

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 14, 2010 (Thursday Evening)

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 25:31

25:31. "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

Jesus shows Himself as King of kings sitting on the throne of His glory.

He has to pass through the way of death, resurrection, and glory to reach the throne of glory.

1 Peter 2:21

2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

He calls us to follow His steps so we may also reach the throne of God's glory.

The ways to reach the throne of God's glory are as follows:

1. The way of death.

Philippians 2:7-8

2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

The way of Jesus' death can be explained as follows:

- He has to be a man who has no sin and dies on the cross to redeem our sins.
- He has to be a faithful and obedient servant to the point of death on the cross.

1 Peter 2:24

2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

For us, the way of death is right now we have to be dead to sin.

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.

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

Process of being dead to sin is confessing our sins to God and other people uprightly, and the blood of Jesus will actively do these things:

- To forgive our sins and to cover them until there is no remnant of them. We become as if we never sin.
- To pull the root of sin up so we do not sin anymore but we are delivered from sins, and hate the sins, even die to sin.

We have to die to sin, especially eight sins bringing man to the hell directly as follows.

Revelation 21:8

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

If we are dead to the eight sins, we will have eternal life. On the other hand, we will have eternal death if we live in the eight sins. Besides, sinning equals despising Christ's sacrifice.

Only those who appreciate Christ's sacrifice may be dead to sin.

2. The way of resurrection.

Romans 4:25

4:25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

The way of Jesus' resurrection is to justify us.

1 Peter 2:24

2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

For us, **the way of resurrection means as follows:**

a. Living in righteousness.

Our deeds, our saying, our marriage life, and our whole life have to be righteous.

Besides, our appearance must be righteous.

Leviticus 21:10

21:10. ' He who is the high priest among his brethren, on whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to wear the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes;

A man must have neat hairs, not long hair as a woman has. The clothes should not show the flesh. A man should not wear woman's clothes, and vice versa.

Deuteronomy 22:5

22:5. " A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God.

Not living in righteousness indicates that one has not risen yet.

b. Seeking heavenly matters more than the worldly ones.

Colossians 3:1-2

3:1. If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

3:2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

It equals we become faithful servant in committing service and ministry.

Matthew 6:31-34

6:31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

6:32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

6:33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

6:34 "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

The results will be real as follows:

1. The Lord is able to provide our daily needs and future life.
2. We live in peace and quietness, there is no anxiety.

3. The way of glory.

Philippians 2:9

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

The way of Jesus' glory is His ascension to heaven in glorious body to become King of kings sitting on the throne of His glory.

For us, **the way of glory is real through the renewal of our lives from carnal men to spiritual or glorious men as Jesus is.**

Process of the life renewal according to Tabernacle teaching is as follows:

a. Water baptism (it refers to the Brazen Laver in the Court of Tabernacle).

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.

The right implementation is being buried together with Jesus in water after being dead to sin, and we rise in new life.

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,

New life refers to **good conscience**.

As the result, God makes all things good. The good conscience is a strong foundation for God to make all things good although we are in the midst of flood. He is able to make destroyed things good as long as we have the good conscience.

b. Worship prayer (it refers to the Golden Altar of Incense in the Holy Place of Tabernacle).

Matthew 17:1-2

17:1. Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

17:2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

We have the tearing of flesh through worship prayer, from carnal men to spiritual men. Our face is renewed to become shining face as the sun or **gentle heart full of God's love** so we can love God more than anything, and love other people as we love ourselves, and love our enemies.

The proof of loving God is obedience to His Word.

Matthew 5:43-45

5:43. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

5:45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

The love as the sun in the midst of dark clouds will result in a rainbow of God's glory to make all things beautiful in its time.

c. Sprinkling of blood in the Most Holy Place of Tabernacle.

The sprinkling of blood or suffering without any sin is the last renewal in New Jerusalem.

Revelation 21:5, 9-11

21:5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

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,

21:11 having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal.

Jasper stone is defined as a longing. A heart as the jasper stone points to **a heart which longs and is fervent in spirit to commit service and ministry to the Lord**. It is the heart which longs to become the bride of God although right now we still have many weaknesses and sins. Do not stay in them or be hopeless or disappointed but let us have a longing to become perfect as Jesus is.

Clear as crystal means **uprightness**.

It points to the uprightness in doctrines or godly matters.

Titus 2:7

2:7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

Besides, we have to be upright in marriage and finance.

Hebrews 13:4-5

*13:4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.
13:5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

Being upright in those three matters, we can be hoped to be upright in all matters.

Afterward, God will never leave us nor forsake us. He always takes care of us, fights with us, and accompanies us.

The results will be real as follows:

1. The Lord is able to preserve and protect our lives although we are powerless.

Genesis 28:15, 20-22

28:15 "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."

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."

Giving tithes indicates our profession that we have been blessed by God, and He accompanies us.

Stealing the tithes equals leaving God, and He will leave that person.

2. The Lord is able to help us from all problems and temptations, even the impossible ones.

Hebrews 13:5b-6

13:5b ...For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

13:6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

The Lord is able to help or lift up our life from falls in sin, and to heal our life as long as we are upright.

3. The Lord is able to finish all things.

1 Chronicles 28:20

28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

He is able to employ our life in the ministry of building Christ's body, and finish it perfectly. We become His bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming as King of kings or Heavenly Bridegroom.

God blesses you.