

General Service in Malang, February 06, 2022 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation chapter fifteen refers to the Ark of the Covenant in the arrangement of the Tabernacle.
The Ark of the Covenant consists of the following two parts:

1. The mercy seat which was made of pure gold.
The pure gold refers to the godly substance as follows:
 - a. The first cherub = Father God or the Lord.
 - b. The mercy seat with the seven sprinklings of blood = the Son of God or Jesus.
 - c. The second cherub = Holy Spirit God or Christ.

Thus, the mercy seat refers to the Trinity of God in Jesus Himself in His glory as the King of all kings and the Heavenly Bridegroom.

2. The ark which was made of shittim wood which was overlaid with gold inside and out, so the wood could not be seen anymore.
It refers to the man of flesh and blood who is sinful, but has been reborn or renewed by the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love to be as perfect as Jesus is or the heavenly bride who is ready to welcome Jesus' second coming and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, the one-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the future Paradise and the New Jerusalem forever.

John 14:5,8,22

14:5. *Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"*

14:8. *Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."*

14:22. *Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"*

In the arrangement of the Tabernacle, John chapter fourteen also refers to the ark of the Ark of the Covenant.

There are three disciples who represent the church of God with the three conditions of the man of flesh and blood that must be overlaid with pure gold or the Word, Holy Spirit, and God's love to be as perfect as Jesus is as follows:

1. Philip. The fleshly sight was changed into the heavenly one, so there was the perfect hope (it is explained in Bible Study Service in Malang, February 01, 2022).
2. Thomas. The worldly journey was overlaid to be the journey of the perfect faith (it is explained in Prayer Service in Malang, February 03, 2022).
3. Judas (not Iscariot).

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John 14:22

14:22. *Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"*

His weakness was the heart or feeling which was often doubtful, so he asked many questions to God.

The doubt is towards Jesus or the true teaching Word in facing the false teachings. The doubt is also towards the power of Jesus in facing the temptation.

It means that the heart is empty of God's love or there is no love of God

If it continues, there will be the disappointment, hopelessness, and denial to God.

"Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" It is because the world is full of hatred to God or until seven times, namely the hatred without a cause or the perfect hatred. There is no love at all. Being perfect in the hatred, one cannot be fixed anymore although the Lord shows Himself.

John 15:18-25

15:18. *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you."*

15:19. *"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."*

15:20 "Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

15:21 "But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

15:22 "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin.

15:23 "He who hates Me hates My Father also.

15:24 "If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father.

15:25 "But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.'

Actually, the hatred is only in the world. Unfortunately, the hatred also enters the church.

Therefore, God shows Himself to the church for sanctifying and changing His servants who do not have the love until they have the perfect love.

Matthew 5:43-45,48

5:43. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

5:44 "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

5:45 "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

5:48 "Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

The perfect love is the same as the sunrise.

The proofs of receiving the perfect love are as follows:

- Loving other people like we love ourselves. We only do good deeds; even we can love others who make hostility towards us. We do not repay evil for evil, but good for evil.
- Loving God more than anything.

Not having any love is the same as the sunset.

There are four things which make the sunset or having no love as follows:

1. **The sad face, doubt, disappointment, or hopelessness towards Jesus who has been risen or the true teaching Word that is full of the power of resurrection.**

Luke 24:13-25,29-32

24:13. Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem.

24:14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.

24:15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

24:16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.

24:17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?"

24:18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?"

24:19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

24:20 "and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him.

24:21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.

24:22 "Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us.

24:23 "When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive.

24:24 "And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see."

24:25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

24:29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them.

24:30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

24:31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

24:32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scripture to us?"

The sunset is the same as the sad face.

'But we were hoping'= losing the hope.

After the Word was preached and they consumed the Holy Communion, their eyes were opened until they could see Jesus, but He vanished from their sight. Where did He vanish? Through the true teaching Word and the Holy Communion, Jesus Himself is ingrained in our life, so our face can be cheerful and we are full of hope anymore.

2. **Letting the sun go down on wrath = getting angry without the love of God or without a cause until causing the hatred.**

Ephesians 4:26

4:26. "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

The right one is getting angry because of a cause and with love for lifting up the one to whom we get angry.

3. **The unclean friendship like the unclean animal = the friendship in the fleshly lust that aims at the peak of sin, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.**

Leviticus 11:24

11:24. 'By these you shall become unclean; whoever touches the carcass of any of them shall be unclean until evening;

It is the same as having no love to God and others.

4. **The garments are taken as a pledge.**

Exodus 22:26-27

22:26. "If you ever take your neighbor's garment as a pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down."

22:27 "For that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. What will he sleep in? And it will be that when he cries to Me, I will hear, for I am gracious."

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.

Jesus was stripped on the cross for giving the two kinds of garments as follows:

- The garments which was made four parts = the garments of righteousness and salvation which God gives to all men at the four corners of the earth for covering the nakedness because of sins.
- The clothing for which men cast lots. Only life that gets the mercy and goodness of God can get the clothing of ministry.
Thus, our ministry costs the blood of Jesus. Let us appreciate and prioritize the service and ministry to God.

There are two attitudes towards the clothing as follows:

- 'take your neighbor's garment as a pledge'= do not be envious or want the garments of others so that there is no sunset.
Having the envy, there will be the hatred without a cause.

We must always give thanks for every form of God's employment in our life.
- 'do not make our garments be taken as a pledge'= do not be unfaithful until leaving the service and ministry because of physical things.
Being unfaithful, one will be naked and commit sins up to the peak.

Where can we get the perfect love? We get it from the sunrise.

Genesis 19:19-23

19:19. "Indeed now, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have increased your mercy which you have shown me by saving my life; but I cannot escape to the mountains, lest some evil overtake me and I die."

19:20 "See now, this city is nearenough to flee to, and it is a littleone; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live."

19:21 And he said to him, "See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you

have spoken.

19:22 "Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there." Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

19:23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar.

Lot was commanded to escape to the mountains or perfection, but he confessed that he was not able. Therefore, he ran to the little and near city.

We have been saved (the first love) and must go to the mountains (perfect love). We are not able. Therefore, we run first to Zoar, namely a little and near city.

Zoar or a little and near city means as follows:

1. The Altar of Burnt Offerings (the Court of the Tabernacle).

It is the nearest tool from the Gate of the Tabernacle.

Now, it refers to the cross of Jesus that men often belittle.

1 Corinthians 1:23-24

1:23. but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

1:24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The meanings of the cross are as follows:

- a. The place for confessing all of our weaknesses. Being forgiven, do not repeat the sin, but repent and live in righteousness! We will get the love of God.

Proverbs 28:13

28:13. He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

- b. We cannot do anything without the cross, namely we are born only to perish.
The angel cannot do anything also without the cross.
- c. The wisdom and power of God to save and help us. Through the cross, we can do all things.

2. The shepherding.

Luke 12:29-32

12:29. "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

12:30 "For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things.

12:31 "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

12:32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

It is often said the little flock or the sheep for the slaughter.

The signs of the true and good shepherding are as follows:

- a. We always dwell in the sheepfold or the Holy Place, namely in the perseverance in doing the three main services to God as follows.
 - i. The Golden candlestick or the perseverance in committing the General Service to get the fellowship with Holy Spirit God in the anointing and gifts.
We are given drink to be fresh.
 - ii. The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion to get the fellowship with the Son of God in the teaching Word and sacrifice of Christ.
We are fed to grow.
 - iii. The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in committing the Prayer Service to get the fellowship with Father God in His love.
We breathe up to the eternal life.
- b. Not being doubtful, unclean, and anxious for the daily life and future because of God, who preserves us.

Luke 12:29

12:29. "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind.

1 Peter 5:7

5:7. casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

We can submit all our care, anxiousness, and worry in the shepherding.
Spiritually, we are firm in the salvation.

- c. Looking for the heavenly kingdom first or prioritizing the service and ministry to God more than anything as well as being faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God.

Luke 12:31

12:31. "But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you.

Prioritizing God, He will preserve us with His cross. There is no deficiency, but surplus condition.

- d. We get the sanctification up to the lust of money.

Luke 12:33-34

12:33. "Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys.

12:34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The lust of money causes stinginess and greediness.

Stinginess means not being able to give.

Greediness means stealing the possession of others, especially God's, namely the tithes and offerings.

The lust of money becomes the last bond of the church.

Being sanctified, we can feel more joyful to give than to receive until we can submit our whole life to God by saying 'Abba, Father'.

It means that we can be obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore. It is the same as loving God more than anything and loving others as well as the ones who make hostility towards us.

We only stretch our hands to God and He will stretch out His merciful hands. We live in the hands of the Great Shepherd.

The results are as follows:

1. The Trinity of God shows Himself to us. We return to the first creation.

John 14:15-17,21,23

14:15. "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever--

14:17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

14:22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."

Galatians 5:22-23

5:22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

5:23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

The first three fruits refer to the image of Father God.

The second three fruits refer to the image of the Son of God.

The third three fruits refer to the image of Holy Spirit God.

The self- control means having no disappointment and hopelessness and not leaving God regardless of anything we must face, but keeping peaceful, so all things become easy and light.

2. The merciful hands of the Great Shepherd are able to make the ruined become good.
3. The merciful hands of the Great Shepherd are able to give us victory over the trinity of Satan.

John 10:27-28

10:27. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

10:28 "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

We can live in righteousness and holiness. All impossible problems are solved by God and we get the joy.

We have the guarantee of assurance for our present life in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world. God also guarantees our future life up to the eternal one.

It means that God sanctifies and changes us until we are perfect. We are worthy to welcome His coming on the glorious clouds. We become the ark of the Ark of the Covenant. We enter the marriage supper of the Lamb, the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace or the future Paradise and the New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses you.