General Service in Malang, June 09, 2024 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 21:15

21:15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.

There are three things which are measured by the gold reed as follows:

- 1. The New Jerusalem city.
- 2. The wall.
- 3. The gates

The measurement of the gates of the New Jerusalem is as follows:

1. The twelve gates were twelve pearls.

Revelation21:21

21:21 <u>The twelve gates were twelve pearls</u>: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

It means the opportunity for the Gentiles to enter the New Jerusalem.

 <u>The street was pure gold, like transparent glass</u>. It means that the shepherding Word is able to bring or increase our faith until being perfect.

There are three levels of faith as follows:

1. <u>The true faith</u> = entering the Gate of the heavenly kingdom.

Romans10:17

10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

It comes by hearing the Word in the anointing of Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit reveals the Word through a verse that explains other verses in the Bible.

Holy Spirit helps us hearing the Word seriously with a need like a dog licking the crumbs until we understand or the Word is written on the forehead and we can believe it to become faith in our heart or the Word is written on the heart.

Hebrews8:10-12

8:10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

8:11 "None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.

8:12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

As a result, we believe or know the Lord who is perfect and merciful to the sinners.

We know ourselves that is full of weaknesses and sins. When the heart believes God, the mouth can confess sins to God and others. We get the mercy of God that forgives all our sins. We must not repeat the sin, but live in righteousness.

Proverbs10:2-3

10:2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing, But <u>righteousness delivers from death</u>. 10:3 The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.

As a result, we are saved from death and blessed or preserved by God.

2. <u>The holy firm faith</u>= the Table of Showbread.

The Table of Showbread refers to the heart and mind of man that contain twelve loaves which are set in two rows, six in a row. They refer to the sixty six books in the Bible or the true teaching Word.

The Table of Showbread refers to the perseverance in committing the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion, so the

Word is ingrained in our life and our faith grows to be the firm or holy one.

1 Peter5:8-9

5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a <u>roaring lion</u>, seeking whom he may devour. 5:9 Resist him, <u>steadfast in the faith</u>, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

The firm faith is useful for facing the lion or devil that attacks with two ways as follows:

- The <u>roaring</u>. It refers to the impossible problems or temptations in all aspects of life.
 It is like the ten spies who magnified the temptation more than God or the Word. The consequences are as follows:
 - a. Losing heart or being disappointed and hopeless until resisting against the Word.
 - b. Hindering or blocking the edification of Christ's body.
 - c. Being the carcass. It means turning from star to animal that has no mind.

Amos 3:7-8

3:7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. 3:8 <u>A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy</u>?

Therefore, we must hear and obey the prophetic Word or the roaring of lion of Judah for fighting against the roaring of the lion of Satan, so we keep on believing and hoping God and He makes war instead of us.

• Biting and swallowing.

Amos 3:12

3:12 Thus says the LORD: "As a shepherd <u>takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs or a piece of an ear</u>, So shall the children of Israel be taken out Who dwell in Samaria--In the corner of a bed and on the edge of a couch!

The things which are bitten are as follows:

<u>Two legs</u>-->so that the church does not have the firm standpoint to the Word.
 The consequence is being doubtful to the true teaching Word because of hearing the other teachings or gossips until considering that all teachings are same. The life starts to drown.

Acts3:2

3:2 And a certain man <u>lame</u> from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily <u>at the gate of the</u> <u>temple</u>which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple;

Being lame at the gate of the temple means not being active or not being faithful and fervent in spirit until leaving the service and ministry to God. It is the same as taking off the beautiful tunic or the life becomes not beautiful.

Being lame on the bed means that one only commits sins up to the peak, namely the sins concerning eatingdrinking and marrying-being given in marriage until entering the edification of Babylon and being destroyed.

b. <u>A peace of an ear</u>--> turning from the sound doctrine which shows the sins to the false teachings or fables for pleasing the desires of the ears.

2 Timothy4:3-4

4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;4:4 and they will <u>turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables</u>.

It happens until leaving the true teachings or falling from faith.

1 Timothy4:1-2

4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

It happens because of not being firm in rejecting the false teachings or gossips and always opening the ears for hearing the false teachings or gossips. The conscience is stamped with triple six until there is no

sincerity.

Proverbs17:4

17:4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue.

Only the liar gladly hears the false teachings until being stamped by the Antichrist.

Therefore, we must firmly reject the false teachings by not giving a chance to hear it, but only hearing and obeying the true teaching Word. As a result, we get the sanctification continually. It starts from the heart and mind which are the warehouse of sins.

Mark7:21-22

7:21 "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 7:22 "thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

We are sanctified from twelve evil, unclean, and bitter desires or the sins of Babylon.

Revelation18:2

18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!

By the perseverance in the Bible Study Service with the Holy Communion, the heart and mind are sanctified from the twelve evil, unclean, and bitter desires until being filled with twelve loaves or the true teaching Word is ingrained in our life. We live in holiness.

3. The permanent or perfect faith or the golden pot that had the manna.

Hebrews9:4

9:4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;

How great a man in the world is (because of the intelligence, riches, and high position), he is only the fragile mortar vessel. It means easily getting disappointed, hopeless, and proud or arrogant until leaving God and being destroyed (easily committing sins) or perishing.

Exodus16:33,36

16:33 And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot and <u>put an omer of manna in it</u>, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations."

16:36 Now an omer is one-tenth of an ephah.

Therefore, the mortar pot must be filled with manna to become the golden pot that had manna.

Psalm78:23-25

78:23 Yet He had commanded the clouds above, And opened the doors of heaven, 78:24 Had rained down manna on them to eat, And given them of <u>the bread of heaven</u>. 78:25 Men ate <u>angels' food</u>; He sent them food to the full.

Manna refers to the bread of angel, the shepherding Word, or the true teaching Word which is entrusted by God to a pastor to be preached to the congregation faithfully, continually, and repetitively to become their food.

2 Corinthians4:7-9

4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.
4:8 We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
4:9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed--

As a result, we get the abundant power from God until we can endure the sprinkling of blood, the test, or sufferings because of Jesus. We are not disappointed, but always give thanks and testify that we live by the shepherding Word and the tithes we return to God.

1 Peter1:6-7

1:6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

The faith increases to be the pure, permanent, or perfect.

James2:20-22

2:20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?2:22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and <u>by works faith was made perfect</u>?

It is the same as the faith with the work or the faith with obedience until the flesh does not speak anymore. Honesty and obedience are the same as transparent glass. We are trained to walk on the New Jerusalem city whose street is pure gold like the transparent glass [Revelation 21:21]. As a result, Holy Spirit works.

Romans15:16

15:16 that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, <u>sanctified by the Holy Spirit</u>.

The function of Holy Spirit is to sanctify and change us from the dog and swine to the shepherded sheep. The dog that licks the vomit, namely the lies, gossips, and slanders can be the sheep licking the crumbs or eating the Word and testifying. The unclean swine can be the sheep that lives in holiness.

Romans12:11

12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

Holy Spirit helps us to be faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God.

Being holy, faithful, and fervent in spirit is the same as being the apple of God's eye whom He protects and preserves miraculously. We are pleaded and helped by God. Holy Spirit is able to solve all impossible problems.

Zechariah2:7-8

2:7 "Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babylon." 2:8 For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

We are used in the edification of the perfect body of Christ.

God blesses you.