

Fellowship of the Body of Christ in Kartika Graha I, July 16, 2013 (Tuesday Evening)

The theme is as follows.

Matthew 25:6

25: 6 ... *Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!*

The midnight refers to the darkest time. It means the condition on the last days or nowadays. The sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage, happen. The only one tiding we need at that time is Bride Tidings.

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

1. The gospel of salvation, gospel Word, or milk.

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,*

It is the gospel that preaches about Jesus' first coming to die on the cross in order to save the sinners. The process is as follows.

- Believing in Jesus.
- Repenting or stopping sinning to return to God.
- Being reborn of water and spirit, so we have the life renewal to get heavenly life.
New life is in righteousness. It means salvation. Moreover, the curses are replaced with the blessing by God, up to our descendants.

Proverbs 25:25

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

The gospel Word is called Good Tidings to make the sinners believe in Jesus and be saved. The sinners are as thirsty people in the wilderness who need a swallow of water, so that they can be saved. After being saved, they must increase.

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

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.*

It is gospel that preaches about Jesus' second coming in the glory as the King of all kings or Heavenly Bridegroom to sanctify the people who have been saved until they are perfect and without blemish as Jesus is. They become the Bride of God who can welcome Jesus' second coming on glorious clouds to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, the kingdom of peace a thousand years, and the eternal heavenly kingdom forever.

It prepares us to become the Bride of God, so it is called Bride Tidings.

It preaches about Jesus' second coming that has not happened yet, but it will happen for sure. Therefore, the Bride Tidings are also called prophetic Word.

Hebrews 4:12-13

4:12 *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*
4:13 *And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

The Bride Tidings are also called the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword to sanctify the hidden sins in heart and mind. If there are hidden sins in the congregation, pastor, or priests, the presence of God will be hidden and the congregation is dry in the spirituality.

The attitudes to the Bride Tidings are as follows.

1. The false attitude.

a. Adding and taking away from the word of God.

Revelation 22:18-19

22:18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone addsto 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.

It has happened in Garden Eden. Eve has heard and obeyed the true teaching Word together with Adam, so they get the condition of paradise. Nevertheless, Eve adds and takes away from the Word of God because of hearing the voice of serpent, namely gossips that cannot be accounted.

Genesis 3:1

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'?"

Genesis 2:16

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

Genesis 3:2

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

Eve takes away the word "freely" that refers to the anointing of Holy Spirit. The service and ministry without the anointing of Holy Spirit will have no freedom but be limited by the time.

Genesis 2:17

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 3:3

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 touchit, lest you die.' "

Eve also adds the true teaching Word with the word "touch", namely performance, knowledge, et cetera.

The consequence of adding and taking away from the Word of God is disobedience, sin, nakedness, being cursed and cast out from the paradise.

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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.

Such condition will happen again on the last days to the Church. Consequently, one cannot return to paradise, but remains in the judgment of God until he perishes.

b. Mocking and scoffing the true teaching Word.

2 Peter 3:3-6

3:3 knowing this first: that scofferswill come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

3:4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."

3:5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

3:6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.

Such person is as the people who mocked or scoffed Noah when he made the ark.

At that time, the people sinned up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse, and marrying-being given in marriage or sexuality sin with all its kinds. The sword of the

Word of God is as a brake to make us not fall and rise in sins up to the peak.

The repeated sins will become habitual ones that are done without any regret. Continuing in them, they will become intentional sins up to the peak.

Hebrews 10:25-27

10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

10:26 For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

10:27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

The habitual and intentional sins will also happen on the last days, namely the sin of unfaithfulness in doing the service and ministry to God. The one who usually or intentionally does not do the service to God will be condemned and destroyed with great fire.

c. Rejecting the prophetic Word or the Bride Tidings.

Mark 6:17-20

6:17 For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her.

6:18 For John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

6:19 Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not;

6:20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

King Herod gladly hears and understands the true teaching Word. He is a great person, but he can receive the Word. Unfortunately, he doubts because of hearing the strange voice of his wife and daughter. Consequently, he doubts and chooses the false. He does not choose John, the Baptist, but his wife and daughter. Someday, one will choose Jesus Barabbas instead of Jesus.

Rejecting the true teaching Word happens because of keeping sin and false marriage. Consequently, one kills John, the Baptist. It means there is no life renewal, but carnal man in blood and flesh with the stamp 666. There is destruction in marriage and children as well as perdition of Babylon forever.

It happens at birthday celebration. Herod refers to man or pastor. The man and pastor should not choose the false thing in the birthday celebration, or else the wife, children, and congregation will be victims. Herod seems to be prosper in his physical life, but actually he is in spiritual death and forever perdition.

2. The true attitude.

Exodus 32:26-28

32:26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side-- come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

32:27 And he said to them, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.' "

32:28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

The true attitude is to put the sword on our side. It means we hold fast to the true teaching Word. It is the Word which is revealed through a verse that explains another verse in the Bible.

The Word is not only to be put on our side. It means we must hear and obey the true teaching Word. Abraham hears and obeys it until his flesh does not speak anymore and mix it with the logic, so he can offer Isaac. It means being on the Lord's side.

Tonight we struggle, so that we can keep on putting the sword of the true teaching Word on our side to be on the Lord's side.

If we are on the Lord's side, Jesus as the High Priest will be on our side also. We do not need to fear. Jesus must be pierced by the sharp sword of condemnation in order to be on our side. Likewise, we must be pierced with the sharp sword of God's Word in order to be on the Lord's side.

Jesus as the High Priest is on our side. It means He is caring, paying attention to us, and struggling for us, until He cries on the cross "It is finished".

If we put the sword on our side, we are experiencing the sanctification done by the sword of God's Word until we can reach the figure three thousand [Exodus 32:27-28]. According to the Tabernacle teaching, the figure three thousand refers to the measure of the Holy Place, whose length is twenty cubits, length is ten cubits, and height is ten cubits, and the Most Holy Place, whose length is ten cubits, width is ten cubits, and height is ten cubits. The sanctification done by the sword is to reach the holiness and perfection.

If we reject the sword, there will be another number of three thousand in the temple of Dagon.

Judges 16:25,27

16:25 So it happened, when their hearts were merry, that they said, "Call for Samson, that he may perform for us." So they called for Samson from the prison, and he performed for them. And they stationed him between the pillars.

16:27 Now the temple was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there -- about three thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson performed.

The fellowship without the true teaching Word will be full of performance, knowledge, et cetera. Consequently, there will be no perfection, but dryness and death in spirituality.

The Holy Place refers to the sheepfold.

Acts 2:41-43

2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

2:43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Physically, the sheepfold refers to church organization. Spiritually, there are three kinds of equipment in the Holy Place as follows.

- Golden candlestick (in the days of Moses) -->perseverance in fellowship (the church at the early rain) ->perseverance in doing General Service (the church at the latter rain).
We have the fellowship with Holy Spirit God with His gifts as a sheep that is drinking.
- Table of Showbread -->perseverance in the doctrine and the breaking of bread -->perseverance in doing Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
We have the fellowship with the Son of God with the Word and Christ's sacrifice as a sheep that is eating.
- Golden Altar of Incense -->perseverance in prayer -->perseverance in Prayer Service.
We have the fellowship with God the Father in His love as if a sheep that is breathing.

Both the pastor and congregation must persevere in the sheepfold. We will grow to have spiritual maturity inside the true sheepfold, so that we are obedient until our flesh does not speak anymore. At the time we are obedient, we are inside the hand of High priest. On the contrary, at the time we are not shepherded but disobedient, we are demon-possessed and sinking as the two thousand swine.

The results of being held by the hand of High Priest are as follows.

- The merciful hand of God is able to help us and solve our problems in His time.
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.

We only need to wait for the work of His hand, not of ours.
- The merciful hand of God is able to give us beautiful, successful and joyful future life in His time.
Jeremiah 29:11
29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- The hand of God sanctifies us up to our mouth until our mouth does not stumble in word, but says "yes" if "yes", "no" if "no".
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.

We do not stumble in word means we only say "Alleluia" until we are ready to welcome Jesus's second coming on the glorious clouds.

Revelation 19:6-7

19:6 And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

God blesses us.