

General Service in Malang, November 08, 2015 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 3:14-22 is about the church of the Laodiceans (the seventh church) or the congregation in the last days.

Revelation 3:16-17

3:16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

3:17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'--and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked--

The church of the Laodiceans or the church in the last days is lukewarm spiritually. Physically they are rich and have need of nothing. However, spiritually they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. They have nothing.

The church of the Laodiceans only prioritizes physical things. The spiritual things are empty. They are satisfied only by physical things, and do not want to be filled with spiritual things, especially with the teaching Word that is sharper than any two-edged sword. If one is not filled with spiritual things, the consequence is being as an empty chaff. He will be vomited by God and separated from Him forever.

Isaiah 17:12-13

17:12 Woe to the multitude of many people--Whomake a noise like the roar of the seas,--And to the rushing of nations--Thatmake a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

17:13 The nations will rush like the rushing of many waters;--But God will rebuke them and they will flee far away,--And be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, Like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

Chaff equals to the sea waters that surge before the wind. It refers to the servants of God who walk around and are not shepherded, so they are free to look for, follow, and satisfy the flesh desire, either in daily life or ministry.

Revelation 17:1,15

17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,

17:15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.

The wavy sea waters are sat by the Babylon, meaning the servants of God who are not shepherded will be commanded by the Babylon. The practices are as follows.

1. Being unfaithful in the ministry, even leaving it.

Psalms 137:1-3

137:1 By the rivers of Babylon,--There we sat down, yea, we wept When we remembered Zion.

137:2 We hung our harps--Upon the willows in the midst of it.

137:3 For there those who carried us away captive asked of us a song,--And those who plundered us requestedmirth,--Saying,"Sing us oneof the songs of Zion!"

The willow by the rivers of Babylon refers to the servants of God who only aim for the flesh desire. The consequence is hanging the harps, meaning being unfaithful even leaving the ministry.

Matthew 27:3-5

27:3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

27:4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is thatto us? You see to it!"

27:5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Hanging the harp equals to hanging oneself.

Galatians 3:13

3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")

Hanging oneself means rejecting the sacrifice of Christ, so he must bear all the curse and judgment of sins, up to the everlasting perdition.

2. Being egoistic, only prioritizing oneself.

Isaiah 14:23

14:23 "I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and marshes of muddy water; I will sweep it with the broom of destruction," says the Lord of hosts.

One who is commanded by Babylon is as the marsh. It means as follows.

- a. Only receiving the flow of water from everywhere, but not draining it to anywhere. It refers to the servants of God who only want to receive blessing, but do not want to become blessing to the others, either physically or spiritually.
- b. Being unwilling to give and visit the others who are in need. He becomes as the swamp and the place of piling up the salt of sins.

Ezekiel 47:11

47:11 But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt.

It is as the Dead Sea, where there is no life. He becomes dry until dies spiritually, and will be destroyed forever.

Matthew 25:45-46

25:45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

25:46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The things that we do not do to the others who are in need while God has encouraged us will be accounted on the day of judgment. On that time, there will be no more chance to repair it.

3. Being controlled by the evil and unclean spirits, that lead to the peak of sins.

Revelation 18:2

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!"

Evil spirit causes the lust of money, that makes one be stingy and greedy.

Unclean spirit causes sin concerning eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, consuming drugs) and marrying-being given in marriage (sexuality sin with all its variety, mix marriage).

Luke 17:26-27

17:26 And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:

17:27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

The condition in the last days will return to the days of Noah, where people did evil and unclean sins. On those days, the world was condemned with the flood and only eight people were saved. In the last days, the world will be condemned with fire from the heaven up to the everlasting perdition.

We must learn about three things as follows so we are saved from perdition.

- a. Preserving the conscience.

Genesis 6:5-8

6:5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

6:6 And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

6:7 So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Bad, evil and unclean conscience will be dragged by the Babylon to the peak of sins.

1 Peter 3:20-21

3:20 who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.

3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

In the past, Noah entered the ark. Now, we enter the true water baptism.

Romans 6:2,4

6:2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

The requirement of the true water baptism is dying to sin, repenting.

The execution of the true water baptism is one who has died to sin must be buried in water together with Jesus, to be raised with Him in new life or Heavenly life that has good conscience.

Good conscience is sincere and obedient conscience. It will not be dragged by Babylon.

Hebrews 2:1

2:1 Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Good conscience will endure. It is as building a house on the rock, so it will not fall by any temptations. We keep living in righteousness and holiness.

- b. In the past, Noah entered three-leveled ark. Now, we enter the ministry in the system of the Kingdom of Heaven (the Tabernacle).

Genesis 6:15-16

6:15 And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits.

6:16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks.

The Court is the area of salvation, that is believing Jesus and water baptism.

The Most Holy Place is the area of perfection.

Our place now is the Holy Place, that is the shepherding pen. There are three types of equipment within it.

- 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 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 body, soul, and spirit attach to God the Trinity, as a branch abides on the true vine. The results are as follows.

- We are protected from Babylon, so we cannot be dragged.
- Our body, soul, and spirit are cared directly by God, so we experience peace and have need of nothing.

- c. Living in the hands of God, the hands of the High Priest that are full of grace.

Genesis 6:8

6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 7:16

7:16 So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and the Lord shut him in.

The requirement to live within the hands of God is we must experience the sprinkling of blood. Jesus must experience flesh suffering and die on the cross to stretch out His hands to us. We must also experience flesh suffering to stretch out our hands to Him.

Revelation 3:8-9

3:8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

3:9 Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

God lets us experience suffering so we experience life renewal from the flesh man to the spiritual one, that is being obedient and crying out Jesus' name (not denying Him). Being obedient and worshiping God equal to stretching out our hands to God. Thus, we live within the merciful hands of God. The results are as follows.

- The merciful hands of God close the door of the ark, so the flood cannot enter. It means we are protected from impossible temptations.
- The merciful hands of God open the door of the ark. It means He opens new way for us.

Hebrews 10:19-20

10:19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

10:20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

New way is the way to the New Jerusalem. We experience life renewal from the flesh man to the spiritual one as Jesus. It is started with being honest, not saying lies again. We let "yes" be "yes", and "no" be "no". New way is also the way out from every impossible problem. God is able to help and solve all our problems, illness, financial matter, *et cetera*. New way is the beautiful and successful future.

God blesses us.