

Bible Study Service in Malang, September 08, 2016 (Thursday Evening)

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

Revelation 4:5

4:5 *And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.*

John the apostle in Patmos Island saw the seven burning lamps of fire before the throne which are the same as the seven lamps of Golden Candlestick which were seen by Moses. They are the same as the seven locks of the head of Samson. They refer to the seven Spirits of God or Holy Spirit with the seven manifestations.

We are learning the seven burning lamps of the Golden Candlestick which refer to the Church that is dominated by Holy Spirit to shine, bear fruit, or testify.

Exodus 25:31-32

25:31 *"You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece.*

25:32 *"And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.*

The Golden Candlestick consists of three main parts to shine as follows.

1. **The base.**

It refers to **the standpoint or foundation** of the church.

Ephesians 2:19-20

2:19 *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,*

2:20 *having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,*

There are two kinds of foundation as follows.

○ **Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone.**

1 Peter 2:6-7

2:6 *Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."*

2:7 *Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"*

The chief cornerstone refers to a beautiful or glorious stone which was rejected by the builders. It means **Christ who was crucified, the sacrifice of Christ, or the reconciliation offering.**

The proof of having Christ as the foundation or chief cornerstone is **making reconciliation with God and other people.** We confess our sins to God and other people honestly. We do not repeat the sin after being forgiven. We also forgive the sin of others and forget it. As a result, the blood of Jesus wipes away all of our sins, so we can live in righteousness. We have serenity or peace and all things become easy and light because all heavy burdens and weariness of sin have been born by Jesus on the cross. One who does not live in righteousness will not have peace in his life.

○ **The prophets and apostles.**

The prophets refer to the Old Testament. The apostles refer to the New Testament. They refer to **the Bible or the true teaching Word.**

The proof of having the foundation of the prophets and the apostles is **holding fast to the true teaching Word, so that we are not deceived by the false teachings.** We are not doubtful against the true teaching Word. We do not add and take it away. We do not change the true teaching Word and all things must be in line with the Bible. Do not resist against the true teaching Word.

Thus, **the foundation of the Church to shine is living in righteousness and holding fast to the true teaching**

Word. It means that we must be the righteous. The results are as follows.

- We shine up to our descendants. We are blessed up to our descendants and we become blessings for others.

Psalms 37:25-26

37:25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

- We can endure facing the temptations physically and spiritually, also in the marriage. We are saved until we have the eternal life.

Proverbs 10:25

10:25 When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation.

2. The shaft.

Exodus 25:31

25:31 "You shall also make a lampstand of pure gold; the lampstand shall be of hammered work. Its shaft, its branches, its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and flowers shall be of one piece.

It refers to Jesus who becomes the example.

John 13:12-15

13:12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?

13:13 "You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am.

13:14 "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

13:15 "For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

One of the examples of Jesus is in washing the feet. It means that we must experience the sanctification to our feet or life journey which is the dirtiest.

John 13:10-11

13:10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."

13:11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

The dirtiest feet are Judas Iscariot's. The feet of a servant of God must be beautiful. Nevertheless, they can be the dirtiest like Judas Iscariot's.

The sanctification to the dirtiest feet or life journey is double as follows.

- Through the bath, namely the water baptism.
- Through the washing to feet, namely the sanctification that is done by the rain water of the true teaching Word.

It is the same as the cleansing to 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 spiritual leprosy refers to the self-truth, namely covering the sin by blaming others; even God and the true teaching Word.

For example, Judas did not want to receive the true teaching Word which had shown his sin, so he lied and rejected the Word by saying "Is it I?"

Leviticus 13:45-46

13:45 "Now the leper on whom the sore is, his clothes shall be torn and his head bare; and he shall cover his mustache, and cry, 'Unclean! Unclean!'

13:46 "He shall be unclean. All the days he has the sore he shall be unclean. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his

dwelling shall be outside the camp.

The leprosy also refers to the uncleanness sin. It refers to the sins concerning eating drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage or sexuality sin with all of its kinds. We must keep the way we get dressed from the appearance of the flesh or uncleanness. The function of the clothes is to cover the nakedness.

2 Kings 5:20, 25-27

5:20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but as the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him."

5:25 Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere."

5:26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants?"

5:27 "Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.

The leprosy also refers to the sins of wickedness and love of money that caused Gehazi and Judas to become thieves, especially stealing the possession of God, namely the tithes and offerings. They did not honor God. They were not shy. Formerly, Judas stole the possession of God. Now, the trust of God to a pastor to receive the tithes is stolen. The possession of other people is also stolen through the corruption, not paying the debt, cheating, and so on. One who steals will lie for sure, like Gehazi who lied to Elisha.

Acts 20:33, 35

20:33 "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel."

20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

We experience the double sanctification done by the water baptism and the water of the true teaching Word until we can feel more joyful to give than to receive. We can return the tithes and offering that belong to God. We can also give to the work of God and other people who are in need. It continues until we can give our whole life to God.

As a result, we receive the spiritual gold, silver, and clothes, as well as the heavenly treasure.

Exodus 12:35-36

12:35 Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.

12:36 And the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

It has happened to the house of Israel when they went out of Egypt because the Egyptians did not appreciate the spiritual things.

The silver refers to the redemption which is done by the blood of Jesus or the righteousness. **The gold** refers to the holiness. **The clothing** refers to the garment of glory. We are ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

3. The branches.

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The six branches attach to the shaft. It means that the fleshly men must have the relationship with Jesus like the branches that attach to the True Vine. It refers to the fellowship with Jesus in the faithfulness or perseverance and holiness. It can happen only in the Holy Place or shepherding pen. We must be shepherded well and correctly or persevere in doing the three main services to God as follows.

- Golden Candlestick or perseverance in doing General Service to have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the gifts.
- Table of Showbread or perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the Word and the sacrifice of Christ.

- Golden Altar of Incense or perseverance in doing Worship Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in the love.

Our body, soul, and spirit cling to the Trinity of God like a branch that dwells in the vine. As a result, we experience the intensive sanctification to our body, soul, and spirit, until we can bear the fruits.

Exodus 25:32-33

25:32 "And six branches shall come out of its sides: three branches of the lampstand out of one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side.

25:33 "Three bowls shall be made like almond blossoms on one branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower, and three bowls made like almond blossoms on the other branch, with an ornamental knob and a flower -- and so for the six branches that come out of the lampstand.

Every branch has three sets of the bowl, knob, and flower. It refers to $3 \times 3 = 9$ or **the nine fruits of the Spirit**.

Galatians 5:22-23

5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is (1)love, (2)joy, (3)peace, (4)longsuffering, (5)kindness, (6)goodness, (7)faithfulness, 5:23 (8)gentleness, (9)self-control. Against such there is no law.

The love, joy, and peace are the image of Father God.

The longsuffering, kindness, and goodness are the image of the Son of God.

The faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are the image of Holy Spirit God.

We return to the image of the Trinity of God. The proof is **obedience**.

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,

For example, Jesus is obedient to the point of death of the cross, so He gets the powerful name to defeat the trinity of Satan as follows.

- The beasts in heaven or the dragon = Satan with the spirits of evil and uncleanness.
- The beasts on earth = false prophets with the spirit of lies, gossips, and false teachings.
- The beasts in the sea = the antichrist with the power of mammon.

We must also be obedient so that we can receive the power of Jesus' name. The results are as follows.

- The power of Jesus' name is able to make the wavy sea calm.

Matthew 8:23-26

8:23 Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.

8:24 And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

8:25 Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

8:26 But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.

Our journey to follow Jesus in the sea of the world to enter the New Jerusalem is hindered by the antichrist with the impossible problems, economy problem, disaster, and accident that come suddenly. The matter of our life boat is drowned or not is determined by whether Jesus is there or not. The antichrist wants to make us fall from faith and drown us or make our following to Jesus fail. The power of Jesus' name is able to finish all problems, even the impossible ones. All things become calm, easy, and light.

- The power of Jesus' name heals the lame man in the temple.

Acts 3:1-8

3:1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

3:3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

3:4 And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

3:5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

3:6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

3:7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

3:8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them--walking, leaping, and praising God.

Our journey to follow Jesus towards New Jerusalem is hindered by the false prophets who cause the spiritual lameness as follows.

- a. Not being active. One is not faithful in serving and ministering to God. Moreover, he leaves the service and ministry.
- b. Hoping in others, not to God.
- c. Failure. The life is not beautiful.

It happens because of receiving false teachings, gossiping, and lying.

The power of Jesus' name is able to heal the lame man. It means the power of healing us from all kinds of disease. We can be faithful, fervent in spirit, and joyful doing our service and ministry to God. We can believe and hope in Him. We have the beautiful successful future life.

- o The power of sanctification.

Revelation 22:20

22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The power of Jesus' name is able to sanctify us until we do not stumble in word. It means that we are perfect.

James 3:2

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

We are ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.