

Bible Study Service in Malang, September 26, 2017 (Tuesday Evening)

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

Revelation 6:7-8

6:7 *When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."*

6:8 *So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.*

The opening of the fourth seal is the same as the fourth judgment of Holy Spirit to the world, namely there is the revival of a pale horse that the Death and Hades have power over a fourth of the earth to kill men with many ways.

There are three kinds of death as follows.

1. Bodily death because of old age, sickness, and so on.
2. Spiritual death, namely living or enjoying in sins up to the peak. One does not want to repent until he cannot repent. Consequently, he is separated from God. He gets bored of and ignores the spiritual things such as the service and ministry to God, worship prayer, and reading the Bible. His life is in problems and tears.
3. The second death in the lake of fire or the hell.

Revelation 20:14

20:14 *Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

Revelation 6:7

6:7 *When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."*

Revelation 4:7

4:7 *The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.*

The fourth living creature said "Come and see." It was like a flying eagle, namely the life that is active or ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

Revelation 22:20

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

"Surely I am coming quickly." refers to the readiness of Jesus to come a second time.

Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! refers to the readiness of the perfect church to welcome Jesus' second coming.

Thus, there is a meeting between Jesus, the heavenly Bridegroom, with the perfect church or the heavenly bride to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:9

19:9 *Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."*

Therefore, let us keep the righteousness, holiness, and unity in our physical marriage, from the beginning and during it until we can reach the spiritual marriage, the future Paradise [Revelation 20], and the New Jerusalem [Revelation 21-22].

The readiness of the church to wait for the second coming of Jesus is related to two things as follows.

1. The prophetic Word.

Revelation 22:18-19

22:18 *For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;*

22:19 *and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*

2. The grace.

Revelation 22:21

22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

We are learning the prophetic Word.

Thus, the church that is ready to wait for the second coming of Jesus must receive and experience the work of the prophetic Word.

There are two kinds of the preaching of the Word as follows.

1. Gospel Word, the milk, or the Good News.

Ephesians 1:13

1:13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Proverbs 25:25

25:25 As cold water to a weary soul, So is good news from a far country.

It preaches Jesus' first coming to the world as the only sinless man who must die on the cross to bear all sins and the curses and save the sinners. The sign of salvation is the faith or believing in Jesus as the Only Savior, repentance, and being baptized of water and Holy Spirit. We are renewed of water and Holy Spirit, so we have the new life, namely the heavenly one in righteousness.

Isaiah 33:15-16

33:15 He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of oppressions, Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from seeing evil:

33:16 He will dwell on high; His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; Bread will be given him, His water will be sure.

The mouth can say good and righteous words. The deeds can be righteous and good. The ears can also be righteous and good, namely hearing and obeying the true teaching Word. The eyes can be righteous and good, namely only looking at Jesus, the High Priest, not hoping in others, and not looking at the faults of others.

As a result, the Lord protects and preserves us physically and spiritually. We are blessed up to our descendants and we can be blessings for others.

2. The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the solid food, the teaching Word, or the Bride Tidings.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

4:4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Matthew 25:6

25:6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'

It preaches Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings or the heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify the saved people and perfect them to be the bride of God who is ready to welcome the second coming of Jesus. It is the same as the prophetic Word.

It refers to the Word which is revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible. It reveals the hidden sins and all things in the congregation, so they can be sanctified from their sins and helped. The Word also reveals all things which have not happened yet, but will happen for sure, especially about Jesus' second coming.

There are two things we must pay attention to as follows.

1. Do not become dull of receiving the prophetic Word.

Hebrews 5:11-14

5:11 of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

5:12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

5:13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Being dull means rejecting the true teaching Word or the solid food for drinking only the milk.

The consequences are as follows.

- a. Not growing spiritually. One keeps on being a child spiritually, namely being easily deceived by the false teachings.

Ephesians 4:14

4:14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

The false teachings bring the death and perdition.

2 Peter 2:1

2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.

- b. Falling in physical and spiritual hunger.

Proverbs 19:15

19:15 Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.

Amos 8:11-14

8:11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD.

8:12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

8:13 "In that day the fair virgins And strong young men Shall faint from thirst.

8:14 Those who swear by the sin of Samaria, Who say, 'As your god lives, O Dan!' And, 'As the way of Beersheba lives!' They shall fall and never rise again."

One falls and rises in sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse and the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage. The wage of sin is death or perdition.

- c. Not being mature spiritually. One cannot become the bride of God.

Hebrews 5:14

5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Consequently, he is left when Jesus comes a second time and destroyed with the world.

2. Do not add or take away the prophetic Word. Do not change it.

Revelation 22:18-19

22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Genesis 2:16-17

2:16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;

2:17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3:1-3

3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

3:2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;

3:3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

Eve took away the word 'freely'. It means that the preaching of the Word is not in freedom anymore because the time and content are limited.

Eve added the word 'touch'. It means that the preaching of the Word is added with knowledge, joke, and so on.

Ephesians 5:4

5:4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

Proverbs 30:5-6

30:5 Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

30:6 Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

Adding or taking away the Word, one becomes a liar. He does not have the shield of faith, so the fiery dart of the wicked pierces him. He falls in the sins up to the peak and perishes.

Revelation 1:3

1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

The true attitude is being blessed in reading and hearing the prophetic Word until understanding, believing, and obeying it.

Revelation 22:7

22:7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

The time will come that there is no more opportunity to read and hear the prophetic Word because it must have been obeyed or ingrained in our life, especially through the Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.

1 Corinthians 14:3

14:3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

As a result, we get the power of the prophetic Word to give edification, exhortation, and comfort.

The prophetic Word is for edifying. It means that we can actively minister to God in the edification of the perfect body of Christ in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, up to the one perfect body of Christ between the house of Israel and the Gentiles.

There are two kinds of revival of Holy Spirit as follows.

1. The revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain. It is the same as sowing. It refers to the revival in the gospel Word or the Good News to call the sinners to believe in Jesus, be saved, and blessed. It will add the quantity in the body of Christ. The direction is from Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria, western countries, eastern ones up to the end of the earth, namely Papua.
2. The revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. It is the same as reaping. It refers to the revival in the teaching Word or the Bride Tidings to choose the saved people and sanctify them to be as perfect as Jesus is or the bride of God. It will add the quality in the body of Christ. The direction is from the east or the end of the earth to the western countries, Samaria, Judea, up to Jerusalem. The house of Israel and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ to enter the New Jerusalem.

Thus, we must be active in the revival of the edifying of the body of Christ or the revival in sowing and reaping. We must sacrifice all things for the revival of the edifying of the body of Christ except the true teaching Word.

Matthew 6:26

6:26 "Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"

If a servant of God is satisfied only by the physical blessings, but without being active in the revival to sow and reap, his destiny will be like a bird and destroyed forever.

Matthew 10:30

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

If we actively minister to God in the edifying of the body of Christ, we will be counted by God although we are weak like a piece of hair.

Isaiah 52:13-14

52:13 Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high.

52:14 Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men;

Isaiah 53:3

53:3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

The glorious Jesus is willingly not counted. He becomes so marred on the cross to make the Gentiles counted by God.

Acts 27:33-37

27:33 And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing.

27:34 "Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."

27:35 And when he had said these things, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all; and when he had broken it he began to eat.

27:36 Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves.

27:37 And in all we were two hundred and seventy-six persons on the ship.

The Gentiles on the last days are only like a piece of hair in the midst of windstorms. We are facing the physical death in disaster or accident and the spiritual one, namely the sins up to the peak, false teachings, and false worship; even the hell.

Acts 27:22, 33-34

27:22 "And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship.

27:33 And as day was about to dawn, Paul implored them all to take food, saying, "Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing.

27:34 "Therefore I urge you to take nourishment, for this is for your survival, since not a hair will fall from the head of any of you."

The solution is through receiving the advice of the prophetic Word and consuming the Holy Communion.

Exodus 12:5-6, 8

12:5 'Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

12:6 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.

12:8 'Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Acts 27:36

27:36 Then they were all encouraged, and also took food themselves.

We can be strong and of good courage. We do not become disappointed or hopeless in the midst of waves. We also do not leave God, but keep on believing and hoping in God as well as worshiping and lifting up our two hands to Him. He will stretch out His great merciful hands.

Acts 27:44

27:44 and the rest, some on boards and some on parts of the ship. And so it was that they all escaped safely to land.

As a result, we are saved and all problems are solved by God. We have the beautiful successful future life.

Acts 27:37

27:37 And in all we were two hundred and seventy-six persons on the ship.

We also get the figure two hundred and seventy-six.

Colossians 3:5-9

3:5 3:5. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication⁽¹⁾, uncleanness⁽²⁾, passion⁽³⁾, evil desire⁽⁴⁾, and covetousness⁽⁵⁾, which is idolatry⁽⁶⁾.

3:6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

3:7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

3:8. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger⁽¹⁾, wrath⁽²⁾, malice⁽³⁾, blasphemy⁽⁴⁾, filthy language⁽⁵⁾ out of your mouth.

3:9 Do not lie⁽⁶⁾ to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

The figure six refers to the sanctification to the six inward and six outward sins until there is no lie.

Colossians 3:10-14

3:10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,
3:11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.
3:12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies⁽¹⁾, kindness⁽²⁾, humility⁽³⁾, meekness⁽⁴⁾, longsuffering⁽⁵⁾;
3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving⁽⁶⁾ one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
3:14 But above all these things put on love⁽⁷⁾, which is the bond of perfection.

The figure seven refers to the renewal of life up to the perfection.

The figure two refers to the oneness in the marriage, so it becomes the house of prayer.

Ephesians 5:31-32

5:31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

5:32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

It continues until Jesus comes a second time that we enter the spiritual marriage, namely the marriage supper of the Lamb on the glorious clouds, the future Paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.