

General Service in Malang, February 18, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:8

21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

There are two different places as follows:

1. The New Jerusalem city as the place of the people who live in righteousness up to the holiness and perfection.
2. The lake which burns with fire and brimstone, the second death, or the hell as the place of the people who are the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars together with Satan, false prophets, and the Antichrist to get the everlasting persecution.

Both of them can walk together while they are living in the world as the husband and wife, siblings, fellow-priests, and so on. Nevertheless, they will be separated forever when Jesus comes a second time and never meet one another anymore. It begins from the two people on one bed.

Ephesians 2:1

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

Actually, the sinful person has died spiritually while he is living in the physical body in the world until the physical death or the doomsday until the One-Thousand-Year Kingdom of Peace. Afterwards, he is resurrected to enter the fire and brimstone in the hell forever.

Therefore, we must use our time when we are living in the world especially for moving from the dead to the living. **The process is as follows:**

1. **Being reconciled to God and other people.**

Matthew 5:23-26

5:23 "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

5:24 "leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

5:25 "Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.

5:26 "Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny.

The sinful men absolutely need the reconciliation offering to be united to God and others.

In the Old Testament, the reconciliation offerings were in the animal offerings, namely the bull, sheep, and pigeon.

In the New Testament, they have been fulfilled by the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Jesus willingly dies on the cross for bearing and forgiving our sins so that we who should have died because of sins can be alive; even we can have the eternal life.

John 19:32-34

19:32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Jesus dies on the cross with four main wounds, namely two in hands and two in feet. It is His love to reconcile or save the house of Israel or the chosen people of God.

The fifth wound happens after His death, namely in His side that is pierced with a spear by a Roman soldier that refers to the Gentile. That is the biggest and deepest wound of Jesus, out of which water and blood come. It refers to the mercy of God for reconciling or saving the Gentiles.

Thus, the Gentiles must use the time while they are living in the world for believing Jesus as the reconciliation offerings or the Savior and receiving the sign of blood and water which come out of Jesus' side that is pierced through the Gospel Word.

- The sign of blood(the Altar of Burnt Offerings) means believing Jesus and repenting through confessing sins to God and others and not repeating the sin. It also means forgiving and forgetting the sins of others. As a result, the blood of Jesus forgives our sins and sets us free from sins, especially the eight sins.
- The sign of water or the true water baptism like the eight people entering the ark of Noah. Only one ark of Noah could save. It means that only one true water baptism can save us.

Romans 6:4-6

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.

6:5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

6:6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.

Ones who have believed Jesus and repented or died to sin must be buried in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit God or the Lord Jesus Christ. Afterwards, he goes out of water together with Jesus. As a result, the heavens are opened or we receive the new life, namely the heavenly one or living in righteousness and the peaceful heart. It is the same as being saved and blessed by God to become blessings for others.

Being burden for others, one still becomes the slave of sin.

2. The Gentiles must be like a dog licking crumbs.

Matthew 15:21-28

15:21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

15:22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

15:23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

15:24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

15:25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

15:26 But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

15:27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

15:28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

The crumbs refer to the broken loaf or the Word which is revealed through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible.

John 5:24

5:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."

The words spoken by Jesus refer to the revelation of the Word, namely through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible or the true teaching Word that is able to move us from the death to the eternal life.

Thus, the Gentiles must use the time while they are living in the world to be able to hear and obey the true teaching Word until experiencing the sanctification from the characteristics of the Gentiles as follows:

- The goat or egoism and being the stumbling-block for others. Hearing the teaching Word, but fouling it, so others do not want to hear the teaching Word. It means the self-interest.
- The dog, namely the meaningless words, lies, gossips, slander, and blasphemy.
- The swine or sinful deeds up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eating-drinking such as smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse as well as the ones concerning marrying-being given in marriage such as fornication, pornography, mix marriage, and divorce-remarrying.
- The wild donkey, namely not being shepherded, but deceived by false teachings and the unclean donkey, namely being ridden by Balaam for building Babylon.
- Anxiety, so one cannot be faithful and righteous, but disobedient and he cannot give.

We are sanctified until being able to serve and minister to God faithfully and righteously until we can feel more blessed to give than to receive and we can give our whole life to God.

Psalm 119:105

119:105 NUN. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

The Word becomes a lamp to our feet. It means that if we hear and obey the Word, we will never stumble in sins up to the peak.

The Word becomes a light to our path. It means that if we hear and obey the Word, it will give the sure direction towards the city of light, namely the New Jerusalem. We are not deceived by the false teachings.

As long as we are still able to hear the true teaching Word, there will be the power of resurrection of God to guard our life, so we do not stumble in sins. We keep holy.

Maybe we have fallen, the power of resurrection is still able to resurrect the dead physically and spiritually.

Not being willing to hear and obey the true teaching Word, the marriage and children will be in destruction. If we willingly hear and obey the true teachings, there will be the power of resurrection in the teaching Word that is able to restore the destroyed marriage and children.

1 Peter 2:21-25

2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

2:22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

2:23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

If we hear and obey the true teaching Word, we will be sanctified and led to pass through the way of the cross or the way of death and resurrection. The facts found in it are as follows:

- [verse 22a] Not committing sin.
- [verse 22b] Not lying.
- [verse 23] Not repaying evil for evil, not doing evil deeds, but only the good ones, until repaying good for evil.

- [verse 25] Being shepherded well and correctly. The dogs are lifted up to be the sheep. It means having perseverance in the sheepfold or committing the three main services to God.

Ezekiel 20:37-38

20:37 "I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;

20:38 "I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

As a result, God is counting us. A piece of hair will not vanish away.

Matthew 10:30

10:30 "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

The piece of hair refers to little powerless life. God pays attention, cares for, and struggles for us. Jesus is the Head, who is responsible for our life. He does what we cannot do.

He protects and preserves our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world.

He helps us or solves all impossible problems.

He separates, sanctifies, and changes us until we are perfect and worthy for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.