

General Service in Malang, July 30, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 6:5-6

6:5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

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."

The opening of the third seal is the same as the third punishment of the world from the Holy Spirit. That is the revival of the black horse, meaning there is hunger over the world, both physically and spiritually, especially of the word of God.

The result is that every human, including the servant of God, will fall and rise no more. It means living in sin up to the peak. They do not want to repent until cannot repent anymore, thus they will perish in hell forever.

The way out in facing the revival of the black horse is that we must have a denarius in spiritual meaning as follows:

1. The wage of working in the vineyard.
2. The life that has the image and inscription of God.

Matthew 22:19-21

22:19 "Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius.

22:20 And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

22:21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

A physical denarius has the image and inscription of Caesar, so it belongs to him.

A spiritual denarius has the image and inscription of God, so it belongs to Him too.

Genesis 1:26

1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

In the beginning, human was created according to one image of God the Trinity. So they have the power to dominate over the trinity of Satan or three kinds of beasts. But unfortunately men were deceived by the guile of snake, so they sinned and lost the image of the Trinity of God. They lived in exhaustion, weariness, difficulties, until being destroyed forever.

Romans 3:23

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

In this world, men remain in sin up to the peak. They are naked and have no shame like dogs and pigs which will be destroyed forever.

God does not want that men as His creation become like dogs and pigs, so He makes efforts to help and restore us to His image through two way as follows:

- Through preaching the Gospel of Salvation, the Gospel Word, the Good News, or the milk.

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,

It is the Gospel that preaches about Jesus' first coming as an innocent man who died upon the cross to save sinful men. Our attitude toward the Good News is that we must accept it, believe and have faith to Jesus as the only Savior. We are saved and live in righteousness. The glorious Jesus became ugly or wretched on the cross to justify us so that we can be returned to the image of God.

- Through preaching the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword, the Bride Tidings, or solid food.

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.

The only news that we need at the end of time or the darkest one is the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ. It preaches about Jesus' second coming as the King of kings or the Bridegroom of Heaven to sanctify and change us to become perfect and glorious like Him.

Be caution, the biggest obstacle in preaching the True Teaching Word is the god of this age or the hardness of heart. It is the same as blinded mind.

2 Corinthians 3:18

3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The right attitude is unveiled face, meaning to face the mirror of the glory of the Lord through the preaching of the Word. We can see our wickedness and weakness or faults and the glory of God. We receive a greater glory of God and renewed life until becoming as glorious as God, as the image of God the Trinity.

Acts 9:1-5

*9:1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
9:2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
9:3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.
9:4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"
9:5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."*

Saul was illuminated by the light of the glory of God and became Paul. Saul was a servant of God, but was in darkness without the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ. He seemed fervent but had no direction. His life was marked with hatred, bitterness, and grudge. Saul was controlled by the trinity of Satan, and became an antichrist who preyed on the children of God. But thankfully, Saul was able to receive the light from Heaven and was renewed from carnal man to spiritual one.

Acts 9:8-9

*9:8 Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.
9:9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.*

The signs of renewed life by the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ are as follows:

- Three days without sight = no longer using the physical viewpoint, but the cross viewpoint so we can differentiate or know what is right and wrong.

1 Timothy 1:16

1:16 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

The cross viewpoint means to have a courage confessing as the most sinful man. It is the same as confessing sin to God and others. After we are forgiven, we do not sin anymore. We become a role model of faith to others.

- Three days without eating or drinking = no longer relying on physical ability and power (such as intelligence, wealth, and position), but to depend on God. It is the same as fully surrendering to God.

Acts 9:15

9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel."

We are appointed as priests and kings to serve in the building of the perfect body of Christ.

1 Timothy 1:12

1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

After we are appointed as priests and kings, we must be faithful and fervent in spirit, be faithful and trusted in ministry until the end line that is receiving the crown of Bride.

1 Timothy 1:17

1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

We minister up to worshiping God, meaning to stretch out our hands to God. As a result, He will stretch out His loving hands to us.

Isaiah 43:15

43:15 I am the LORD, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King."

There is a power of creation to transform nothing into something. There is a power of preservation in the middle of difficulties in the world. There's a power to create a beautiful future.

Isaiah 6:5-7

6:5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

6:6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar.

6:7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

Isaiah faced spiritual weakness and impossibilities, namely unclean lips. But, the King is able to help us. He is able to renew us until we are not wrong in saying. We only shout "Hallelujah" when He comes the second time.

The wicked man who was crucified beside Jesus was in failure, uncleanness, and filthiness. But, as long as we look at the King, we still can be renewed until we enter the Heaven forever.

God blesses us.