

General Service in Malang, April 30, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

Grace and peace in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Revelation 5:5-10

5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

5:7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

5:8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

5:10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

John the apostle wept much in Patmos island because there was none who was worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals. If there is no revelation of the Word, all the doors in the world will be closed, problems and tears will never stop, until the door of Heaven will be closed. It means perdition forever.

If there is revelation of the Word, there will be opening of the doors in the world, tears will be wiped, until the door of Heaven will be opened and there is no more tear.

Who can receive the revelation of the Word of God?

1. Jesus as the Lion of the tribe of Judah or the Root of David who has prevailed.
2. Jesus as the Lamb of God who has been slain or Jesus who has died on the cross to redeem the sins of men and set us free from sins. Thus, the revelation of the Word must be related with Jesus as the Lamb of God who has been slain. It means that every revelation of the Word must encourage us to experience redemption or freedom from sin up to its peak.

We are still learning about the second one.

Why must we experience redemption from sins?

Ephesians 2:1

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

Because sins within heart and minds as well as sinful deeds and words make men die spiritually and separate us from God. There is no more passion in spiritual matters, until being separated from God forever and being destroyed.

Conversely, if we are willing to be redeemed and set free from sins by the blood of Jesus, we will experience good relationship with Him, so there is passion in spiritual matters.

Revelation 5:7-8

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The revelation of the Word of God related to Jesus as the Lamb of God who has been slain encourages us to experience redemption and freedom from sins. Thus, we will also be encouraged to kneel down and worship God.

The worship in the throne of Heaven has two signs as follows.

1. A harp.

1 Samuel 16:23

16:23 And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

The harp refers to the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The worship with holding a harp means worship in the anointing of Holy Spirit. As the result, we will be relieved and in peace.

2. The golden bowls full of incense.

The pure incense has white colour. It means that the worship must be encouraged with righteousness and holiness.

Hebrews 12:14

12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

The worship with holiness and peace will encourage us to kneel down and see the countenance of God.

Revelation 1:14-16

1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

1:15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

The process to see God's countenance is as follows.

1. Seeing His mouth.

Out of the mouth of Jesus goes a sharp two-edged sword. Thus, seeing the mouth of Jesus means that we only see one true teaching Word, namely one verse explains the other verses in the Holy Bible.

The result of seeing Jesus' mouth is that we experience sanctification by the sword of the Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, starting from our heart and mind, to our mouth and tongue. We have gentle heart and wholesome tongue.

Proverbs 15:1-2,4

15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

15:2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

The practices of having a wholesome tongue are as follows.

- It is started with confessing our sins to God and the others. If we are forgiven, we must not repeat them.
- The words that bring peace and blessing to the others.
- The words that produce the Heavenly wisdom, so there is way out from problems.

A wholesome tongue equals to the tree of life, meaning we return to the ambience of the Paradise. We experience physical and spiritual care abundantly, so we always give thanks to God.

Hardening the heart will result the things as follows.

- A harsh word or the word that pierces the heart of the others and stirs up anger.
- Foolish mouth or foolish word that causes contention and weakens the faith.
- Perverse tongue, namely the word that breaks the spirit of the others.

The consequence is being driven out from the tree of life or the Paradise, so one will experience the ambience of curse. He will live in great difficulty physically and be dry spiritually up to the everlasting perdition.

2. Seeing His eyes.

Revelation 1:14

1:14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

The eyes of Jesus are like a flame of fire. Seeing His eyes means living in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

The signs are as follows.

- Being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering God according to the ministry entrusted by Him until the end line. The ministry is started from within the marriage.

Romans 12:11

12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

- Having the fear of the Lord, meaning being obedient to the true teaching Word whatever the risk is, until the flesh does not sound anymore.

Isaiah 11:1-3

11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

11:2 The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

11:3 His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

If the Gentiles live in the anointing of Holy Spirit and become obedient and faithful, God will give the key of David. Being disobedient and unfaithful in the ministry equals to denying the name of God.

Revelation 3:7-8

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':

3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

The key of David is the mercy and loving-kindness of God that will open the doors in the world up to the door of Heaven.

- Living in the anointing of Holy Spirit or living in grace.

Acts 10:44-45

10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

10:45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

15:9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

As the Gentiles, we can serve God just by His grace. Therefore, let us work harder to serve Him.

3. Seeing the countenance of God.

Revelation 1:16

1:16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

The countenance of Jesus shines as the sun shining in its strength. Seeing the countenance of Jesus means that we kneel down and worship Him. Our eyes only see God, our mouth cries out to Him, and our hands surrender to Him. These acts equal to coming to the throne of God's grace.

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.

Thus, the graceful hands of God will be stretched out to conduct miracles in our life.

- Spiritual miracle is life renewal from the fleshly man to the spiritual one as Jesus. Our countenance will be renewed to a cheerful one.
- Physical miracle is that there is God's help to make impossible things possible.

John 11:32

11:32 Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus comes a second time, we will be renewed to become as perfect as Him, to be worthy to welcome Him on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.