

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, October 12, 2015 (Monday Evening)

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

We are in Revelation 2-3 (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, July 27, 2014).

We are learning Revelation 3: 14-22 about the church of the **LAODICEANS**. This is the last or the seventh church in the book of Revelation that shows the condition of the church in the last days (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, June 14, 2015).

Revelation 3: 20

3:20. *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."*

The Lord Jesus stands at the door and knocks the door of the heart of the church of the Laodiceans or all of us with the advice and rebuke of the sword of God's Word, even with the chastening or whip, so that we can open the door of our heart for God to make Him enter and **dine** with us.

We have learnt about the three levels of eating with Jesus (it has been explained in General Service in Surabaya, October 11, 2015) as follows.

1. Eating with Jesus, sitting on the grass.
2. Eating with Jesus, leaning on His bosom.
3. Dining in the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Eating together means **having the fellowship**, until we enter the marriage supper of the Lamb on the glorious clouds. This is the peak of fellowship.

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."*

The marriage supper of the Lamb is the **meeting or fellowship** between Jesus who comes a second time in the glory as the king of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom or the husband or head with the perfect church as the heavenly bride or the wife and the perfect body of Christ. We have the fellowship with Him that cannot be separated anymore. Afterwards, we will enter the future paradise (Revelation 20), the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace, and New Jerusalem (Revelation 21-22) or the eternal heavenly kingdom.

Thus, the marriage supper of the Lamb or the spiritual perfect marriage is the exit from the world to paradise, the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace, and New Jerusalem or the eternal heavenly kingdom. Formerly, we entered the world through the physical marriage of our parents.

The physical marriage must be kept well to aim at the spiritual perfect marriage and we can enter the eternal heavenly kingdom.

The requirement of entering the marriage supper of the Lamb or dining with Jesus is **we open the door of our heart to enter the building or fellowship of the perfect body of Christ**.

The body of Christ starts from these:

- marriage;
- shepherding;
- inter-shepherding fellowship service or church visit service;
- the perfect body of Christ that consists of the house of Israel and Gentiles to welcome the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb.

Be careful! There are true fellowships and false ones.

Isaiah 30: 1-2

30:1. *"Woe to the rebellious children," says the LORD, "Who take counsel, but **not** of Me, And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, That they may add sin to sin;*

30:2 *Who walk to go down to Egypt, And have not asked My advice, To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, And to trust in the shadow of Egypt!"*

Verse 1 => the sins will increase if the fellowship is not true.

The true fellowship is like a branch that dwells in the true Vine ('*I am the true vine*'--John 15:1). The true fellowship has the Vine namely the priority to the true teaching Word, the Head or Jesus Himself.

The false fellowship relies on the things in the world such as riches, intelligence, position, human, and so on **WITHOUT** the true teaching Word. It is the fellowship between the branches on the ground or in the dustbin to be burnt. Such is like a body without the head. It is so terrible.

The true fellowship of the body of Christ is described as BOARDS of Tabernacle

The Holy Place and the Most Holy Place of Tabernacle are built with the boards, not wall.

Exodus 26: 15

26:15. " And for the tabernacle you shall make the boards of acacia wood, standing upright.

The boards are made of acacia wood.

The wood refers to the brittle fleshly human.

Its color is black that refers to sins.

Thus, the acacia wood refers to the sinful fleshly human. It is used in the building of the body of Christ. **All of us can be the perfect body of Christ as long as we are willing.**

The acacia wood must be cut first to be made as the boards. The boards, not the wood itself, may be set neatly and tightly, so the serpent, wind, and other things cannot pass through.

Revelation 1: 5-6

1:5. and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

1:6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The board means the sinful people that have been redeemed or set free from sin by the blood of Jesus and appointed as priests and kings.

Thus, **the requirement** to be the priests and kings are being set free from sin, not about intelligence, riches, or other things.

A priest is a righteous or holy person that bears the priest's office and serves and ministers to God.

The boards have the same measure and are set in order to build the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. It means that the trees that are not uniform because of the sin, evil, and uncleanness are redeemed by the blood of Jesus to be the priests and kings in unity, namely the perfect body of Christ or the heavenly bride. The process is through the holiness, and then there will be the perfection.

THE REQUIREMENT of the building of the Tabernacle after the boards are formed is being set in order as follows.

1. **The boards must stand upright, whose angle is 90 degrees** (it cannot turn to the right or to the left) **upon the socket of silver** ([*The Boards And Bars Of The Tabernacle*](#)).

Exodus 26: 15,19

26:15. " And for the tabernacle you shall make the boards of acacia wood, standing upright.

26:19 "You shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

It must stand upright upon the socket of silver. It means as follows

○ **1 Peter 1: 18-19**

1:18. knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

'by tradition' = heritage sin

The first silver means the redemption done by the blood of Jesus from the heritage sin as follows.

- a. The sins that are inherited from the forefather who is shaman or wizard, including the tradition that is not in line with the Word.
- b. We are also set free from our own sin through the saying, deeds, and sinful mind.

As a result, we can **live in righteousness** according to the Word.

○ **Psalm 12: 6**

12:6. The words of the LORD are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times.

The second silver refers to the pure true teaching Word.

The signs are as follows.

- a. Being written in the bible.
- b. Being revealed by God or said by Jesus Himself. It is explained through a verse that explains other verses in the bible.
- c. Daring to reveal the true and holy marriage or Bride Tidings.
- d. Being obeyed.

Thus, **the foundation of the building of the body of Christ is living in righteousness and holding fast as well as obeying the true teaching Word.** We must throw away all things that are not right, including the false teachings.

Haggai 2: 18-19

2:18. 'Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid--consider it:

2:19 'Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you.'

After we build or repair the foundation, God pours out the blessings from heavens spiritually and physically as well as the ones for our household. We can endure serving and ministering to God until the end, namely we pass away or Jesus comes a second time.

2. **The boards must be overlaid with gold.**

Exodus 26: 29

26:29. "You shall overlay the boards with gold, make their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlay the bars with gold.

The wood that meets another one will cause loud sound. For example, quarrel, and so on. Therefore, it must be overlaid with pure gold, so there will be no more loud sound.

The gold refers to the holiness of Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4: 30-32

4:30. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

4:31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

'Bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking, malice' = the things that grieve Holy Spirit.

The slander means that true thing is said false and vice versa.

The boards must be overlaid with gold, so the wood cannot be seen anymore. It means as follows.

- The flesh characteristics such as bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking, malice must be thrown away (Ephesians 4: 31).
- The characteristics of Holy Spirit are in us, namely we are kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.

Gold can be united with gold and there is no collision.

3. **Two tenons shall be in each board for binding one to another** ([*The Boards And Bars Of The Tabernacle*](#)).

Exodus 26: 17

26:17. "Two tenons shall be in each board for binding one to another. Thus you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle.

It means the ability to unite one another.

Ephesians 4: 3-6

4:3. endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4:4 There is one body⁽¹⁾ and one Spirit⁽²⁾, just as you were called in one hope⁽³⁾ of your calling;

4:5 one Lord⁽⁴⁾, one faith⁽⁵⁾, one baptism⁽⁶⁾;

4:6 one God and Father⁽⁷⁾ of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

There are many different things in the church of the Lord, but these seven things must not be different so that we can be in unity as follows.

- One body.

It means that there is one Head, namely Jesus or the true teaching Word (logos).

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.

As a result, all other things can be one.

- One Spirit.
- One hope.
- One Lord.
- One faith.
- One baptism.
- One God and Father.

If the seven things above are not one, there will be no unity.

If there is one body or true teaching Word, there will be the seven unities and the perfect body of Christ can be formed.

4. There must be the five bars ([The Boards And Bars Of The Tabernacle](#)).

Exodus 26: 26-28

26:26. " And you shall make bars of acacia wood: five for the boards on one side of the tabernacle,

26:27 "five bars for the boards on the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the far side westward.

26:28 "The middle bar shall pass through the midst of the boards from end to end.

The position of the five bars must be as follows.

- The one middle bar shall pass through the midst of the boards from end to end (horizontal).
- The other four bars must not pass through the midst of the boards from end to end, but they must be set diagonally.

The general meaning of the five bars is the five wounds of Jesus on the cross. The special meaning is as follows.

- The one middle bar that passes through the midst of the boards from end to end refers to the eternal Jesus Himself.
- The other four bars form the cross. They must not pass through the midst of the boards from end to end. It means that the cross is limited. It is only useful in the world, not forever. There is no crucifixion in the heavenly kingdom.

In conclusion, the five bars refer to **the cross of Jesus**.

If all bars had been forced to pass through the midst of the boards from end to end, there would have been Jesus without the cross or the false Jesus, while the cross without Jesus is a foolishness.

We must suffer in the flesh with Jesus so that the spirit of glory is in the midst of us.

1 Peter 4: 14

4:14. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

There is *shekinah glory* or the spirit of glory behind the cross.

The functions of the spirit of glory or *shekinah glory* are as follows.

- **The hand of God determines our death and life.**

Exodus 14: 15-16, 21

14:15. And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

14:16 "But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

14:21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

'rod' = the cross.

Soon after Moses lifted up the rod, the strong east wind came to divide the sea. The strong east wind refers to the spirit of glory.

The hand of God determines our death and life means as follows.

- a. The spirit of glory or the merciful hands of God are able to preserve our life miraculously in the midst of impossibilities.
- b. To give the way out miraculously in the midst of impossibilities or to solve the impossible problems.
- c. The miraculous hands of God are able to give us the beautiful successful future life.
- d. We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain for building the perfect body of Christ.

- **The spirit of glory is able to change the bitter into the sweet.**

Exodus 15: 25

15:25. So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them. And there He tested them,

The tears are wiped away by God and we can be joyful. The water is changed into wine.

- **The cross or the spirit of glory is able to unite the house of Israel and the Gentiles in one perfect body of Christ to be ready in welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.**

Ephesians 2: 13-16

2:13. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought nearby the blood of Christ.

2:14 For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

2:15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

2:16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

It means changing the house of Israel and the Gentiles to be the perfect men. It begins from the peaceful heart without the bitterness, envy, fear, disappointment, and so on. We do not feel the things our flesh feels anymore, but the love of God like John who leans on Jesus' bosom.

God blesses you.