

Bible Study Service in Surabaya, October 20, 2014 (Monday Evening)

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

We are still discussing **Revelation 2-3**.

According to Tabernacle Teaching, it 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.

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

1. The church in **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 in **SMYRNA** (**Revelation 2: 8-11**) (it has been explained in *General Service in Surabaya, September 14, 2014*).

THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA

Revelation 2: 10

2: 10 *"Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

The church in Smyrna or the church in the last days is in sorrow, poverty, being slandered and put in prison, tested, and in tribulation ten days (the peak).

It means that the church in Smyrna suffered in the flesh together with Jesus or experienced the **SPRINKLING OF BLOOD**.

There are two times of the sprinkling of blood as follows.

- The seven sprinklings of blood **upon** the mercy seat. It means the suffering of Jesus.
- The seven sprinklings of blood **in front of** the mercy seat. It means the suffering of the congregation.

The right attitudes in experiencing the suffering together with Jesus are as follows.

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1. *'Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer'.*
2. *'Be faithful until death'.*

Tonight we discuss the first one, namely **'Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer'.**

Being afraid of suffering together with Jesus, one **must run away** from God and be naked, even deny Him like Peter. It means perdition.

Mark 14: 50-52, 70-71

14:50 *Then they all forsook Him and fled.*

14:51 *Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him,*

14:52 *and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.*

14:70 *But he denied it again. And a little later those who stood by said to Peter again, "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it."*

14:71 *Then he began to curse and swear, "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!"*

The facts found in not being afraid of suffering with Jesus are as follows.

1. **Arming** ourselves with the suffering together with Jesus or the cross for doing these two things.

1 Peter 4: 1-2

4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has **suffered** in the flesh has ceased from sin,

4:2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

- verse. 1= for stopping sinning or being dead to sin = repenting.
- verse. 2= for living according to the will of God like Noah.

Genesis 6: 9

6:9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

Living according to the will of God means as follows.

- a. Living in **righteousness** in all aspects of our life.
- b. Living in **holiness** ('*perfect*' means sincerity or honesty).
The honesty starts from about the teachings or the things of God that we say 'yes' if yes and 'no' if no.
Afterwards, we can be honest in all things.
- c. Walking with God or being the instruments of righteousness, namely **we serve and minister to God faithfully and correctly**.

Genesis 6: 8

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

As a result, **we find grace of God** like Noah. It is more than anything.

- The grace of God is able to preserve and protect our life physically in the midst of impossibilities in the world as if we live in the midst of the flood.
- The grace of God is able to preserve and protect our life spiritually, namely we can live in righteousness and holiness in the midst of sin peak in the last days.
- The grace of God is able to preserve and protect our marriage and children from destruction so that we can enter the marriage supper of the Lamb or the perfect marriage.
- The grace of God is able to preserve and protect us from the judgment of God to come, namely fire from heaven that will burn and destroy the world as well as the everlasting fire of the hell.
It means that we have **eternal life**.

2. Being patient and enduring the suffering together with Jesus.

James 5: 8-11

5:8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

5:9 Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

5:10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of **suffering** and patience.

5:11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

Job 1: 1-3

1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.

1:2 And seven sons and three daughters were born to him.

1:3 Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

The condition of the church in the last days is like Job. He was upright, blameless, and feared the Lord. His marriage and children were blessed physically. He was the greatest of all the people. Nevertheless, he **had to** undergo the suffering in the flesh together with Jesus. It means the sprinkling of blood or total test.

We must be patient and persevere.

BEING PATIENT means we have ability to wait for the time of God.

In suffering, do not murmur because you will face the Judge ('*the Judge is standing at the door*') and get the judgment.

The proofs that we are patient are as follows.

- Not murmuring.
- Not blaming others so that we do not face the Judge and the judgment.
- Not looking for the solution by ourselves that is not in line with the Word. Not being patient, one wants to hasten the time to get the solution and starts to resist against the Word. It is not the solution, but dead-end and perdition.
- Giving thanks and worshiping God always.

PERSEVERANCE=

- Perseverance in the faith or the true teaching Word.
- Perseverance in the shepherding pen three main services to God as follows.
 - a. **Golden Candlestick**: perseverance in doing General Service including Fellowship Service of the Body of Christ = fellowship with Holy Spirit God and the gifts.
 - b. **Table of Showbread**: perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion = fellowship with the Son of God with the true teaching and Christ's sacrifice.
 - c. **Golden Altar of Incense**: perseverance in Prayer Service = fellowship with Father God in His love.

Thus, being patient and persevering means as follows.

- Our body, soul, and spirit attach to God the Trinity, like a branch that dwells in the True Vine. It needs patience to bear the fruits, but it will bear fruits for sure. Our life cannot be charged against by anyone, even Satan. Job had to suffer and lose everything, but Satan could not touch him.
- **James 5: 11**
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The Lord is the compassionate and merciful Great Shepherd and High Priest.

Being patient and persevering means we stretch out our two hands to God. We walk with Him and surrender to Him. **As a result**, the Great Shepherd stretches out His compassionate and merciful hands as follows.

- a. **The hands of the Great Shepherd and High Priest are stretched out to make propitiation for our sins or do the last sanctification from the sins we often do not realize.**
Hebrews 2: 17
2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

The sin of Job he did not realize is his **self-truth**.

Job 32: 1-2

*32:1 So these three men ceased answering Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes.
32:2 Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram, was aroused against Job; his wrath was aroused because he justified himself rather than God.*

Job had been holy, just, and feared the Lord. He had been blessed and great, but with a blemish. In such condition, he should have been left behind when God comes. Therefore, God let him undergo the total test or suffering as the last sanctification from the self truth.

The sin of self-truth means as follows.

- i. The truth that is not in line with the Bible (in all matters) although all people say the contradictory.
- ii. Covering sins by blaming others and God or the true teaching Word like Adam and Eve who covered their nakedness with the fig leaves that soon dried and vanished away and they got naked again.

Job 42: 5-6

*42:5 "I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You.
42:6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes."*

This is the importance of the last sanctification.

The sin of self-truth is often found in **false sayings**.

Job was sanctified from the self-truth through the sprinkling of blood or total test until he could abhor himself, meaning he could say good and righteous saying to become blessings until someday not stumbling in words but being perfect.

James 3: 2

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

- b. **The hands of the Great Shepherd and High Priest are stretched out to be able to help and solve all our impossible problems in time of need.**

Hebrews 2: 18

2:18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

'able' = He cannot be limited by anything.

'He Himself has suffered, being tempted' = Jesus has been tested three times for the body, soul, and spirit, so He can help us **in time of need**.

Hebrews 4: 16

4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

'in time of need' = neither too late nor fast.

3. **Not losing heart in facing the suffering together with Jesus.**

2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

It means we are not disappointed or hopeless, but joyful.

Why are we joyful in the suffering?

Acts 5: 41

5:41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

Actually, how great a man in the world is, he is **not worthy** to suffer together with Jesus. Formerly, the great apostles were not worthy. Moreover, the Gentiles are not. Only the grace of God makes us worthy to suffer together with Jesus. We must rejoice because we are chosen.

IF WE ARE COUNTED WORTHY TO SUFFER TOGETHER WITH GOD, WE WILL BE COUNTED WORTHY TO BE GLORIFIED TOGETHER WITH HIM FOREVER.

Jesus would never have been glorified without the cross. We must undergo the cross in order to be glorified from now on, not only later on the clouds.

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The suffering we must undergo now cannot be compared with Jesus'. Do not step back. We will get **the great and eternal glory**, a far more exceeding from our suffering now.

'the inward man is being renewed' = glory.

We can have the shekinah glory or the light of glory to renew us from carnal men to spiritual ones as Jesus is.

2 Corinthians 4: 18

4:18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

'do not look at the things which are seen'=the new spiritual man is renewed; beginning from the **attention** that physical sight can be changed into spiritual one.

Physical sight will make the spirituality be bent over like a woman who was bent over in the synagogue eighteen years.

This is the cunning of the antichrist. All matters in the service and ministry are directed to money or physical blessings. Consequently, one is bent over or becomes flesh and blood human with the stamp 666 in his body, soul, and spirit although he is active in the house of the Lord. He becomes the same as the antichrist and perishes forever.

Thus, Satan hinders the servant or son of God so that they do not serve and minister to God. Nevertheless, he works in the house of God by diverting the spiritual sight to the physical one if the servant or son of God cannot be hindered to serve and minister to Him. The activities inside it seem to be spiritual but actually physical.

John 4: 35

4:35 "Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

The facts found in the spiritual sight or the sight to the field of God is in **the activity of sowing and reaping** (verse 36).

John 4: 36

4:36 "And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

SOWING=

the revival of Holy Spirit at the early rain = the revival in gospel of salvation, Gospel Word, or Good News (**Ephesians 1: 13**) to **call** the sinners to believe in Jesus and be saved as well as blessed by God. This revival happens so fast, but then where will the people go? The Gospel Word is like the milk for the newborn baby. It must be increased to become the hard true teaching Word or solid food.

REAPING=

the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain = the revival in the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ (**2 Corinthians 4: 3-4**)/the true teaching Word sharper than any two-edged sword = Bride Tidings to **choose** the saved people to be sanctified until there is no blemish and they become the bride of heaven. It also chooses the saved people to enter the building of the perfect body of Christ.

The Head refers to the husband, namely Jesus.

The body refers to the wife or heavenly bride.

Thus, if we have the spiritual sight to the field of God, we will **actively do the ministry for building the body of Christ**. It begins from our marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding fellowship service, up to the one perfect body of Gentiles and Israelites. It indeed needs sacrifice; beginning from a pastor must sacrifice.

John 2: 19-21

2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

2:20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

2:21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

'three days' = Jesus' death.

Jesus must offer His life to build the perfect body of Christ. Likewise, we must sacrifice all things such as time, money, energy, thought, feelings, and so on **except the true teaching Word** or Jesus Himself to minister for building the perfect body of Christ.

Our concern is only sowing and reaping. Then, we will get **the wage from God**. Do not pursue the physical wage, or else you lose the spiritual one!

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?"

Matthew 10: 29-31

10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will.

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

10:31 "Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

The sparrow does neither sow nor reap, but it is preserved by Father God in Heaven. Moreover, we who actively and correctly sow and reap will be preserved by God. He never lies. **We are counted by God.**

Verse 30 = a hair of our head is numbered by God and cannot fall.

The meanings of a hair are as follows.

- Powerless life that cannot do anything.
- Unworthy life. We are often sinful and cunning like the smooth hair.
- Not precious life.

Being counted by God means that God always pays attention, cares, understands, and struggles for us.

There are three times of opportunity to be the hair that is counted by God as follows.

- **The hair in the midst of waves and storms that cause it to sink or when we are facing temptation in all aspects of life that causes destruction.**

Acts 27: 33-34

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."

Physically, we are facing disease, problems in economy, study, marriage, and so on. Spiritually, we are facing sins up to the peak and false teachings.

The windstorm and waves come suddenly to drown and destroy us.

The solutions in facing the storm and wave are as follows.

- a. The repetitive advice or the true teaching Word that is revealed.
'I urge you' = formerly, Paul had advised not to sail, but the people trusted on human more than the revelation from God. Paul never gets married, but he can write the epistle about marriage. Paul does not understand about the ship, but he gets the revelation from God.
- b. ay. 33 = 'Today is the fourteenth day you have waited and continued without food, and eaten nothing' = eating the bread on the fourteenth day = eating Passover lamb or **Holy Communion**.

Exodus 12: 5-6

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.

The repetitive true teaching Word and the Holy Communion are the stretched hand of Great Shepherd that holds the hair in the midst of waves. It means to preserve and protect us in the midst of difficulties and impossibilities in the world as well as give us the beautiful, successful, and joyful future life.

Therefore, we must be faithful and persevere in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion so that we are held by the Great Shepherd.

- **In facing the antichrist that reigns over the world for three years and six months.**

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Revelation 11: 3

11:3 "And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth."

'two hundred and sixty days' = three years and six months.

'two sparrows' = two witnesses that prophesy for strengthening the sons or servants of God who are left when the antichrist reigns over the world so that they do not worship the antichrist, but keep on worshiping God although they must be beheaded. As a result, they will be resurrected in the glorious clouds as the bride of God when Jesus comes a second time.

The two witnesses will also be killed and their dead bodies can be seen by the people all over the world in three and a half days through internet.

'you are of more value than many sparrows'= we are more than the sparrow. It means that we are evacuated to the wilderness by the two wings of a great eagle, far away from the presence of the antichrist. We are preserved directly by God for three years and six months. All of us become the full time servants of God.

We will not need to suffer in the time when the antichrist reigns over the world if now we willingly suffer.

Being evacuated means we prioritize God more than our study and job or we are not bound by anything.

If we do not willingly suffer now, someday we must choose whether we are persecuted to be resurrected or we worship the antichrist to be comfortable in our flesh but then perish.

- 'the very hairs of your head are all numbered' = perfection when Jesus will come a second time.

It means that we are sanctified and renewed little by little until we are as perfect as Jesus is. It begins from **being strong and of good courage**.

Acts 27: 22

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.

Being strong and of good courage means these four pillars.

- a. Holding fast and obeying one true teaching Word.
- b. Keeping on living in righteousness in service and ministry to God, marriage, and all things regardless of any risk we have to take.
- c. Neither being disappointed, hopeless, nor leaving God in facing all things, but keeping faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering to God until the end.
- d. Keeping on worshiping God or believing, entrusting our life, and crying to Him ('it is up to you, Lord').

As a result, the Lord will help and perfect us. A hair of our head will not fall or all of us are strong and of good courage and all problems are solved in time of need. Let us pray for our family.

If we are strong and of good courage, the building of the body of Christ and problems will be finished and there is no more tear. We are lifted up to be with Him forever.

1 Chronicles 28: 20

28:20 And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God--my God--will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD."

John 4: 36

4:36 "And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."

Both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together means that our names are written in New Jerusalem. This is our wage.

God blesses you.