

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, March 09, 2015 (Monday Evening)

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

We are still discussing **Revelation 3**.

According to Tabernacle Teaching, Revelation 2-3 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood before the Ark of the Covenant.

It means the seven epistles for the seven churches of the Gentiles or **the last sanctification** done by Jesus for the seven churches of the Gentiles or the congregation in the last days to make them perfect or without blemish like Jesus. They become the perfect Bride of heaven who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds to meet Him, the Heavenly Bridegroom, forever.

God honestly confess the goodness of the churches in the last days. Nevertheless, one reproach will cause all things useless, even imperfect and they cannot welcome Jesus' second coming. They are left and perish. Therefore, we must have the last sanctification until we are without blemish.

There are **seven churches of the Gentiles** that experience the sprinkling of blood as follows.

1. The church of **EPHESUS** (**Revelation 2: 1-7**) (it has been explained in *General Service in Surabaya, July 27, 2014* up to *General Service in Surabaya, September 7, 2014*). The church in Ephesus **must return to the first love** to return to Paradise.
2. The church of **SMYRNA** (**Revelation 2: 8-11**) that had to suffer. God said to them **not to be afraid in the suffering, but faithful until death** (it has been explained in *General Service in Surabaya, September 14, 2014* up to *General Service in Surabaya, November 9, 2014*).
3. The church of **PERGAMOS** (**Revelation 2: 12-17**) **that must leave the false teachings** (it has been explained in *Bible Study Service in Surabaya, November 17, 2014*).
4. The church of **THYATIRA** (**Revelation 2: 18-19**) that **must have the sanctification to the heart and deepest mind** (it has been explained in *General Service in Surabaya, January 4, 2015* up to *General Service in Surabaya, January 18, 2015*).
5. The church in **SARDIS** (**Revelation 3: 1-6**) that **experiences spiritual revival** and **their spirituality is strong= being watchful** (it has been explained in *Prayer Service in Surabaya, January 21, 2015*).
6. The church in **PHILADELPHIA** (**Revelation 3: 7-13**).

Revelation 3: 7

3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens"'"

There are **three kinds of the Lord's appearance** to the church in Philadelphia (it has been explained in General Service in Surabaya, March 8, 2015) as follows.

1. 'He who is true' = The Court of Tabernacle.
2. 'He who is holy' = The Holy Place.
3. 'He who has the key of David' = The Most Holy Place.

We will learn about **the key of David**.

It physically means the key of the kingdom of Judah or Israel held by King David.

It is written in verse 7 that the key of David is held by Jesus.

It spiritually means the key of heavenly kingdom.

John 18: 36

18:36. Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

Revelation 3 : 7: He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens= the key of heavenly kingdom opens the door of heavenly kingdom that cannot be shut by anyone. It also shuts the door of heavenly kingdom that no one can open.

We learn about the key of heavenly kingdom to open its door. It is the same as "the heavens are opened."

There are three times that the heavens are opened as follows.

1. When Jesus was baptized in water.

Matthew 3: 13-17

3:13. Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

3:14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?"

3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Thus, the key of heavenly kingdom is the water baptism.

The water baptism is not the ceremony of church, but the key of heavenly kingdom.

Jesus is not sinful, so he does not need any water baptism. Nevertheless, He gets it because of these reasons.

- For doing the will of Father in heaven (obedience). John, the Baptist, also obeyed Him although formerly he had not wanted to baptize Jesus.

Thus, only the obedient people are trusted to baptize others and only the obedient ones may get the water baptism.

- For becoming an example for us about the right water baptism, so we can be baptized like Jesus was baptized ('*When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water*').

Romans 6: 4

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 execution of the right water baptism is we who have died to sin or repented must be buried in water with Jesus to raise with Him and get the new life, namely heavenly life (the door of heaven is open).

It is related to a dove descending from heaven. The dove refers to the Spirit of God, namely a heart like a dove or the sincere one as follows.

- a. Without any intention to get physical advantage. There is no bitterness, revenge, jealousy, and so on.
- b. We can distinguish firmly between the right and the false without any doubt. It is especially about these things.

- i. **The Lord Himself** or the true teaching Word.
- ii. **The service and ministry as well as worship to God.**

The teachings, service and ministry, and worship are one. The false teachings or head will cause the false activity and mouth.

- c. **We say "yes" if yes and "no" if no.**

We will become the house of prayer and the door of heaven is open if we have the sincere heart. It means that we can serve and minister to God faithfully and correctly. We can feel the presence of God who will do all things for us. He will answer our prayer.

Be careful! The key of heavenly kingdom may open and shut. It shuts the door and none may open. There are many traders of dove and the tables of the money changers. **Such things shut the door of heavenly kingdom.**

The trader of dove refers to the servant of God who has no sincere heart because there are these things in his heart.

- The spirit of the antichrist or selling and buying spirit, namely sacrificing spiritual things or the true consecration and teaching Word to get the physical advantages.

- **Indignant spirit, namely jealousy and hatred without any cause.**

Matthew 21: 14-15

21:14. Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

21:15 But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant

It happens when God uses others like the priests who were indignant when Jesus was performing the miracle.

If the dove is sold or there is no sincere heart, the house of prayer will become the den of thieves. It means that the door of heavenly kingdom is shut and none may open it or there is everlasting perdition.

2. When **the tithes** are brought in the house of God or shepherding/the storehouse.

Malachi 3: 10

3:10. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

'the storehouse' = shepherding.

'If I will not open for you the windows of heaven' = the heavens are open.

Thus, **THE TITHES** is a key to open the door of heavenly kingdom. A key is small like the sincere heart of a dove and the tithes.

If a pastor steals the tithes, the door of heavenly kingdom is shut for him and the congregation.

If the congregation steals the tithes or the trust of the pastor to receive the tithes, the door of heavenly kingdom will also be shut.

On the contrary, if there is the tithes in the house of the Lord, the door of heavenly kingdom will be open and God will send manna or spiritual food, namely shepherding Word.

Actually, there are two kinds of spiritual food in the house of the Lord as follows.

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.

- Milk or the gospel of salvation. It is the good news to bring the sinful to believe in Jesus and get salvation and blessings. The newborn baby needs the milk. Nevertheless, in the growth time, he also needs the second food.
- Solid food or the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. It is the true teaching Word or the Word sharper than any two-edged sword/Bride Tidings to sanctify the saved people, so that they can enter the perfection.

We must eat and enjoy the true teaching Word by hearing and obeying it.

Grumbling and murmuring are the same as not eating, but rejecting the true teaching Word.

The results of the right attitude are as follows.

- True satisfaction from heaven that cannot be affected by anything in the world. We are full and satisfied after we eat.

Afterward, we do not need to look for the satisfaction in the world that causes the fall in sin up to the peak.

- Spiritual growth to reach spiritual maturity.

Ephesians 4: 13-14

4:13. till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

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 proof that we have the spiritual maturity is we cannot be tossed to and fro by other doctrines. We expressly

reject them and receive the true teachings firmly. Nothing may shake us.

The spiritual maturity is also determined by our **mouth**, namely we keep silent and correct our life much more by the sharpness of the sword of God's Word. Finding a sin, we must confess it. After being forgiven, we do not repeat it.

- We are sanctified.

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,

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.

It begins from the sanctification to our five senses or heart and mind.

Mark 7: 21-23

*7:21. "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries⁽¹⁾, fornications⁽²⁾, murders⁽³⁾,
7:22 "thefts⁽⁴⁾, covetousness⁽⁵⁾, wickedness⁽⁶⁾, deceit⁽⁷⁾, lewdness⁽⁸⁾, an evil eye⁽⁹⁾, blasphemy⁽¹⁰⁾, pride⁽¹¹⁾,
foolishness⁽¹²⁾.
7:23 "All these evil things come from within and defile a man."*

If our heart is holy, our whole life will be too, so we can love others with the sincere heart. Moreover, we can love our enemy and pray for them to get the forgiveness, blessing, and employment of God. All parts of our body love one another. Likewise, we love one another in the body of Christ with sincere love.

As a result, we are used in the building of the body of Christ.

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,*

We are equipped with the ministry to be used in the ministry for building the perfect body of Christ to place Jesus as the Head.

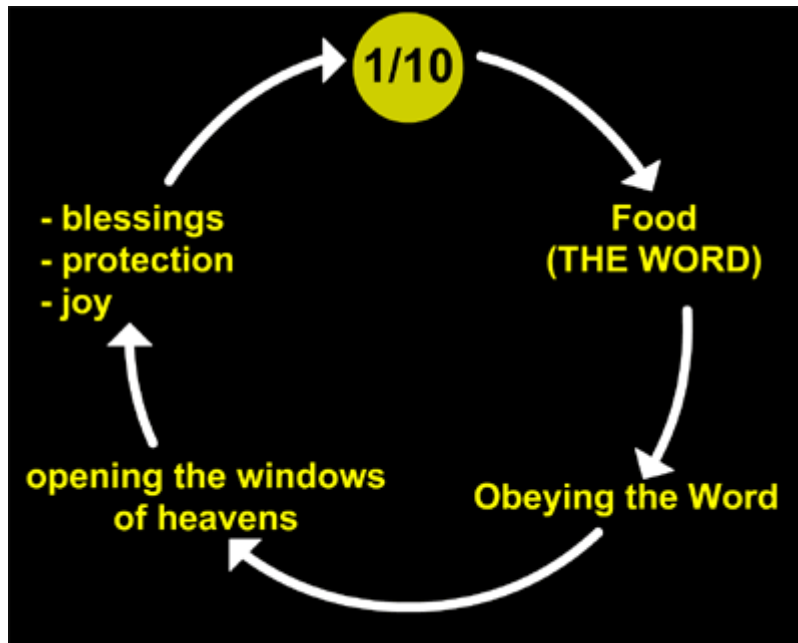
Verse 11 = five main offices that can be described in other ministries.

If Jesus becomes the Head of our life, He will be responsible for our life and the door of heaven is opened for us. As a result, we live in the cycle of heavenly kingdom that cannot be cut by anything while we are still living in the world.

Malachi 3: 10-12

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3:11 "And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, So that he will not destroy the fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field," Says the LORD of hosts;
3:12 "And all nations will call you blessed, For you will be a delightful land," Says the LORD of hosts.*

Jesus will open the door of heavenly kingdom.



The cycle of heavenly kingdom is as follows.

The tithes result in the food in the house of the Lord or the Word. We can enjoy eating it by hearing and obeying the Shepherding. We are sanctified and used by God in the building of the body of Christ to place Jesus as the Head. As a result, God opens the door of heaven to pour the blessings, protection, and joy. We give the tithes again and the cycle continues. No crisis may charge against.

Nevertheless, we must be careful! The door of heavenly kingdom may be shut also because there is a thief like Achan.

Joshua 7: 1, 20-21

7:1. *But the children of Israel committed a trespass regarding the accursed things, for Achan the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed things; so the anger of the LORD burned against the children of Israel.*

7:20 *And Achan answered Joshua and said, "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done:*

7:21 *"When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it."*

'hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent' = this is a wrong thing because the gold and silver should have been put in the treasury of the house of the LORD.

Joshua 6: 24

6:24. *But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.*

The things that must be specialized in the treasury of the house of the Lord refer to the tithes. It is stolen in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the revival to Canaan.

Consequently, Achan was in the Valley of Achor. The heavens were not opened, but the earth opened its mouth. One is in the lower condition.

Joshua 7: 25-26

7:25. *And Joshua said, "Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire after they had stoned them with stones.*

7:26 *Then they raised over him a great heap of stones, still there to this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Therefore the name of that place has been called the Valley of Achor to this day.*

There are many servants of God that steal the tithes in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain. So they are in the Valley of Achor or difficulties and the door of heavenly kingdom is shut or there is everlasting perdition.

3. When Jesus comes a second time on the glorious clouds.

Matthew 24: 30-32

24:30. "Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

24:31 "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

24:32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.

The second coming of Jesus is closely related to **BEING GENTLE**. This is the key of heavenly kingdom.

The fig tree that failed for four thousand years still could get the help of God.

Jeremiah 17: 1

17:1. "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron; With the point of a diamond it is engraved On the tablet of their heart, And on the horns of your altars,

Be careful! If one is not gentle but keeps the **hard heart** and false things, **the door of heavenly kingdom will be shut.**

Verse 1 = the sin of Judah, namely the hard heart.

The hardness of heart happens when one does not confess the sin, but blames others, even God and the true teaching Word.

If the heart is hard, the sin will be engraved in it. The sin cannot be blot out, but engraved on the horns of the altar. It means that there is no more forgiveness, but everlasting perdition and the door of heavenly kingdom is shut. Consequently, one is left when Jesus comes a second time.

Being gentle means as follows.

- There is renewal to be humble and gentle.

Humbleness means an ability to confess the sin to God and other people honestly. We do not repeat the sin after being forgiven.

Gentleness means an ability to forgive the sin of others sincerely and forget it.

If we confess and forgive one another, the blood of Jesus will blot out all our sins. As a result, we have peace or rest in our life and all things are easy and light. **This is the sign that the door of heavenly kingdom has been opened for us.**

- The hard tongue is changed into the gentle one.

The hard tongue refers to idle words such as gossip, lie, joke, and the blasphemy to God or the true teaching Word through supporting or receiving the false teachings and rejecting the true ones.

Proverbs 15: 4a

15:4a. A wholesome tongue is a tree of life,

= the gentle tongue **determines** our life in the world up to the eternal one in heaven.

The facts found in the gentle tongue are as follows.

- a. Right words (there is no lie) and good ones (we become blessings for others).

1 Peter 3: 10

3:10. For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.

As a result, we see good days because God makes all things good.

- b. The tongue that is ruled over by Holy Spirit, so we can worship God with broken heart (with groanings which cannot be uttered).

Romans 8: 26

8:26. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

It will draw the mercy of God to come to our life.

It has happened to King Hezekiah and Moses. The king got a statement from God that he had to die, but he wept and the mercy of God came to him to prolong his life for fifteen years.

If we worship God like a crying baby, the hand of God's mercy and kindness will be stretched out to us.

Exodus 2: 6, 10

2:6. And when she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

2:10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

The results of being a crying baby like Moses are as follows.

- i. The merciful hand of God lifted up Moses from water.
 - o The Lord saves us from the influence of the world (the river and the hand of Pharaoh's daughter) and sins up to the peak, so we can live correctly before God.
 - o The Lord helps us or solves all of our problems, even the impossible one.
- ii. We are lifted up like Moses, a son of slave, who became the son of king.
 - o Spiritually it means that the merciful hand of God lifts us up to become the priests and kings. We are used by God in the building of Christ's body.
 - o It physically means that we have the beautiful and successful future life in time of need.
- iii. **Moses was lifted up to heaven.** He died and was buried, but no one know his grave.
It means that **we will be changed** to be perfect when Jesus comes a second time and we are lifted up on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.