

General Service in Malang, March 20, 2016 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 3:21-22

3:21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""

The main and last aim of our following to Jesus is until we sit together with Him on the throne of Heaven forever. The bride sits together with the Bridegroom on the throne of Heaven forever.

The relation between the bride and the Bridegroom is the one between the body and the Head. It is a love relation (the two tablets of stone) that cannot be separated forever. Thus, to be able to sit together with Jesus, we must have the two tablets of stone.

The two tablets of stone consist of two parts as follows.

1. The first tablet of stone (four laws) is loving God more than everything.
2. The second tablet of stone (six laws) is loving the others as ourselves, or loving one another.

1 John 3:11

3:11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

Loving one another is an important news in Bride Tidings. Why?

1. Because through loving one another, we will not become as Cain who hates Abel without any reasons.

1 John 3:12

3:12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.

2. Because through loving one another, there is fellowship of the body of Christ, until the fellowship of the body with the Head. When Jesus comes a second time, we will experience a full joy.

1 John 1:1-4

1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life--

1:2 the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us--

1:3 that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

1:4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

Fellowship of the body of Christ is started from within marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding, until the Israelites and the Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

The foundation of the fellowship of the body of Christ is the true teaching Word.

Who is used in the ministry of building the body of Christ?

- A sinful unclean woman who has repented.

Mark 14:3,8

14:3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

14:8 She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial.

Luke 7:36-37

7:36 Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

7:37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

Whatever our condition is, although we are dishonorable and unclean, but if we are willing to repent, we can still be used in the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ.

- Joseph of Arimathea refers to a rich man who has good occupation. Nicodemus refers to a smart man.

John 19:38-39

19:38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus.

19:39 And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.

We must use richness, smartness, and occupation, especially for the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ. Do not use blessing wrongly for self-importance or earthly importance, since it will lead to the building of Babylon that will be destroyed forever.

John 19:41

19:41 Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid.

The system of building the body of Christ is the one of new tomb.

- It is to prove that Jesus is raised only by the work of Holy Spirit.
The ministry of building the body of Christ is purely by the encouragement of the true teaching Word and the anointing of Holy Spirit.
- The ministry of building the true body of Christ is marked with death experience, that is flesh suffering together with Jesus.
The system of new tomb attracts the presence of Jesus as the Head who will be responsible for our life.

The practices of ministering the building of the body of Christ are as follows.

- Anointing the head and the body of Jesus.

Mark 14:3-5

14:3 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head.

14:4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted?"

14:5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

Now it means that we must live in the anointing of Holy Spirit. The process is as follows.

- Experiencing redemption or reconciliation by the precious blood of Jesus.

1 Peter 1:18-19

1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,

1:19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

No matter how great a sinful man is, he is dishonorable before God. But if we are willing to be redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus, we will be precious before Him.

- Experiencing the sanctification of the heart from the lust of money, so we are not greedy as Judas Iscariot (seizing the belonging of God, that is the tithe and special offering).
- Experiencing the sanctification of the heart or pride, that is frequently being proud of or prioritizing something more than God. It must be sanctified so we can prioritize God more than everything.
Heart also refers to cunning or hypocrisy or lies. It must be sanctified to be honesty.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

If we are redeemed and sanctified, we will receive the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit, so we are used in the ministry of building the perfect body of Christ.

Leviticus 21:12

21:12 nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.

The place for sanctification is the Holy Place. There are three types of equipment inside that refer to perseverance in three main services as follows.

- Golden Candlestick refers to perseverance in General Service. We have fellowship with Holy Spirit God in His gifts.
- Table of Showbread refers to perseverance in Bible Study Service with Holy Communion. We have fellowship with the Son of God in the true teaching Word and the sacrifice of Christ.
- Golden Altar of Incense refers to perseverance in Prayer Service. We have fellowship with Father God in His love.

In the shepherding pen, our spirituality grows up to spiritual maturity. We are sanctified up to perfection. In the shepherding pen, we experience the anointing oil of Holy Spirit on the head.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

6:20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

The sign of our mind is anointed with Holy Spirit is we always think how we can glorify God in every step of our life.

Isaiah 49:3-4

49:3 "And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'

49:4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; yet surely my just reward is with the Lord, and my work with my God.'"

Everything we do will not be in vain, because our reward and work are guaranteed within the hands of God, for our present, future, up to the eternal life forever.

- Bounding with strips of linen.

John 19:40

19:40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

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.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

Linen is the good work, that is giving and visiting the other members of the body of Christ who are in need.

The requirement is giving with willingness, not of necessity, without being pushed or pushing. We also give cheerfully. We give with the sign of the blood or flesh suffering with Jesus.

The result is we receive the grace of God.

- His grace cares our life so we lack of nothing. We live abundantly and always give thank to Him.
- We have an abundance for every good work.

All our sacrifices for the building of the body of Christ will not vanish. They will become the clean and bright fine linen, that is the cloth of the bride.

- Giving the spices.

John 19:40

19:40 Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.

Now it means worshiping with a broken heart. Unfortunately, flesh men frequently harden their heart, so they dry spiritually and cannot worship with a broken heart. It is the most terrible torture.

Romans 8:26-28

8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

8:27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Holy Spirit helps us be able to worship with a broken heart, meaning struggling to confess that we are unworthy, incapable, and valueless. We also struggle to confess that Jesus is the most interesting person whom we hope most in our life.

Psalms 51:16-17

51:16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it;--You do not delight in burnt offering.

51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,--A broken and a contrite heart--These, O God, You will not despise.

We stretch out our hands to God, and He will also stretch out His hands to us to make everything good, successful, and beautiful in His time. Sometime, everything will be perfect on His second coming on the glorious clouds.

God blesses us.