

General Service in Malang, February 25, 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 like Jesus.
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 hell to perish forever with Satan, the Antichrist, and false prophets.

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

1. [Matthew 5:23-26] **Being reconciled to God and other people.** The long age which God has given is not for adding sin in our life, but finishing it. We live in righteousness and peaceful heart. This is the proof that we have moved from the death to the eternal life.
2. [Matthew 15:21-28] **The Gentiles must be like a dog licking crumbs.**
 - The Gospel Word is for the sinful people who have not believed Jesus and new members of the Church.
 - The teaching Word is to sanctify.

3. **We must love others.**

1 John 3:14-15

3:14 *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.*

3:15 *Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.*

It also means loving God.

1 John 4:20

4:20 *If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?*

Do not hate anyone, regardless of any reasons we have, especially to the people who have done the good things to, rebuked, and advised us. One who hates will surely dwell in the death up to the everlasting perdition in the hell.

There are three levels of loving others as follows:

1. **Loving others who love us.**

Matthew 5:46

5:46 *"For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?"*

- Repaying good for good. This is the lowest level of loving. Why?

- a. The sinful people also do it.
- b. There may be the intention to get profit.

The sinful can repay good for good. Therefore, as the servant of God, we must already have such characteristic in our life.

Be careful! Many servants of God do not have such characteristic; even they repay evil for good. The spirituality decreases until being the same as Satan like Judas Iscariot.

- o Loving other people who are in need.

Luke 14:12-14

14:12 *Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid.*

14:13 *"But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.*

14:14 *"And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."*

Matthew 25:37-40

25:37 *"Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?*

25:38 *'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?*

25:39 *'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'*

25:40 *"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"*

The fact found in it is giving to and visiting others who are in need.

There are two things about giving to and visiting others as follows:

- a. It is the duty of every servant of God for glorifying the name of God.
If we do our duty without insisting the right, our reward and work are in the hand of God.

Isaiah 49:3-4

49:3 *"And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.'*

49:4 *Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.'"*

We have the reward for our life in the world up to the eternal one that cannot be charged against by anyone. God never deceives us.

- b. It is something for which we must give account before God.

Matthew 25:31,45-46

25:31 *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*

25:45 *"Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'"*

25:46 *"And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

If we do not do something which God has encouraged in our heart, we do not do it for God and will enter the curse and perdition.

2. Loving other people like we love ourselves.

Matthew 22:39

22:39 *"And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

Matthew 7:12

7:12 *"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

We do, speak to, and think about other people like what we want that they do, speak to, and think about us.

We do not harm others.

Romans 13:8

13:8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

We do not owe anything (money or promise) up to sin. Let us finish it by making reconciliation, namely confessing and forgiving one another. As a result, the blood of Jesus washes away all sins, so our heart is peaceful and we can pray or become the house of prayer, not the den of thieves.

1 Peter 4:7

4:7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

Our life becomes silent and quiet.

Being silent means that we do the introspection in our life. Finding sin, we must confess and repent.

Being quiet means that we pray, believe, and fully surrender to God.

Repenting and praying, the sea will be made calm. All problems are finished. Our life becomes easy and light until we can reach the harbor of peace or the New Jerusalem.

3. **Loving other people who make hostility towards us**, from outside (the people of the world) and from inside (our family, friends in the church, and so on).

Matthew 5:44-45,48

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 facts found in it are as follows:

- Forgiving and forgetting.
- Praying for others who make hostility towards us, so they can repent.
- Repaying good for evil.

We have mercy to the people who make hostility towards us. As a result, God will have mercy to us too through the following two things:

- The rain of the teaching Word.

Deuteronomy 32:1-2

32:1 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

32:2 Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.

God gives the rain of teaching Word for sanctifying our heart, mind, deeds, and words.

[Ephesians 4:11-12] We live in holiness and we are equipped with the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit or the beautiful tunic for being used in the ministry for the edification of Christ's body. It starts from the marriage, shepherding, and so on. The life becomes beautiful and successful in time of need.

- The sunshine refers to the mercy and goodness of God.

Psalms 84:11-12

84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly.

84:12 O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!

It is for protecting us from accident, disasters, sins, and so on as well as preserving our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world until the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

It is also for illuminating in the valley of death or lifting us up from the fall in sins or forgiving us. The failure is changed into success and beauty. Impossible things can be made possible.

It continues until we are changed to be as perfect as Jesus is and worthy for welcoming His second coming on the glorious clouds. We are with Him forever.

God blesses you.