

General Service in Malang, August 27, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 20:1-6 is about the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace.

The difference between the paradise where Adam and Eve lived and the future Paradise or the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace where the priests and kings or the heavenly bride dwell is as follows.

The paradise where Adam and Eve lived:

1. Adam and Eve were men who were made of clay or the body of flesh and blood according to the image and pattern of God, but they could be influenced by Satan.
2. Satan was still able to enter in it to deceive Adam and Eve with the voice of the serpent which was different from the voice of God. It refers to the false teachings, gossips, and so on.

Genesis 3:1-3

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'?"

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

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 touch it, lest you die.' "

Consequently, they started to doubt the voice of God by adding and taking or changing the true teaching Word. It is the same as rejecting the voice of God or being disobedient until committing sin and being driven out of Eden to enter the world that is cursed and full of weariness, heavy burden, sorrow, tears, up to perdition.

The future Paradise:

1. **Satan cannot enter anymore because he has been bound for one thousand years.**

Revelation 20:1-3

20:1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

20:2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

20:3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

Therefore, from now on we must live in righteousness and hold fast the true teaching Word. Do not get doubtful, change, reject, or be deceived!

Acts 19:1-8

19:1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples

19:2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

19:3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism."

19:4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."

19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

19:6 And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

19:7 Now the men were about twelve in all.

19:8 And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God.

The process is as follows:

- Believing Jesus as the only Savior and repenting or stopping sinning. It starts from not lying and hating.
- Being baptized of water, namely the true water baptism according to the will of God. We are baptized like Jesus' being baptized.

Matthew 3:15-16

3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Colossians 2:12

2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

The true water baptism means that one who has believed Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus and raised from water with Jesus. As a result, the heavens are opened, namely we get the new life or the heavenly one. It means living in the anointing of Holy Spirit or righteousness. We do not fall in sins such as lying, envying, or hating, but only hearing the true teaching Word. The righteous will be saved and blessed by God.

2. The bride is no longer in the physical or natural body of the flesh which can be influenced by Satan, but the body of glory like Jesus that cannot be influenced by Satan, namely through the renewal of life.

1 Corinthians 15:45-52

15:45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

15:46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

15:47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

15:48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

15:49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

15:51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed--

15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Therefore, from now on we must experience the renewal of life from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus us. **By what can we be renewed?**

- **By the Word that is living and eternal.**

1 Peter 1:23-25

1:23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

1:24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,

1:25 But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

It is the same as the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword or the loud voice of trumpet that is repeated.

Hebrews 4:12

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.

The fact found in it is being obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

The results are as follows:

- **We are sanctified.**

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

It begins from the heart that is sanctified from the evil desire or the love of money, uncleanness, and bitterness. The deeds and words are sanctified until we can live in holiness and love one another.

We are appointed as priests and kings.

Exodus 29:1a

29:1 "And this is what you shall do to them to hallow them for ministering to Me as priests:

1 Peter 2:5

2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

We are used in the ministry for edifying the body of Christ according to the ministry which God has entrusted to us. It begins from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, and so on.

All things must be sacrificed for the edification of Christ's body and God will be the responsible Head.

- We get the atmosphere of paradise, namely peace. All things become easy, light, sweet, and joyful.

Isaiah 48:18

48:18 Oh, that you had heeded My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, And your righteousness like the waves of the sea

○ **By the love of God.**

Zephaniah 3:17-18

3:17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

3:18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden.

The facts found in it are as follows:

- We can love or prioritize God more than anything (the first tablet of the two tablets of stone).
- We can love other people like we love ourselves (the second tablet of the two tablets of stone).

We live in the love of God or have the two tablets of stone.

Where can we be renewed by the love of God? **We are renewed through the perseverance in committing the three main services to God in the shepherding pen.**

For example, Peter denied Jesus. It means not loving the Lord. He also cut the ear of Malchus. It means not loving others. But, Peter could receive the love of God through the three times of Jesus; question.

Serving and ministering to God without the love of God, one will only become the stumbling-block that will be drowned. Ministering to God with love, we can be the example. We take the example of Jesus until being the same as Him.

Why do we need the love of God?

Romans 8:35-36

8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation(1), or distress(2), or persecution(3), or famine(4), or nakedness(5), or peril(6), or sword(7)?

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

It is because how great we are in the world, we are only like the sheep for the slaughter that is powerless and can do nothing, especially in facing the seven things.

The functions of the love of God are as follows:

- We are not separated from God. Our lamp keeps on burning until Jesus comes a second time.
- We become more than conquerors.

Romans 8:37

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

We are weak and powerless but victorious over the stronger enemies because the love of God makes war instead of us.

- The love unites us. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the one perfect body of Christ is formed.

Colossians 3:14

3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

○ **By Holy Spirit.**

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Romans 12:11

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

The fact found in it is becoming the servant of God who is faithful and fervent in spirit in the serving and ministering to God according to the ministry which He has entrusted to us.

Hebrews 1:7

1:7 And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

The servant of God who is holy, faithful, and fervent in spirit is the same as the flame of fire.

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;

He is the same as the apple of God's eye. It means that we only see God, His field, and His mercy.

Psalms 107:43

107:43 Whoever is wise will observe these things, And they will understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

The eyes of God also look at us to care for, pay attention to, and struggle for us.

The results are as follows:

- God pays attention to every step of our life. Our death and life are in the merciful hands of God.

Job 31:4

31:4 Does He not see my ways, And count all my steps?

All things become good in its time.

- God sets us free from the slavery of sin. We can live in righteousness and holiness.

Exodus 3:7-8

3:7 And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

3:8 "So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

We are also set free from the economic crisis and led to the beautiful successful future life.

- God changes us until we are perfect.

Psalms 144:3

144:3 LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him? Or the son of man, that You are mindful of him?

Psalms 8:4-5

8:4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?

8:5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.

When Jesus comes a second time, we are lifted up to the glorious clouds for entering the marriage supper of

the Lamb, the future Paradise and the New Jerusalem.

God blesses you.