

General Service in Malang, August 12, 2012 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

2 Corinthians 6:14-17

6:14 *Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?*

6:15 *And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?*

6:16 *And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."*

6:17 *Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate," says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."*

There will be differences/ separation between light and darkness. It happens especially in three places as follows:

1. Within marriage.

Therefore, let us together live in light within one marriage. It is started from one faith, one baptism, one shepherding, one heart, and one teaching.

2. Within ministry.

It is as experienced by Cain and Abel. God accepts Abel's offering, but rejects Cain's.

3. Within association in this world.

On Jesus' second coming, there are lives who will be lifted up on the glorious clouds, but also there are lives left on this world which will be destroyed.

Let us become lives who are inside God's temple to experience the light of the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love, so we can appear as the light which increases up to the light of the world. We live in the light of righteousness and holiness, up to the light of witness.

Matthew 5:15-16, 14

5:15 *Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.*

5:16 *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

5:14 *"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."*

There are three levels of light as follows:

1. Light within marriage.

2. Light in front of people (at church, school, etc.).

3. Light of the world, being perfect and blameless as Jesus.

If we live in light in this world, our future will also be in light and beauty. It cannot be defeated by the darkness of this world. Until sometime we will be lifted up on the glorious clouds and together with God forever.

GENERAL SERVICE

Peace in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 27 refers to **seven sprinklings of blood upon the Ark of Covenant**.

Now it means the suffering experienced by Jesus up to His death on the cross to save, purify, and perfect us.

In Matthew 27, there are seven passages that refer to seven sprinklings of blood experienced by Jesus.

We learn about the fourth passage, that is **Jesus' crucifixion** [Matthew 27:32-50].

Matthew 27:45-46

27:45 *Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.*

27:46 *And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*

The time of Jesus' crucifixion is the same as the time to work in the vineyard.

Thus, Jesus dies so we can minister in the vineyard or the building of the body of Christ. It is started from within the marriage, within shepherding, between shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ.

If we do not minister in the building of the body of Christ, we will minister the building of Babylon.

There are some things that happen at the crucifixion time. The first thing is darkness.

There are three kinds of darkness that happens in the world as follows:

- a. Darkness which may even be felt. It is followed by the redemption of Israelites from Egypt.

Exodus 10:21-22

10:21 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt."

10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days.

- b. Darkness for three hours when Jesus is crucified. It is followed by the redemption of God's children from sins.

Matthew 27:45

27:45 Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land.

Acts 10:43

10:43 To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

Only the blood of Jesus, the sinless man, who can set us free from sins.

When we start to discuss or learn other religion, it is a betrayal to God.

The process of being set free from sins is the heart believes and the lip confesses sins to God and the others. Thus, the blood of Jesus will forgive our sins and we should not repeat those sins. At that moment, we are called out of darkness into His marvelous light.

God is good. In the days of Noah, there are eight people saved from the whole world. In the days of Lot, there are three people saved from one nation. In the last days, how many people will be saved? Therefore, we must move from the darkness into His marvelous light.

- c. Darkness for three years and half in the world when antichrist reigns over it. It will be followed by the redemption of God's church from this world to the glorious clouds together with Jesus.

Matthew 24:29

24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Exodus 10:23

10:23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

The practice of God's church who lives in darkness is cannot rise from his place. It means there is no spiritual revival, being cold spiritually. The signs are as follows:

- a. Not being able to see the others in needs. It means being egoistic and without any love. Not being able to give and visit the others in needs, physically and spiritually.

When Jesus comes a second time, we have to account for the things asked by God but we do not do those.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

3:1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

3:2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

3:4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Being egoistic also happens in ministry, that is rejecting the power of ministry and the true teaching Word, joking, and being sleepy during the preaching of the Word.

The consequence of egoistic life is not experiencing renewal of life, but keeping being flesh man with all its eighteen characters. This kind of life will be destroyed forever.

- b. Repeating sins up to the peak of sins, that is eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage sin. Until one falls and never rises again, meaning enjoying doing sins or having no guilty feeling when doing sins.

- c. Being bound by the lust of money. This is the last bond.

Exodus 10:24

10:24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you."

The practice is being stingy and greedy, which is the same as idolatry.

Exodus 10:23

10:23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

The way out is there is light at Goshen, there is spiritual revival and the love of God.

Goshen denotes the true shepherding system.

The requirements of being shepherded are as follows:

- a. Entering the shepherding pen or the small gate (the Holy Place), that is:
 - o Golden Candlestick ☐ perseverance in General Service.
 - o Table of Showbread ☐ perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
 - o Golden Altar of Incense ☐ perseverance in Prayer Service.
- b. Eating the shepherding Word.

Acts 20:28-29,32-33,35

20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

20:29 For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock.

20:32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

20:33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.

20:35 I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Within shepherding, God provides the Word of His grace, that is the Word entrusted by Him to a pastor to be preached to the congregation faithfully, repetitively, and continually, to build the spirituality of the congregation, to sanctify and renew until perfect them.

It is started with heart sanctification from evil and unclean desire, so we feel more blessed to give than to receive; starting from giving time, energy, money, until our whole life to God.

Genesis 22:12

22:12 And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

Until we can worship God, we can stretch out both our hands to God, and He will also stretch out His graceful hands to us.

Psalms 95:6-7

95:6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

96:7 For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:

Romans 8:35-37

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

8:36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Our condition in the last days is as sheep for the slaughter. If we can worship God, He will stretch out His eternal merciful hands to us:

- a. So we can withstand in facing everything. We do not become desperate nor disappointed. We are not proud of something, but we are strong and of good courage. We only give thanks to God, keeping being faithful and fervent in spirit in ministering Him.

- b. To solve everything in His time. He will solve the things we are afraid of, and all impossibilities.
- c. To guide us to beautiful and joyful future.
- d. To create something that has not existed yet, to care our life.
- e. To renew us until we are as the first creation. We are perfected and lifted up on the glorious clouds to be with Him forever.

God blesses us.