

General Service in Malang, June 17, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 7:13-15a

7:13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?"

7:14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

7:15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple.

Who are the people who are arrayed in white robes and stand before His throne to serve and minister Him day and night? They are the servant and the minister of God who come out of the great tribulation.

There are two kinds of the great tribulation as follows:

1. The great tribulation in the age when the Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years.
2. The great tribulation starts from now, namely the suffering in flesh with Jesus or the experience of death with Him.

Therefore, from now, we must experience the suffering in flesh because of Jesus or the experience of death with Him. The servant of God who experiences it will experience the resurrection and glory with Him. If we experience the cross or death, our life will be known by God and we know Him deeply until we are glorified with Him forever.

The facts found in experiencing the great tribulation or the suffering with Jesus from now are as follows:

1. 1 Peter 4:1-2

4:1 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.

4:2 that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.

- The suffering in flesh to stop sinning, repent, and die to sin.

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."

Especially repenting from eight sins which drown people in the lake of the fire and brimstone or hell forever.

- a. The cowardly means being afraid of "something" until they do not afraid to God.
- b. The unbelieving or the doubtful one.
- c. The abominable.
- d. The murderer or hatred.
- e. The sexually immoral or uncleanness.
- f. The sorcerers or the forecasts, and the shamans.
- g. The idolaters. Idol refers to all things which hinder us to prioritize God and ministry more than everything.
- h. Liar as the closing of the sins.

So, if one still lies, he still does the other seven sins.

- [1 Peter 4:2] the suffering in flesh to do the will of God.

Matthew 3:15-16

3:15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

3:16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

The beginning of doing the will of God is suffering in flesh to enter the true water baptism.

The true water baptism is one who has believed, repented, and died to sin must be buried or drowned in water with Jesus, so he comes out of the burial of water with Him. As a result, the door of heaven is opened and we experience the anointing of Holy Spirit. We get a new life or the heavenly life, namely the life in the anointing of Holy Spirit and righteousness. We do not do the sin anymore, but hate it. In the anointing of Holy Spirit, we also know and hold fast to the true teaching word, so we cannot be shaken by the false one.

1 John 2:27

2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Matthew 3:17

3:17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

If our life is righteous and we hold fast to the true teaching word, we are called the children of God. We are known by God and we know Him deeply.

Romans 6:12-13

6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

6:13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

After living in righteousness, we are lifted to become the instruments of righteousness, namely the priests and kings or the servants and the ministers of God who serve and minister Him faithfully and righteously.

Living in righteousness, holding fast to the true teaching word, and being the instruments of righteousness, we become the righteous who are shepherded by God.

Proverb 12:26-27

12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

12:27 The lazy man does not roast what he took in hunting, But diligence is man's precious possession.

The true and good shepherding are as follows:

- a. There is the true food or the true teaching word.
- b. There is the shepherding pen, namely the perseverance in doing three main services as follows:
 - i. General Service.
 - ii. Prayer Service
 - iii. Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.
- c. There are sacrifices such as the time, mind, energy until the whole life. It starts from the shepherd, followed by the sheep.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the trinity of God, so we are firm in the righteousness and cannot be shaken.

Psalms 5:12

5:12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

As a result, the righteous is surrounded with blessing and grace of God. We are moved from the atmosphere of curse to the one of Paradise or the bride. The atmosphere of bride is the one of abundant preservation, so we always give thanks to God. When we need something, He provides it. The atmosphere of Paradise is the heavenly joy which cannot be influenced by the world. It continues until someday we are righteous like Jesus.

2. The suffering in flesh because of serving and ministering to God.

2 Corinthians 6:3-10

6:3 We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.

6:4 But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

6:5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

6:6 by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,

6:7 by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

6:8 by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true;

6:9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastened, and yet not killed;

6:10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

It is the same as the robe's being washed in blood. [Revelation 7:14]. The better choice is that we must sacrifice now, so the

robe is washed in the blood of the Lamb or Jesus not in our own blood.

Why must the robe be washed in the blood of the Lamb?

- If there is the sign of blood, we will not be stripped by Satan, so we are holy and do not stumble or stop serving and ministering to God until the end line, namely we die or the second coming of Jesus.
- Behind the cross, there is Holy Spirit who is poured out for us.

2 Timothy 1:6-7

1:6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

So, we are not fearful and weak in facing all of hindrances, but Holy Spirit gives us extra power to defeat all of them. We can serve and minister to God faithfully and fervently in spirit, faithfully and righteously, faithfully and responsibly. We serve with love or without any reason to get profit, and not asking for the right, but only doing our responsibility. Our ministry is eternal forever. The more we are faithful and fervent in spirit, the more we are faithful and responsible in the service and ministry. It means that the robe is washed in the blood, so our life is more beautiful and neat in the arrangement of God.

- [2 Corinthians 6:3] Behind the cross, Holy Spirit is poured for us so that we do not become the stumbling block for others.

2 Timothy 1:8

1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God.

Holy Spirit makes us acceptable for other people as the blessing and testimony for them.

- So that the tunic of ministry becomes the fine linen or the tunic of bride.

Revelation 19:8

19:8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

3. The suffering in flesh to welcome the second coming of Jesus in glory as the King of all kings and the heavenly Bridegroom on the glorious clouds.

1 Peter 4:12-14

4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you.

4:13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

4:14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

John 16:1-2

16:1 "These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble.

16:2 "They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service.

Toward the coming of Jesus, it will be signified by the condition of the world which is more difficult, wicked, unclean, full of hatred, sadistic, until the time when Antichrist rules over the world for three and a half years. All things will be blocked except worshipping him. There will be a great killing for the servants of God who do not want to receive the cross or the sword of sanctification now.

We are permitted to face the suffering in flesh so that the spirit of glory dwells in us [1 Peter 4:14]. The spirit of glory is able to change us from the fleshly man to the glorious one like Jesus, namely being strong and courageous. We keep in holding fast, obeying to the true teaching word, living in righteousness and holiness, and being faithful and fervent in spirit to serve and minister to God regardless any risk we must take. We keep in believing, hoping, and worshipping God.

The results are as follows:

- One who is strong and courageous is accompanied by God and used in the revival to enter the land of Canaan or

the last one.

Joshua 1:9

1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

We are used in the revival of Holy Spirit at the later rain or the edifying of the body of Christ through bringing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the Bride Tidings, or the word which is sharper than any two-edged sword which perfects us.

Joshua was accompanied by God, so there was victory. God also fights for us, so there is victory over all of hindrances. There is also the power of resurrection from the falling, so we can live in righteousness and holiness and the failure becomes successful and beautiful.

- The spirit of glory is able to preserve our life physically and spiritually.

Exodus 16:7-8

16:7 "And in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD; for He hears your complaints against the LORD. But what are we, that you complain against us?"

16:8 Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the LORD hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the LORD."

Spiritual famine will happen, namely men are dissatisfied, so they always murmur, gossip, *et cetera* until looking for the satisfaction in the world which makes them fall in sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage. They fall and do not arise anymore, but perish forever.

The bread refers to the word of God. The meat refers to the Holy Communion. This is the true food which gives the true satisfaction and strength to endure until Jesus' second coming.

- The spirit of glory resurrects all things which have been dead and finishes all impossible problems.

John 11:39-40

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

The spirit of glory is able to renew our life continually. It starts from being honest and obedient until when Jesus comes for the second time, we become as glorious as Him to welcome His coming on the glorious clouds, enter the marriage supper of the Lamb or the spiritual marriage, Paradise or the One Thousand Years Kingdom of Peace, and the kingdom of heaven. We stand before the throne of heaven to serve Him day and night. This is the ministry of the bride.

God blesses you.