could fall in great sin, namely killing the husband of a woman and then committed adultery with her. Consequently, David was not precious, even despicable, before God like a dry branch that will be destroyed.

Therefore, the more we are blessed and used by God or have high position, the more we must humble ourselves, confess that we are neither worthy nor able, and give thanks to God always. As a result, we can be encouraged to fully surrender to God more.

Psalms 51:1-3, 17

51:1 << To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. >>

Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart. "These, O God, You will not despise.

King David willingly received the rebuke of the prophet Nathan. He could be broken in spirit and realize as well as confess his sin to God and others. It was very precious before God. As a result, he got the remission of sin, restoration and lifting up by God. It means that he got the multitude of God's tender mercy so that he could be saved, justified, and blessed by God as the apple of His eye that is very precious.

2. The Word of Sanctification or the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

Hebrews 4:12

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

It means **the sanctification from our present sin**. It refers to the Holy Place of Tabernacle.

The present sin refers to the snare that causes us to stumble and we cannot rise anymore, even there is total failure and forever perdition.

Where can we be sanctified from the present sin? In the Holy Place or shepherding pen. **There are three kinds of equipment in the Holy Place that refer to the perseverance in doing three main services to God as follows.**

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to have fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and Holy Communion.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service to have fellowship with Father God in the love.

In the shepherding pen, the flesh with all its wills, lusts, and characteristics that aim at the sin up to the peak, is repressed so that we can obey the will of God and live in holiness. We are anointed by Holy Spirit and not dry in our spirituality. We have the satisfaction of heaven so that we do not look for other satisfactions in the world.

By what can we get the sanctification to our present sins?

Psalm 119:9

119:9 BETH. How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

John 15:3

15:3 "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

We can be sanctified by the Word spoken by Jesus Himself or revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible. It is called as the true teaching Word or the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword.

1 Timothy 4:13

4:13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

We must persevere in reading the Bible, hearing, and obeying the Word so that it becomes the true teachings in our life. We are built upon the rock or firm faith until we can reach the perfection. Opening the ear for the fable or other teachings, one will be doubtful and the faith falls down.

Psalm 119:11

119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

The function of the teaching Word is as a brake so that we do neither sin nor agree the sin.

Psalm 119:105

119:105 NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

The true teaching Word becomes the light in our life journey and gives us direction to the New Jerusalem.

The true teaching Word that is obeyed will become the lamp so that we do not stumble because of the snare of sin.

Be careful! The snare of sin is set by Satan at the place we often pass or walk.

- In the service and ministry. One becomes arrogant or proud and hopeless or disappointed until he leaves the ministry or becomes unfaithful.
- In marriage or household. The snare of sin happens in strife, violence, sexual affairs, and so on.
- In dark places or bad friendship.

Deuteronomy 12:29-30

12:29 " When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land,

12:30 "take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.'

Beware of the friendship through internet.

The snare is set at the dark place or heart. The evil will is the lust of money and the unclean will is the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

1 Timothy 6:9

6:9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.

Rejecting the true teaching Word, one will pay attention to or be attracted by sin, even agree with it and perish for sure.

Genesis 39:10

39:10 So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her.

Joseph was shepherded. He experienced the sanctification done by the sword that is able to cut the snares of sin. He kept the holiness in his life, marriage, service, and ministry to God. He was precious before God as the apple of His eye.

Genesis 39:20-21, 23

39:20 Then Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were confined. And he was there in the prison.

39:21 But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

39:23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it prosper.

Joseph was put in the prison. He was powerless, small, and not precious, but the multitude of God's mercy is able to make him successful and beautiful in its time.

3. The chastening.

Hebrews 12:10

12:10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.

It refers to **the sanctification from our present sins.**

The chastening will come if we reject the Word of sanctification. How hard or sharp the Word of God is, it is the stretching of the cord of His love to us. If we reject it, the cords are spun to become a whip to chasten us so that we can return to the holiness. If the chastening is rejected, God will let him go to get the condemnation.

Hebrews 12:12-14

12:12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,

12:13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed.

12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

The chastening of God is useful to make us return to obedience and faithfulness in doing the service and ministry to Him. We can follow Him until the end and return to holy and righteous life. We can see, worship, and surrender fully to Him again or stretch our hand to Him. As a result, God will stretch His hand to us and we live in His hand.

Jonah 1:1-3

1:1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

1:2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."

1:3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Jonah disobeyed God and rejected the true teaching Word. It means that we make ourselves far from God, unholy, unfaithful, and unable to worship God. In such condition, one is near Satan and in his hand. He is not precious before God. Moreover, he will perish forever.

Jonah was disobedient alone, but the whole ship would sink. It means that all members of the congregation will bear the consequence of the disobedience or uncleanness of a servant or priest of God. It is a debt of blood that cannot be repaid by anything.

Exodus 3:5

3:5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy

ground."

On the contrary, if a priest lives in holiness, the congregation will feel the presence of God.

Jonah 2:1-3, 6, 9-10

2:1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly.

2:2 And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.

2:3 For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me.

2:6 I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God.

2:9 But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD."

2:10 So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah was chastened up to the bottom of the sea. It means a total failure, sorrow, suffering, tears, heavy burden, weariness, impossible problem, and perdition.

Nevertheless, the chastening made Jonah, who was hard in his heart, confess his sins to God and others. After being forgiven, we must not repeat the sin. Jonah could pray and worship God as well as look at the face of the Lord, cry to Him, and stretch his hands to Him. As a result, the hands of God's lovingkindness are stretched to lift us up, restore, and make us precious again before Him.

4. The sprinkling of blood. It will be explained later.

God blesses you.