

General Service in Malang, July 31, 2022 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 16:13-14

16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

16:14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Three unclean spirits like frogs comes out of the mouth of the trinity of Satan as follows:

1. Of the mouth of the dragon: lying spirit.
2. Of the mouth of the Antichrist: blaspheming spirit.
3. Of the mouth of the false prophet: false spirit and teachings.

'I saw' = becoming reality, as the trigger of war and fornication.

Revelation 16:15

16:15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

We must watch and keep our garments so that we are not naked and ashamed, but can be glorified with Jesus and lifted up on the glorious clouds to see Him who comes a second time.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-10

5:8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

5:10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

The garments we must have and keep are as follows:

1. The breastplate of faith and love.
Faith is the root or foundation of love or the first love.
We must believe Jesus and repent or stop sinning to live in righteousness. We are faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God.
We love God more than anything and obey Him until the flesh does not speak anymore.
2. The helmet of the hope of salvation = being firm in righteousness and living in holiness, so we are saved by the sacrifice of Christ and not punished by the wrath of God.

Exodus 29:38-42

29:38 "Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two lambs of the first year, day by day continually.

29:39 "One lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight.

29:40 "With the one lamb shall be one-tenth of an ephah of flourmixed with one-fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wineas a drink offering.

29:41 "And the other lamb you shall offer at twilight; and you shall offer with it the grain offering and the drink offering, as in the morning, for a sweet aroma, an offering made by fire to the LORD.

29:42 "This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet you to speak with you.

We must be in the self-surrendering which is renewed day by day.

The self-surrendering must be with the following things:

- The flour (the Table of Showbread) = the revelation of God's word that sanctifies us.
- The pressed oil (the Golden Candlestick) = destroying the flesh until we can live in the anointing of Holy Spirit and we do not become dry spiritually as well as stop ministering to God.
- The wine (the Golden Altar of Incense) = the joy in the love of God, so we can minister to Him until the end line.

The self-surrendering or Christ's sacrifice on the cross has been the most holy altar. We do not need to bring the offering for the self-

surrendering anymore, but we bring and surrender our whole life to Jesus.

In Revelation 3, God speaks about the garments of the churches of the Gentiles twice as follows:

1. The white garments.

Revelation 3:1-6

3:1 *"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: 'I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.*

3:2 *"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God.*

3:3 *"Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.*

3:4 *"You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.*

3:5 *"He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.*

3:6 *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

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,*

Paul the apostle was entrusted to receive the white garments, namely the garments of ministry that can please God.

The signs are as follows:

- Not using the power of men, namely intelligence, riches, position, and so on, but fully using the power of God, namely the gifts of Holy Spirit or the miraculous ability of Holy Spirit, so we never fail.

- Ministering to God faithfully with being trustworthy.

There are two kinds of faithfulness which we must keep as follows:

- a. Faithfulness to one true teaching Word or Jesus Himself.

2 Corinthians 11:2-3

11:2 *For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.*

11:3 *But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

The true teaching Word is the command in the congregation to give the right direction in the ministry toward the New Jerusalem.

The ministry which is not in line with the teaching Word, but in unfaithfulness and disobedience to the Word is the same as an evildoer and will be driven out by God to perish forever.

If the ministry is according to the true teaching Word with faithfulness and obedience, the door of heaven will be opened. The other doors in the world will also be opened for us.

- b. Faithfulness to the calling and election of God or the ministry until the end line.

2 Peter 1:10-11

1:10 *Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;*

1:11 *for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

It is complete until we get the full right to enter the heavenly kingdom.

2 Timothy 1:9

1:9 *who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began,*

The calling of God is holy. It means that we must minister to God in the holiness. As a result, we must be faithful and fervent in spirit in the ministry until the end line.

- Always giving thanks and worshiping God or renewing the ministry until the perfection.

Revelation 3:1

3:1 "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write, 'These things says He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars: "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead."

The churches of the Gentiles have many ministries. Are we revived? We must work completely until the end line or perfection.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27

9:26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.

9:27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Ecclesiastes 9:4

9:4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

What is the function of seeming to be great, but not reaching the completion or perfection?

Therefore, we must humble ourselves. The more works God entrusts to us, we must fully surrender to Him more through the shepherding system.

2. The churches of the Gentiles are rich physically, but **lukewarm spiritually**, namely being neither hot (not holy, faithful, and fervent in spirit) nor cold (not peaceful), so they cannot see the Lord. They can only see the world. They are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.

Revelation 3:14-17

3:14 "And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

3:16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

3:17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' --and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--

The cross of Christ has become the most holy altar that is very powerful.

Therefore, we only cry out 'the blood of Jesus' in the time of facing distress and impossibility and we get the helmet of hope of salvation up to perfection.

Nevertheless, many times we cannot fully surrender to God when we are in blessings or comfortable condition like the church of the Laodiceans.

Hebrews 10:5-7,10,14

10:5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.

10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.

10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come--In the volume of the book it is written of Me--To do Your will, O God.'"

10:10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

10:14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Christ who is crucified is the perfect example in the full self-surrendering to the will of God for justifying, sanctifying and perfecting us until being the most holy altar.

Abraham becomes example for us. He could surrender fully to God through sacrificing Isaac, his son.

If we fully surrender, God will bear the risk. If we are not obedient, we ourselves will bear the risk. The logic or intelligence often causes us not to be able to fully surrender to God. Abraham had ever disobeyed God about the marriage through taking Hagar as his wife, but then he could be obedient about his son.

Revelation 3:18

3:18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

God rebukes and advises through the preaching of the true teaching Word. What for?

- Buying gold refined in the fire = the Table of Showbread. It refers to the teaching Word which is revealed to result in the faith which is as pure as gold.
- Eye salve = the Golden Candlestick. The power of Holy Spirit causes our eyes to be able to see God or we have the spiritual

sight.

- White garments = the Golden Altar of Incense. The love of God covers the nakedness of sin with the garments of righteousness, holiness or ministry, and glory.

In the sheepfold, we get the sanctification and renewal, so we can surrender fully to God until being as perfect as Jesus is.

Revelation 3:19

3:19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

Not being shepherded, God will chasten. It becomes the last chance of the love of God to work for helping us. Keeping in repeating the sin, God will let one go for being punished and destroyed.

Revelation 3:20

3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

God delivers the advice, rebuke, and chastening like knocking the door. It means that He patiently waits for our fully surrendering to Him.

We fully surrender and open our heart so that Jesus, the High Priest, enters our heart and life.

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.

As a result, we live in the merciful hands of the High Priest or the Great Shepherd who is able to give the guarantee of assurance for our life in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the time when the Antichrist reigns over the world. We keep on living in righteousness and holiness. We defeat the trinity of Satan, so we have peace. All things become easy and light. We have the beautiful successful future life up to the eternal life.

Hebrews 4:14,16

4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The hands of the High Priest are able to help us or solve all impossible problems in time of need.

Psalms 23:1

23:1 <<A Psalm of David.>> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

The hands of God are able to sanctify and renew us up to the perfection for welcoming Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses you.