

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 06, 2011 (Thursday Evening)

Matthew 26:26-29

26:26. *And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."*

26:27 *Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."*

26:28 *"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."*

26:29 *"But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."*

EATING HOLY COMMUNION

Eating Holy Communion equals to eating the body of Christ and drinking the blood of Christ.

Tonight, we still discuss **the function of the blood of Christ**.

1 Peter 1:18-19

1:18 *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,*

1:19 *but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

The function of the blood of Christ is to redeem us from sins, even heritage sin.

There are three kinds of stage of the redemption done by Jesus' blood as follows:

1. The precious blood.

How great a man in the world is, whether in physical life or spiritual one, if he is sinful or falls and rises in sins, he becomes despicable, contemptible, or not precious before God. His life is only as dog and swine, even there is destruction and perdition in hell forever.

Revelation 21:8

21:8 *"But (1) the cowardly, (2) unbelieving, (3) abominable, (4) murderers, (5) sexually immoral, (6) sorcerers, (7) idolaters, and (8) all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

The eight sins will drown human in the hell forever. The closing part of the sins is lying. As long as a man lies, he keeps the other seven sins.

The one who is redeemed by the blood of Jesus from the eight sins is as the eight people entering the ark of Noah.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20 *who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.*

3:21 *There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

The ark of Noah refers to the true water baptism.

Being redeemed from the eight sins means we die to sin, and then we have to be baptized in water righteously.

A husband and his wife as well as their children (Noah and his wife as well as Shem and his wife, Ham and his wife, and Japheth and his wife) must enter one ark, namely the ark of Noah, referring to the one true water baptism.

Romans 6:2,4

6:2 *Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?*

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.*

2. The true water baptism is when we have died to sin and then we are buried in water together with Jesus to rise in new life.

Genesis 6:9

6:9 *This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*

The new life is as follows:

- Righteous life.
- Honesty, there is no lie, not hiding anything.
- Walking with God through being faithful doing our service and ministry and departing from the friendship of sins.

It is a precious and valuable life before God or a precious and valuable marriage before God.

As a result, there is salvation for the marriage and children, being far away from destruction in marriage and children none cannot count anymore nowadays. Satan is targeting human marriage to destroy it, so the man cannot enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

3. The blood of the Lamb.

1 Peter 1:19

1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

The term 'lamb' means it has a relationship with shepherding.

Jesus' blood is the blood of the Lamb which is able to lift us up or to redeem us who are only as dog and swine to become shepherded sheep.

Why do we have to be shepherded?

Because we will return to become as dog and swine if we do not be shepherded.

Where do we have to be shepherded?

We have to be shepherded to the true shepherding Word, as a branch which sticks in the True Vine. As a result, the branch will bear fruits for sure.

The requirement of being shepherded is entering the true sheepfold according to the true teaching Word.

Entering the true sheepfold equals to entering the ark of Noah or entering the Holy Place of Tabernacle.

Genesis 6:16

6:16 "You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

The ark of Noah consists of three decks, namely lower, second, and third decks.

The Tabernacle consists of three rooms also, namely Court, Holy Place, and Most Holy Place.

Genesis 6:14-16

6:14 "Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch.

6:15 "And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

6:16 "You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

The ark of Noah was made according to the commandment of God, and so was the Tabernacle.

Exodus 25:8,10

25:8 "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them.

25:10 " And they shall make an ark of acacia wood; two and a half cubits shall be its length, a cubit and a half its width, and a cubit and a half its height.

Thus, entering the ark of Noah equals to entering the Tabernacle.

A husband and his wife as well as the children must enter one true shepherding in the one true teaching Word.

The sheepfold refers to the Holy Place, where there are three equipments as follows:

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

Formerly, only few people entered the ark of Noah. Now, only few people are willing to persevere in doing three main services to God.

If we enter the sheepfold or we persevere in doing the three main services according to shepherding Word, we will stick in

the True Vine or we are planted in the house of the Lord. As a result, we will bear fruits for sure.

Psalm 92:12-15

92:12 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

92:13 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

92:14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

92:15 To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

The result will be real as follows:

- In the relationship with flourishing like a palm tree.
Meaning our life, marriage and household begin to be well arranged, beautiful, sweet, and joyful.
- In the relationship with growing like a cedar which is strong.
Meaning we become strong and of good courage, we can be enduring facing anything, we do not waver because of false teaching but we keep holding the true teaching Word.
The cedar was used in building the temple in the days of King Solomon. The one who is strong and of good courage will be employed in the ministry of building Christ's body.

Being sweet and strong must happen together.

The riddle of Samson (about the sweetness and strength) will be solved and the marriage will get the linen garments, meaning our marriage will be glorified until we are in the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

- Bearing fruit in old age, meaning we receive the blessing of Abraham physically and spiritually up to our descendants, even we have eternal life.

Psalm 92:14

92:14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing,

- The Lord always keeps His promise, He never changes as a rock will never change. He is the Chief Shepherd who never lies, He will fulfill His promise.

Psalm 92:15

92:15 To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Therefore, we must not lie. We have to bear witness, so we will not lie.

4. The blood which is without blemish and without spot.

1 Peter 1:19

1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Meaning the blood of Jesus is able to redeem our life until we become blameless or spotless, and perfect as Jesus is.

James 3:2

3:2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

Being perfect means we do not stumble in word. We do not stumble in word when we worship the Lord and cry His name, we cry Alleluia.

Revelation 19:5-7

19:5. Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

When we worship the Lord, the King and Heavenly Bridegroom, God is stretching His hand of mercy and grace to us. **Do not ever doubt the mercy and grace of God!**

The result is as follows:

- The hand of God's mercy and grace saves our marriage and household, gives us peace and salvation.

Ephesians 5:22-23

5:22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

- The hand of His mercy and grace is stretched to nourish and cherish our life.

Ephesians 5:29

5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

Meaning as follows:

- To feed us in the midst of difficulties and impossibilities in the world.
 - To protect us from all disasters, sins, antichrist, and God's judgments.
 - To make us warm.
- The hand of His mercy and grace is stretched to heal and to renew us until we become perfect and as glorious as He is, and we can be lifted up on the clouds to be with Him.

Ephesians 5:25

5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Genesis 7:16

7:16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the LORD shut him in.

Formerly God shut the ark tightly, now He embraces our life tightly.

God blesses you.