

Christmas Service in Tunjungan Hotel, Surabaya, December 25, 2015 (Friday 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) about the last sanctification to the seven churches that they can be perfect.

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 or all of us (it has been explained from General Service in Surabaya, June 14, 2015).

Revelation 3:16-17

3:16 *"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*

3:17 *"Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--*

THE SPIRITUALITY of the church of the Laodiceans is in **LUKEWARMNESS**.

It means that they are rich physically and do not lack of anything, but the spirituality is wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. They have nothing. They only prioritize physical things, but without being filled with the spiritual ones, especially the true teaching Word and Holy Communion.

Consequently, they are like the chaff which is empty although it seems good outside. It will be burnt. They are vomited by God. They are useless before God, disgusting, unclean, cursed, and separated from Him until they perish forever.

We give thanks to God for His promise.

Revelation 3: 21-22

3:21. *"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.*

3:22 *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

THE PROMISE OF GOD to the church of the Laodiceans or all of us who overcome is **sitting with Him on the throne of the heavenly kingdom or New Jerusalem forever or we become His Bride**. This is our main and last purpose in following and ministering to Jesus. We are not separated from Him. We may know Him as the Good Father, but there is the lost son. We may know Him as the Good Physician, but it is only when we are sick. We do not need a doctor after we are cured. We may know Him as the Good Shepherd, but there is the lost sheep.

The relationship between the bridegroom and the bride is in **LOVE**. It is eternal, so the relationship will be eternal also. The love of God refers to the two tablets of stone in Tabernacle.

God will pour out His love on this Christmas night.

John 3: 16

3:16. *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

The two tablets of stone in Tabernacle consist of two parts as follows.

1. The first tablet.

It contains four laws, namely loving God with all of our body, soul, and spirit or more than anything (it has been explained from Bible Study Service in Surabaya, December 7, 2015 to General Service in Surabaya, December 13, 2015). God has loved us more than anything, so we must love Him more than anything.

2. The second tablet.

It contains six laws, namely loving other people as we love ourselves; even we love our enemies (it has been explained from Bible Study Service in Surabaya, December 14, 2015 to Prayer Service in Surabaya, December 23, 2015).

We must be careful because the love will grow cold and the lawlessness also abounds up to the hatred without a cause while God willingly gives us His love and we need the love to be lifted up in the last days when Jesus will come a second time.

Matthew 24: 12, 9

24:12. *"And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.*

24:9. "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

The hatred without a cause is the same as the murder. **THERE IS CRISIS IN LOVE as the greatest crisis.**

1 Corinthians 13: 12-13

13:12. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but **the greatest of these is love.**

It happens in the house, shepherding, and inter-shepherding fellowship service until the body of Christ cannot be formed.

Jesus has come for the first time in the world. He has faced the crisis in love, the hatred without a cause, or the murder. Only **THE DREAM** can defeat it.

The dream refers to the revelation of God's Word through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible or the revelation of the Word. It is called as the true teaching Word. It must neither be added nor taken away. Eve added the word "touch" and took away the word "freely." Consequently, there were nakedness, destruction, and perdition forever.

Jesus must face the hatred without a cause or murder three times at Christmas as follows.

1. In the womb.

Matthew 1: 18-21

1:18. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit.

1:19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

1:20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

1:21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

He was threatened by the hatred or murder through the divorce of His parents.

There are two kinds of divorce as follows.

- Divorcing secretly. The husband and wife are still in one house or bed, but there is no one heart anymore.
- Divorcing legally with a divorce certificate.

The base of divorce is hatred. There will be no divorce if there is love.

Mark 10: 9-12

10:9. "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

10:10 In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same matter.

10:11 So He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.

10:12 "And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

The Lord does not want the divorce. The divorce is the same as being dead. One will be rotten if he remarries with other woman after the divorce. He will produce the worms that will not die in the hell.

The most important thing to get married is SINCERE HEART AND THE REVELATION OF THE WORD (dream).

Joseph was sincere, but there was a hatred in him (his will to divorce Mary because she had already conceived) because there was no dream or the true teaching Word.

Nevertheless, he could receive the dream or the true teaching Word because he had a sincere heart.

'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.' was a hard Word, but Joseph could receive it with his sincere heart. We can receive the true teaching Word and get the sanctification only if we have the sincere heart. We can receive Jesus as the Savior ('for He will save His people from their sins.').

He can finish the sin, the heaviest burden of men, from now on in the world up to the hell forever. Thus, He can finish the other problems.

The fact found in receiving Jesus as the Savior is MAKING PEACE. We confess and forgive one another after the Word comes and points at our sins.

1 Corinthians 5: 7-8, 11

5:7. *Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

5:8 *Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

5:11 *But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral⁽¹⁾, or covetous⁽²⁾, or an idolater⁽³⁾, or a reviler⁽⁴⁾, or a drunkard⁽⁵⁾, or an extortioner⁽⁶⁾--not even to eat with such a person.*

We finish the six sins which are ingrained in our life as follows.

- Sexually immoral means fornication or sexuality sin with all of its kinds.
- Covetous.
- Idolater. It includes going to shaman and so on. An idol means all things which hinder us to love God or serve and minister to Him.
- Reviler means saying right to the wrong thing and vice versa.
- Drunkard. It includes smoking and getting drunk.
- Extortioner or liar.

We can live in sincerity and truth if we are set free from such sins. The results are as follows.

- verse 7= we experience the atmosphere of the heavenly feast or joy.
- We have one heart.

Matthew 18: 19

18:19. *"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.*

'two of you'= husband and wife.

After the sins are finished, there will be no divorce between the husband and wife. Moreover, they become the house of prayer or God answers their prayer.

2. King Herod wanted to kill the baby Jesus.

Matthew 2: 13-15

2:13. *Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in **a dream**, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."*

2:14 *When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,*

2:15 *and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."*

There was no fault found in a baby, but Herod wanted to kill the baby Jesus. This was the hatred without a cause.

This is a prophecy that Satan wants to kill us when Jesus will come a second time as follows.

- He wants to kill our physical body through disaster, accident, sickness, terrorist, and so on.
- He wants to kill our future life through the difficulty in working, economy, studying, and so on.
- He wants to kill our spirituality as follows.
 - a. Through false teachings, namely the teachings about divorce-remarrying, the ones of Jezebel and Babylon about physical prosperity or entertainment, without the sanctification or God's Word. The sins are permitted.
 - b. Through the hatred without a cause.
 - c. Through sins up to the peak, namely sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage such as sexuality sin with all of its kinds, sexual deviation or homosexuality and lesbianism, mixed-marriage, divorce-remarrying, and free sex.

Ephesians 2: 1

2:1. And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

We perish forever after we sin.

Matthew 2: 13-14

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The revelation of God's Word or the dream is able to protect us who are powerless. It is able to give us solution from all things.

Joseph got the solution through the revelation of God's Word or the dream, namely to depart for Egypt.

Matthew 14: 12-14

14:12. Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

14:13 When Jesus heard it, He departed from thereby boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities.

14:14 And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick.

Jesus gave us the example of departing. It means as follows.

- We must depart from Satan who has the power of sin, flesh, and the world.
- We attract the mercy of God. The story is continued with feeding the five thousand men.

It means that we will receive the mercy of God after we are far away from Satan or sins.

We must depart to **THE SHEPHERDING**.

Formerly, Moses went up to Mount Sinai to see the heavenly kingdom and then God commanded him to build it on earth, namely Tabernacle (Exodus 25). There were three rooms in it, namely the Court (salvation after we believe in Jesus and get the water baptism), the Holy Place, and the Most Holy Place (perfection). We have been saved, but not perfected yet. Thus, our position is in the Holy Place that refers to the shepherding pen. There were three kinds of equipment there. They have been destroyed. We learn about the spiritual meaning 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 closely walk or have fellowship with the Trinity of God in the shepherding pen through persevering in the three main services to God like a branch that dwells in the true Vine. The results are as follows.

- Satan or Herod cannot touch us. **The proof is** the peace and serenity in our life although the world is full of waves. All things are easy and light. On the contrary, Herod is touching and killing us when we do not feel peaceful.
- Our body, soul, and spirit are sanctified continually and the sins cannot grow. We become like the baby Jesus who was born in the manger. Not being shepherded, we do not become a baby, but wild horse whose mouth is full of fleshly desires.
Being shepherded, we return to be a baby. We have the mouth of a baby, namely **honesty**. We can say "yes" if yes and "no" if no. The honesty begins from godly matter, namely the true teaching Word.

The result we have after we are quiet and holy is we are preserved by God abundantly "*The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want.*" It means as follows.

- We can give thanks to God.
- We are blessed up to our descendants. We can be blessings for others until we get the eternal life.
- We are preserved by God until without blemish. We can be as perfect as Jesus is.

3. When Jesus was adult.

Mark 15: 10

15:10. For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of envy.

He faced the envy and hatred without a cause until He had to die on the cross.

The people chose to release Jesus Barabbas, a criminal, not Jesus Christ, a good man who had performed many miracles. They crucified Jesus.

Matthew 27: 16, 19-20, 24

27:16. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas.

27:19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have nothing to do with that just Man, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of Him."

27:20 But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus.

27:24 When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it."

Verse 19= the wife of Pilate dreamt = there was the revelation of God's Word.

Pilate could have released Jesus, but he washed his hands (the sanctification) to have nothing to do with Jesus (receiving the cross) because of the message of his wife.

Pilate belongs to the Gentiles whose life is only like dog and swine. We can be sanctified and receive the cross after we receive the dream or the revelation of God's Word.

If Pilate had hindered Jesus to be crucified, all of us would have not been saved.

1 Peter 4: 12-14

4:12. Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

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.

The sword of God's Word and the cross cannot be separated.

The revelation of God's Word directs us to **THE SPRINKLING OF BLOOD** or suffering in the flesh without any sin. This is the suffering in the flesh because of Jesus until as if we are left alone. God permits it to happen to us so that we may receive the spirit of glory. There is the spirit of glory or Holy Spirit behind the cross.

The more fiery trial we get because of Jesus, the stronger anointing and the more employment and blessings of God we get.

The results we get if we have the spirit of glory are as follows.

- Extra power, so we will not be disappointed or hopeless. We will not leave God in facing all things, but keep faithful and fervent in spirit serving and ministering to God until the end.
- 'If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you' = the joy.
- The mercy and goodness of God.

2 Chronicles 7: 1-3

7:1. When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.

7:2 And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house.

7:3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."

Psalm 136: 4

136:4. To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

Jesus was left alone on the cross. His family and disciples left Him alone; even Father God left Him.

Maybe we are permitted to be left alone that we can meet Jesus who is alone. He is struggling, paying attention to, and caring for us. He understands us and stretches His lovingkindness hands to perform the great wonder, namely life renewal from fleshly man to spiritual one like Jesus.

We can be **HONEST and OBEDIENT**. We must stretch out our hands too or we surrender to Him.

Mary had to be pregnant without a husband. She was confused in the beginning, but then she could be changed and surrender to God. This was the life renewal or the greatest miracle.

If the spiritual miracle happens, the physical one will also happen.

Psalm 136: 5

136:5. To Him who by wisdom made the heavens, For His mercy endures forever;

It means as follows.

- From nothing to something. It refers to the preservation of God.
- Creating the way.

Psalm 136: 13

136:13. To Him who divided the Red Sea in two, For His mercy endures forever;

It means the solution from all problems, beautiful and successful future life, and we are used in the revival for building the body of Christ.

- The criminal crucified besides Jesus was helped.

The way to paradise was opened for him.

Moreover, the servants of God will be helped.

We are changed to be as perfect and glorious as Jesus is when He comes a second time. The door of the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace is opened that we may enter. Afterwards, the door of the heavenly kingdom is also opened and **we sit with Jesus forever.**

God blesses you.