

General Service in Malang, May 28, 2023 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 19:11

19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

The opened heaven refers to the day of Jesus' second coming in the glory as the High Priest and King who is faithful and true, riding a white horse. It means leading the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain or the edification of the perfect Christ's body for preparing the Church as the perfect bride who is ready to be lifted up to heaven together with Jesus.

There are three characteristics of Jesus as the High Priest in the revival of Holy Spirit at the latter rain as follows:

1. Jesus as the faithful and true High Priest.

We must also become the faithful priest and king like the example of Jesus if we want to be lifted up to heaven together with Him, and then the things in the world will also be lifted up.

Hebrews 7:26-28

7:26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;

7:27 who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

7:28 For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever.

Being holy means faithfulness in the service and ministry to God.

Being righteous is the same as being harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners.

Jesus, the faithful and true High Priest, has passed the test of faithfulness and righteousness until being dead on the cross and becoming the perfect High Priest forever.

We must take the example of Jesus, the faithful and true High Priest. It means as follows:

- Being faithful or prioritizing the service and ministry to God more than anything.
- Living in righteousness as the new man.

Colossians 3:5-10

3:5. Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication(1), uncleanness(2), passion(3), evil desire(4), and covetousness(5), which is idolatry(6).

3:6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

3:7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

3:8. But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger(1), wrath(2), malice(3), blasphemy(4), filthy language(5) out of your mouth.

3:9 Do not lie(6) to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

3:10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

It means putting to death the sins in the outward and inward man until not lying.

Hebrews 9:27-28

9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

9:28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Jesus as the High Priest still works until now for justifying us, the sinners, through His sacrifice on the cross. Nevertheless, He will not work anymore for forgiving the sinners when He comes a second time, but for the priests who are faithful and true in waiting for His second coming to give the full salvation or perfection to them.

2. Jesus as the faithful and just High Priest.

1 John 1:9

1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

He works for doing the following things:

- Forgiving all burdens of sins we have done, said, and thought that we have confessed to God and others. The blood of Jesus washes all sins in the past until there is no remnant of it anymore. God looks at us as if we had never done such sins. We lay aside every weight of sin.
- Sanctifying us from all evil or present sins by the preaching of the true teaching Word or the sword of the Word, so we do not repeat the forgiven sins. We do not commit sin anymore, but live in righteousness and holiness.
- Sanctifying us from the sins which so easily ensnares us or the sins in the future.

Hebrews 12:1

12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

It refers to the sins which have not been done, said, and thought, but have been put by Satan to make us stumble.

1 Peter 2:21-25

2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

2:22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

2:23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness--by whose stripes you were healed.

2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

For facing the snare of sin, we must be sanctified by the sprinkling of blood like what Jesus has experienced, so we do not commit any sin, cheat, or repay evil for evil, but good for evil. We can die to sin and live in righteousness. We do not stumble in the ensnaring sin, but we are able to follow and minister God, the High Priest, or Great Shepherd. It means that we can be shepherded firmly (sitting on the grass) and enjoy the shepherding (lying down on the grass).

As a result, Jesus is able to preserve our physical life abundantly until we can give thanks and become blessings for others. He also preserves our life spiritually, so we are peaceful. All things become easy and light. It continues up to perfection.

3. Jesus as the faithful High Priest, who will also do it.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

5:24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

Acts 1:4-5,8-9

1:4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

1:5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 1:6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

1:9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

The pouring of Holy Spirit was the promise of God before He ascended to heaven. It is because He knows that how great a fleshly man, he cannot do anything; even he cannot be lifted up to heaven with Him if there is no Holy Spirit.

God always does His promise. He never breaks His promise.

John 16:7

16:7 "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

For doing His promise, Jesus must go away. It means being dead on the cross, resurrected, and ascended to heaven for pouring Holy Spirit to us.

For receiving the promise of God, we must promise to Him as follows:

- Always dwelling in Jerusalem(= the city of peace). It means that we must make peace with God and others. Being forgiven, we must not repeat the sins. We also forgive and forget the sins of others. As a result, the blood of Jesus washes all our sins, so our heart is peaceful. It is the strong base for receiving the pouring of Holy Spirit. Keep the peaceful heart from envy, hatred, evil, uncleanness, and so on!
- We keep the mouth from gossiping, lying, and so on. We always pray and worship God.

Acts 1:14

1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

- Keeping the beautiful garments, namely the ministry and gifts of Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:24-25

1:24 And they prayed and said, "You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen

1:25 "to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place."

It is the same as keeping the mercy and trust of God. Do not become like Judas Iscariot, who is great and entrusted by God, but then he falls and perishes!

As a result, there is the pouring of Holy Spirit or the Day of Pentecost in the midst of us.

Acts 2:1

2:1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

The functions of Holy Spirit are as follows:

- Holy Spirit is able to put to death sins up to the peak, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.

Romans 8:13

8:13 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

- Holy Spirit makes us faithful and fervent in spirit until the end line.

Romans 12:11

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

- Holy Spirit changes our life from the fleshly man to the spiritual one.

Titus 3:5

3:5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Being honest and obedient is the same as being the house of prayer. As a result, the physical miracles also happen. Holy Spirit is able to create something that does not exist yet (from no fish to many fish) for preserving our life in the midst of the difficulties in the world. From no wine to there is wine. Holy Spirit is able to give us the heavenly joy in the midst of sufferings, so we can give thanks and become the witness of God. Impossible things can be made possible. Holy Spirit is able to remove impossibilities or solve all impossible problems until we are changed to be perfect and lifted up to heaven together with Jesus forever.

God blesses you.