

General Service in Malang, March 09, 2014 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 1:9-20 is about the vision of John on Patmos island.

John the apostle was on Patmos island and experienced flesh suffering, not because of doing sins, but the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. As a result, he experienced some things as follows.

1. He can enter the true fellowship with God and the others, that is fellowship of the perfect body of Christ to receive Jesus as the Head.

Revelation 1:9

1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

2. [Revelation 1:10-16] He can hear and see a loud voice, as of a trumpet, that becomes two manifestations, that is seven golden lampstands (the perfect bride) and Jesus in glory.

Revelation 1:10-13

1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

1:11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

1:12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

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Luke 2:20

2:20 Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.

The loud voice of the trumpet refers to the news brought by the angel that can be heard and seen by the shepherds.

Now, the loud voice of the trumpet that can be heard and seen is the shepherding Word that contains the weight of the teaching Word that is true, hard, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It is trusted by God to a pastor to be preached to the congregation faithfully, continually, and repetitively, so it can sanctify and renew the congregation until they are perfect as Jesus.

2 Peter 3:10-13

3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

3:11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

3:12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

3:13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

The day of the Lord is a great day when two possibilities will happen as follows.

- a. If we hear and obey the loud voice of the trumpet, we will be sanctified and renewed until we become the perfect bride who is ready to welcome His second coming. We will leave the old heaven and earth and move to the new ones, that is the New Jerusalem, forever.
- b. If we do not listen even reject the loud voice of the trumpet, we will keep living in sin up to its peak, that is sin concerning eating-drinking and marrying-being given in marriage.

Therefore, approaching the day of the Lord, we must hear and see the voice of the trumpet or the shepherding Word that is hard and has weight. Thus, we can be sanctified and renewed until we appear as the perfect bride of God who is ready to welcome His second coming. Do not be left on His second coming, because everything will be in vain and destroyed.

If our life is marked with flesh suffering without any sins, we will be able to hear and see the loud voice of the trumpet or the true and hard Shepherding Word. It means we can be well and right shepherded. Thus, we will be appeared as the shining golden lampstand or the perfect bride of God.

Do not become one who counts too much with God, as Judas does. At the end, he is not counted.

The process to appear as the shining golden lampstand is as follows.

1. Experiencing sanctification from seven sins God hates.

Proverbs 6:16-19

6:16 These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an abomination to Him:

6:17 (1) A proud look, (2) A lying tongue, (3) Hands that shed innocent blood,

6:18 (4) A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil,

6:19 (5) A false witness who (6) speaks lies, And one who (7) sows discord among brethren.

- A proud look, meaning underestimating the others or feeling greater than the others.
Do not underestimate spiritual matters, ministry, and the Word.
- A lying tongue as a snake, being fickle, easily changing between saying "yes" and "no".
- Sinful deeds.
- Heart that is full of deceit and insincerity.
- False witness, including slandering the others.
- Speaking lies.
- Sowing discord, that happens because preserving self-truth.

2. Experiencing renewal of flesh thoughts and feelings to become the thoughts and feelings of Jesus.

Philippians 2:5-8

2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

2:6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

2:7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

The feelings and thoughts of Jesus are as follows.

- Full submission.
- Not preserving the right.
- Emptying Himself.
Although we have something, but we feel that we do not have it. Although we have smartness, richness, et cetera, but we do not depend on those things.
- Taking the form of a bondservant who serves, not being served.
- Coming in the likeness of men to help sinful man.
- Humbling Himself.
Jesus is sinless but He confesses our sins on the cross so we are not judged.
- Becoming obedient to the point of death, even until His death on the cross.

The seven old matters must be sanctified first, so we can have seven thoughts and feelings of Jesus, until we can be obedient until the flesh does not sound anymore. The thing that frequently makes us disobedient is the voice of the flesh.

Philippians 2:9-11

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Jesus has seven thoughts and feelings that are renewed, so God gives Him the name which is above every name. Like so, if we are willing to be sanctified and have seven thoughts and feelings of Jesus, His name will be sealed in our life. The results are as follows.

- We experience the power of Jesus' name, that is the caring power physically and spiritually.

Isaiah 4:1

4:1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; Only let us be called by your name, To take away our reproach."

Physically, we are cared abundantly until we always give thank to God. Spiritually, we are cared until we do not worry anymore. Thus, we can prioritize God and live in righteousness and holiness. Everything will be easy and light.

- We experience protection power from His judgment that will destroy the old heaven and earth. We are also protected from distress and antichrist. We live in peace.

Revelation 9:3-5

9:3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

9:4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

9:5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.

- We experience victory power over Satan the trinity who is the source of problems, tears, and failures.

Philippians 2:10

2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

- We experience renewal power from flesh man to become spiritual one, until we are perfect as Jesus and have new name.

Revelation 3:12

3:12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

Philippians 2:11

2:11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The thing that must be renewed is the tongue. It should not gossip or blame the others anymore, but it can confess the sins. It can testify and say good and right words. It can cry out Jesus's name. Until we can have new name and welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.