

General Service in Malang, December 23, 2012 (Sunday Morning)

CHILD SUBMISSION SERVICE

Luke 19:41-44

19:41. Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it,

19:42 saying, *â[?]â[?] If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.*

19:43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side,

19:44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.â[?]â[?]

These verses illustrate the situation in the last days, that is the end of the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain, or the end of the building of perfect body of Christ. There are two happenings as follows.

1. The Gentiles must be firm in the building of the perfect body of Christ.
2. The Israelites face pressure and siege from their enemies, so they are powerless and crying out to Jesus. They will receive Jesus as the Savior.

The Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ who is ready to welcome His second coming.

Child submission aims to include the child to the building of the body of Christ together with his/ her parents. The body of Christ starts from within marriage, shepherding, between shepherding, up to the perfect body of Christ.

If we are within the building of the body of Christ, God will visit us and become the Head of our lives.

It means as follows.

- Jesus is responsible for our life. He cares our life miraculously, although we are powerless.
- Jesus solves all our problems, and gives us beautiful future.
- Jesus gives peace in our life.
- Jesus is able to perfect us so we are worthy to be exalted on the glorious clouds.

GENERAL SERVICE

Peace and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28 refers to Shekinah glory or the light of glory.

There is resurrection and glory with Jesus behind death experience.

Matthew 28:1-10 is about the resurrection of Jesus.

Matthew 28:1-2

28:1 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

28:2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

Verses 1-2 refer to the light of glory (shekinah glory) shines the dark hard heart until there is renewal from carnal man to spiritual one as an angel or as Jesus is.

Matthew 28:3

28:3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

What must be renewed is as follows.

1. The countenance to become as lightning, which refers to the renewal of five senses.
2. The cloth to become as white as snow.

Daniel 7:9

7:9. *â[?]â[?] I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;*

The cloth that is white as snow means the glorious cloth of Jesus as King of kings, the Heavenly bridegroom who sits on the throne.

Luke 9:29

9:29 As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening.

This white cloth still must be renewed to become white and glistening cloth.

The church of God also must have the white and glistening cloth to be able to welcome Jesus's second coming in glory as King of kings and Heavenly bridegroom on the glorious clouds.

Romans 3:23

3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

The fact is all men have sinned and fall short of the glory of God since Adam and Eve sinned.

From where can we get the cloth that is white as snow? Through the sacrifice of Christ in the cross. He is willing to be stripped on the cross to give His garments to cover the nakedness of men.

John 19:23-24

19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece.

19:24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

The process to get the white cloth as snow is as follows.

1. Receiving the garment of Jesus that is divided into four parts. It refers to the righteous cloth or salvation cloth. The number four denotes four corners of the earth, also four gospels.

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,

The gospel of salvation preaches Jesus's first coming to the world and His death on the cross to save sinful men.

This gospel of salvation has been preached to four corners of the earth, so all men get the same opportunity to receive salvation in Jesus.

The steps to receive the salvation cloth are as follows.

- Believing, having faith in Jesus as the only Savior.

Acts 19:2,4

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."

19:4 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."

If our heart believes, our lip will confess our sins to God and the others, and the blood of Jesus will forgive us.

- Repenting, stopping sinning to return to God.
- Water baptism.

Romans 6:4

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Through water baptism, we are buried in water with Jesus and raised in newness of life. We are set free from sins and we do not want to do sins anymore although there is chance or threat.

- Holy Spirit baptism, which results in new life, that is life in righteousness, until we are right as Jesus is.

Life in righteousness means salvation. We are saved and blessed up to our descendants.

Proverbs 10:2-3

10:2. Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But righteousness delivers from death.
10:3 The Lord will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

2. Receiving the tunic of Jesus by casting lots.

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The tunic is given by casting lots means not everyone gets His tunic. It is only for the one who receives the mercy and trust of God.

The meaning of the tunic is as follows.

- Bride Tidings.

Revelation 19:13,16

19:13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

19:16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Not everyone can receive Bride Tidings. It is only for the one who receives the mercy and trust of God.

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.

Bride Tidings equals to the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, that preaches Jesus' second coming as King of kings and Heavenly Bridegroom. This gospel purifies and perfects the congregation to become the bride of God who is ready to welcome His second coming.

This tunic is seamless or not intervened by man. It means that Bride Tidings is without any intervention from man, since it is the revelation from God.

This tunic is also woven in one piece. It means that Bride Tidings purifies us until we enter one unity of the perfect body of Christ.

Bride Tidings is the Word sharper than any two-edged sword [Hebrews 4:12-13] that purifies us, beginning from our heart and mind.

Mark 7:21-23

7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, (1) adulteries, (2) fornications, (3) murders,

7:22 (4) thefts, (5) covetousness, (6) wickedness, (7) deceit, (8) lewdness, (9) an evil eye, (10) blasphemy, (11) pride, (12) foolishness.

7:23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man.

These twelve things must be purified, so we have heart that sincerely sees God, not man. If we have sincere heart, we will be able to love each other and become one body of Christ.

We must be careful not to remove the tunic that we have received. Removing the tunic means being naked again.

- The beautiful tunic, the tunic of ministry.

God sees our heart in order to use us. Therefore, we must have sincere heart.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

If we are purified, we will get the mercy and trust of God to receive ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit, so we are

used in the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ.

Do not remove the tunic of ministry given by God. It means being naked again.

The more we are purified, the clearer God's usage on us. Our life will be more beautiful, up to the most beautiful one when we become His bride.

If we minister without sanctification, without pure and sincere heart, our destiny will be as Judas who stops ministering God in the middle way. The end of Judas's life is he bursts open in the middle and all his entrails gush out.

3. Receiving the glorious cloth, clean and bright fine linen.

Revelation 19:8

19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

It is the grace and trust of God.

The procedures to get the clean and bright fine linen are as follows.

- We must experience sanctification by the refiner's fire and launderer's soap.

Malachi 3:1-3

3:1. Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, Says the Lord of hosts.

3:2 But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap.

3:3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may offer to the Lord An offering in righteousness.

It refers to the shepherding Word that is repeated to sanctify our life. Therefore, all priests must be shepherded in one true teaching Word, as branches abide on one true vine. One of the characteristics of repeated true teaching Word is bringing us to enter the shepherding pen. Within the shepherding pen, we will be sanctified intensively by persevering in three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlestick, that is perseverance in General Service.
- Table of Showbread, that is perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion.
- Golden Altar of Incense, that is perseverance in Prayer Service.

Jude 1:11-12

1:11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

1:12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

We must be sanctified from the spots as follows.

- The spot of Cain, that is evil and envy. When there is evil, there will be laziness. We must be sanctified to become good and faithful servant.
- The spot of Korah, that is rebellion.
- The spot of Balaam, that is leaving the ministry to get physical matter, or ministering God only for searching physical profit. We must look for denarius in ministering God. Only denarius that can help us to face the last days.

Revelation 6:6

6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.

- Dipping the tunic in the blood.

Genesis 37:31

37:31. So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in the blood.

It means ministering God until we experience flesh suffering without any sins.

1 Peter 2:19

2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

Dipping the tunic in the blood aims to receiving the clean and bright fine linen, that is renewal of life from carnal man to become spiritual man. The renewal of life is started from willingness to give, especially giving for the work of God. It is increased until we like to give more than to receive.

The renewal of life is also being obedient. The result is we will live in the loving-kindness of God which never ends.

Genesis 6:8

6:8. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Noah obeys God and he receives His grace. We will be protected from all problems and temptations that we can face no longer, up to the protection during the days of antichrist. The grace of God cares our life in the middle of impossibilities in this world.

Genesis 39:21,23

39:21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

39:23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was under Joseph's authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

The grace and mercy of God are able to make our life successful and beautiful in His time, although we have many limitations.

Revelation 22:20-21

22:20. He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming quickly.' Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

The grace of God is with us. It renews us little by little, until perfects us.

God blesses us.