

Bible Study Service in Malang, October 29, 2024 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 22:5c,3

22:5. And they shall reign forever and ever.

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.

We become the priests and kings in the kingdom of heaven. The inhabitant of kingdom of heaven is the priests and kings.

That is why, we must receive God's calling to be justified and saved. We also receive God's election to be shepherded, purified, and appointed as the priests and kings in the world until we reach the New Jerusalem.

1 Peter 2:5

2:5. you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

One of the duties of the priest is being used by God in the ministry of the building of the body of Christ, starting from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

It is the same as placing Jesus as the Head who has responsibility over His body.

John 1:1,14

1:1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

1:14. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The fact found in it is prioritizing the true teaching Word.

The fellowship of the body of Christ must be in line with the true teaching Word. Otherwise, the consequences are as follows:

1. The maximum will reach the tomb only, not eternal.
2. The wolves and birds become the head.

The wolves refer to Herod.

Luke 13:31-32

13:31. On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, "Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You."

13:32. And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.'

Herod is the wicked who wants to be the head. He is a liar, murderer--hatred and evil-speaking--, and arrogant.

Acts 12:21-23

12:21. So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them.

12:22. And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

12:23. Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died.

Herod wanted to make himself as God but he did not want to be struck by an angel, namely the purification of the senses by the shepherding Word. Consequently, he was punished up to perdition.

The wolves and birds refer to the evil and unclean spirits, namely the sins of Babylon.

Revelation 18:2

18:2. And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

The evil spirit is the bond of money, so one becomes greedy and stingy.

Stinginess means that one cannot give the things for God's work such as time, strength, mind, money, *et cetera*, and others who are in need.

Greediness means that one steals the possession of God and others.

The unclean spirit is the fornication up to the immoderate one, the false marriage, and being sleepy when hearing the Word.

If the wolves and birds become the head in the fellowship, it will surely aim at the building of Babylon that will be destroyed.

We must prioritize the true teaching Word, so we do not enter the building of Babylon but the building of the true body of Christ. We place Jesus as the Head.

In the epistle to the Ephesians, Jesus appears as the Head three times as follows:

1. Jesus appears as the Head who puts all of His enemies under His feet.

Ephesians 1:22-23

1:22. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

1:23. which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

It refers to Jesus as the King of kings.

1 Corinthians 15:25-26

15:25. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

15:26. The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Where the teaching Word is preached, Jesus will appear as the King of kings. The facts are as follows:

- Winning over the death or sin, so we do not commit sin but live in righteousness. The Word shows our sin, so we realize, regret, and confess it. We are forgiven. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven. We repent and live in righteousness.
- Winning over the world with its influences such as business, joy, and distress, *et cetera* that make one become unfaithful.

James 4:4

4:4. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

We win over the world, so we can minister to God faithfully and fervently.

- Winning over the flesh with its lusts that make one become disobedient.

Romans 8:7

8:7. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

James 1:13-15

1:13. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

1:14. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

1:15. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Disobedience means inviting the temptation.

Obedience means inviting God to finish all of impossible problems.

If we place Jesus as the Head and the King of kings, we will live in righteousness, faithfulness, and obedience.

Matthew 7:21-23

7:21. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

7:22. "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?"

7:23. "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

As a result, the door of heaven is opened for us, and so are the doors in the world.

Disobedience means practicing lawlessness and building Babylon, so one is destroyed.

2. Jesus appears as the Head of the ministry.

Ephesians 4:15-16

4:15. but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

4:16. from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

It is Jesus as the High Priest.

It means that we must become the priests and kings who minister in the building of the body of Christ. The requirements are as follows:

- Holiness.

We must be shepherded, so we are purified continuously. As a result, we live in holiness and anointing of Holy Spirit.

- Receiving the equipment from God as follows:

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,

- a. The ministry of the Son of God. It is our place in the body of Christ or in heaven.

- b. The gift of Holy Spirit God

Ephesians 4:7

4:7. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

It is the miraculous ability of Holy Spirit, so we can minister according to the ministry that God gives to us.

- c. The love of God the Father.

Ephesians 4:15

4:15. but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--

Ministering in love will be eternal.

So, the Trinity of God is with us till the end of days. We become the living stone. We can live anywhere, anytime, and in any circumstances because we live by God's mercy.

The things that we have to keep are as follows:

- There is no false teaching where woman teaches or has authority over a man. Woman wants to become the head, so Jesus cannot become the Head, but the wolves and birds.
- Do not become fool! Do not become unfaithful as well as leave the ministry because of the physical thing!

Isaiah 22:15-16, 18-19

22:15. Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts: "Go, proceed to this steward, To Shebna, who is over the house, and say:

22:16. 'What have you here, and whom have you here, That you have hewn a sepulcher here, As he who hews himself a sepulcher on high, Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock?

22:18. He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball Into a large country; There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots Shall be the shame of your master's house.

22:19. So I will drive you out of your office, And from your position he will pull you down.

All things will be in vain. It is the same as hewing himself a sepulcher. He is tossed by Satan as a ball. His ministry is given to others, and he cannot take it back, so he is destroyed forever.

3. Jesus as the Head means that He is the husband or the Heavenly Bridegroom.

Ephesians 5:23, 25-27

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.

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

5:26. that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

5:27. that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

The duties of the husband are as follows:

- Cleansing. It means purifying us with the washing of water by the Word.
The water refers to water baptism or the gospel Word.
The Word refers to the rain of the true teaching Word

Deuteronomy 32:2

32:2. Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.

It is the same as purifying doubly to cleanse the leper.

Leviticus 14:8-9

14:8. "He who is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean. After that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside his tent seven days.

14:9. "But on the seventh day he shall shave all the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows -- all his hair he shall shave off. He shall wash his clothes and wash his body in water, and he shall be clean.

The leper refers to the self-truth. It means covering sin by blaming at others and God.

The leper refers to the uncleanness.

- [Ephesians 5:25] Giving Himself to love His bride or the congregation with the perfect love.

Matthew 5:43-45, 48

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.

5:48. "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

The usefulness of the love as the sun is as follows:

- a. Heating us, so the cold or hard heart can be melted, and we can confess and forgive one another. The ill will is restored to become peace. Hatred becomes love to one another.
- b. Giving the extra power, so we become strong and of good courage. We do not get disappointed or desperate as well as leave God regardless of anything that happens. We can wait for Jesus' second coming.
- c. Giving the light to renew us.

The scowl or sadness becomes happy until the face beams.

The faces that are pale, afraid, and worried become believing in God.

The bad face like dog, swine, and Satan that commits sin is changed into the true and good words and deeds.

If we become obedient, the face will beam, and we experience peace.

1 Corinthians 7:17-23, 25-29, 38-40

7:17. But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.

7:18. Was anyone called while circumcised? Let him not become uncircumcised. Was anyone called while uncircumcised? Let him not be circumcised.

7:19. Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping the commandments of God is what matters.

7:20. Let each one remain in the same calling in which he was called.
7:21. Were you called while a slave? Do not be concerned about it; but if you can be made free, rather use it.
7:22. For he who is called in the Lord while a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise he who is called while free is Christ's slave.
7:23. You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.
7:25. Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy.
7:26. I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress--that it is good for a man to remain as he is:
7:27. Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife.
7:28. But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you.
7:29. But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none,
7:38. So then he who gives her in marriage does well, but he who does not give her in marriage does better.
7:39. A wife is bound by law as long as her husband lives; but if her husband dies, she is at liberty to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.
7:40. But she is happier if she remains as she is, according to my judgment--and I think I also have the Spirit of God.

Jesus is willingly married on the cross, so our faces beam until we become as glorious as Him.

God blesses us.