

Bible Study Service in Malang, September 05, 2013 (Thursday Evening)

Peace and grace in the love of 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 is with us, even to the end of the age. It means He is with us from now on in the midst of many difficult things in the world, so that all things become easy and light in our life, up to the time when the antichrist reigns over the world for three years and six months, so that we are preserved and protected in the wilderness. Moreover, God is with us until Jesus comes a second time and we are not left to perish with the world but we can sit together with Him on the throne of New Jerusalem forever.

Revelation 3:21

3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Whomay get the accompaniment of God from now on until to sit together with Jesus on the throne of heavenly kingdom? They are the people who overcome together with Jesus.

Philippians 2:8-10

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.

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

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Jesus has been obedient to the point of death on the cross, so He gets a powerful name to defeat the trinity of Satan and He is exalted to sit on the throne of heavenly kingdom.

Therequirement to overcome with Jesus is obedience until our flesh doesnot sound anymore.

1 Peter 3:20-22

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 by 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,

3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

In the days of Noah, the people were disobedient, so they did not want to enter the ark of Noah. Consequently, they were drowned by the flood and dead.

Noah and his family were obedient, so they entered the ark and got the salvation.

We have to be baptized of water now. We die to sin or repent and then we are buried in water together with Jesus to raise in new life or heavenly one to get a good conscience.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

If we obey the true teaching Word, it will sanctify our heart and whole life, so we can live in holiness.

The facts found in the holy or obedient life are as follows.

1. **The eyes can see other people.**

It means we can love one another with pure heart without any purpose to get advantage for our self.

The proof of loving one another with pure heart is as follows.

1. To owe no one anything.

Romans 13:8-9

13:8 *Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.*
13:9 *For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

We must finish the sin by confessing and forgiving one another.

Do not sin to others or give them disadvantage such as adultery, murdering or hatred, stealing, and coveting.

2. To open the door of heart for other people who are in need.

1 John 3:11, 17-18

3:11 *For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love*

3:17 *But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?*

3:18 *My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.*

We can give with righteousness, without any will to get advantage, to please others, or to rule over others. It continues until we can confess that it is better to give than to receive. It is the formula of heavenly kingdom. To open the door of our heart means to open the door of heavenly kingdom, so the love of God is poured out in our life as well as blessings and joy until we can enter heavenly kingdom.

Be alert! Do not be egoistic until you cannot look at other people who are in need, or else there is spiritual blindness. In such condition, one is not shepherded, but he enters the curse to suffer and perish.

2. **The eyes can see the Lord and worship Him.**

Hebrews 12:14

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

The measure of the worship is holiness and peace. If our worship increases, the holiness and peace will also increase.

Hebrews 12:15-16

12:15 *looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;*

12:16 *lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.*

There are two kinds of hindrance of looking at the Lord as follows.

1. The root of bitterness[verse 15].

It happens because of jealousy. Esau envies Jacob who has gotten the blessing. Likewise, the brothers of Joseph envy him because of his tunic of many colors.

The root of bitterness happens because of judging others too much, so there is no time to judge or correct his self.

2. The root of evil and uncleanness[verse 16].

It happens because of looking at a morsel of food, so there is lust of fornication. It means sacrificing spiritual things such as the service to God and the true teaching Word in order to get the physical ones.

For example, Esau is blind spiritually, so he cannot see other people and God.

Hebrews 12:17

12:17 *For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.*

Consequently, he weeps bitterly forever. It means he cannot see Jesus face to face on the glorious clouds, but he is left and destroyed together with the world. It means there is total failure and defeat.

God gives us three kinds of great opportunity to see Him as follows.

1. **In the time of distress.**

2 Chronicles 20:1, 12

20:1 *It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat.*

20:12 "O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."

King Jehoshaphat must face great army, so he is in distress without any power and he does not know what to do. It means that he faces a dead-end. God allows us to face such condition not to make us hopeless or disappointed, but to make our eyes see the Lord, especially through fasting prayer.

2 Chronicles 20:17

20:17 "You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem! Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you."

God is still busy with our private life or spirituality to sanctify and renew us when He has not helped us yet. God will help us to solve our problems in His time, namely when we have been obedient to surrender to Him.

2. When we are isolated or cast out by other people because of Jesus or the suffering without any sin.

John 9:32-38

9:32 "Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

9:33 "If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

9:34 They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

9:35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

9:36 He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

9:37 And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

9:38 Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

In such condition, we must keep silent. It means that we do not become hopeless or disappointed, or repay evil for evil, but we correct our life. To find sin in our life, we have to confess to other people and God. Being forgiven, we should not do the sin again. Afterwards, God is with us and we can see His face to talk with and worship Him.

Numbers 6:26

6:26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace."

The results are as follows.

- We experience the light of glory coming out of Jesus' face, so we feel peaceful and we do not feel what our flesh feels anymore.
- We are used to be witness about the Good Tidings and Bride Tidings.

3. When we are thrown away because of our sins.

Luke 22:60-62

22:60 But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

22:61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

22:62 So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

Matthew 26:72-74

26:72 But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!"

26:73 And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you."

26:74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!" Immediately a rooster crowed.

Peter is thrown away because of denying Jesus three times.

Peter refers to a great servant of God. He is able to walk on the water, but doubtful facing the wind of false teaching. He is doubtful to the true teaching and Jesus Himself, so he expressly denies Jesus three times with swearing and cursing. His body, soul, and spirit deny Jesus. It means that he is blind spiritually, so he cannot see Jesus and vice versa.

Praise the Lord, there is **the crowing of the rooster**. It is the Shepherding Word or the true teaching Word that God trusts to a pastor to preach to the congregation faithfully, in order, and repetitively to become the food of the congregation to grow

their spirituality. The Shepherding Word leads us to enter the sheepfold or the Holy Place. There are three kinds of equipment inside it that refer to the three kinds of service to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service or fellowship with Holy Spirit God. The sheep is drinking by doing it.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion or fellowship with the Son of God. The sheep is eating by doing it.
- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Prayer Service or fellowship with Father God. The sheep is breathing by doing it.

The true teaching Word is repeated to show our sins we often repeat or the hidden ones, so that we can be sanctified.

God is looking at us with His mercy whatever we are when the Shepherding Word is being preached. As a result, there is opportunity to look upon God with our tears or broken heart to confess all of our sins. Being forgiven, we should not repeat the sin. We have to believe and entrust our life fully to God as well as lift up our two hands to Him. Afterwards, God stretches His merciful hand to us.

The results are as follows.

- Not one bone will be broken.

Psalm 34:19-21

34:19 The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

34:20 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.

34:21 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

The hand of God with the power of resurrection is able to give us victory over sins, so we can live in righteousness and holiness to enter the unity of the body of Christ.

- A hair of our head does not fall.

Matthew 10:30

10:30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

The merciful hand of God is able to preserve and protect our life from now on in the midst of many difficult things in the world until the antichrist reigns over the world, even forever.

- There is no tear.

Revelation 21:4

21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

The merciful hand of God with the power of life renewal is able to change our life until we are as glorious as Jesus is and we sit together with Him in New Jerusalem.

We must be renewed from the doubt, emotion or anger without any love, and lie.

God blesses you.