

General Service in Malang, October 08, 2017 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 6:7-8

6:7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

6:8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth

The fourth condemnation of Holy Spirit God refers to the revival of a pale horse or grey horse. The death and the Hades have power over a fourth of the earth to kill men with hunger, pestilence, *et cetera*.

There are three kinds of death that threaten every step of man as follows:

1. The physical death through passing away.
2. The spiritual death that is living in sins up to the peak such as the sin of eating-drinking and the sin of marrying-being given in marriage.
3. The second death that is the sea of fire and brimstone or the hell forever.

Let us use every beat of our hearts to finish our sins.

The fourth living creature says "come and see!"

Revelation 4:7

4:7 The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

The eagle refers to the people who wait the second coming of Jesus.

The flying eagle refers to the Christians who are active and ready to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds.

So, we must be active and ready to welcome the second coming of Jesus on the glorious clouds, and we are set free from the three kinds of death.

If we are left when Jesus comes for the second time, we will be ruled by the three kinds of death until perishing forever. All things that we have done become useless and perish forever.

Revelation 22:20-21

22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

"Surely I am coming quickly!" refers to the readiness of God to come back for the second time.

"Amen, Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" refers to the readiness of the church of God to welcome His second coming.

To be ready to welcome His second coming, we must live in the grace of God.

Titus 2:11

2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

The grace of God through the sacrifice of Christ saves the sinful man.
being saved = we are not condemned = we do not perish.

1 Peter 5:10

5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

The grace of God through the sacrifice of Christ is able to perfect us, so we are worthy to welcome His second coming on the glorious clouds and we are set free from the three kinds of death.

The grace of God is more than all treasures in the world. The grace of God is the greatest gift from God to man in the world. Without the grace of God, all things are useless and perish. Therefore, God always pours out His grace to man in the world from age to age as follows:

1. The early age or the age of Father God. It is counted from Adam to Abraham. The representative is Noah.

Genesis 6:8

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

Noah and His family found the grace, so they were saved from the condemnation or the floodwaters.

Why did God condemn man with floodwaters?

Genesis 6:5-7

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

Because every intent of the thoughts of man's heart was only evil continually, so he did the deeds that grieved God's heart, made the parents' heart sore, the shepherd groan, as well as harmed other people by doing the sin up to the peak such as the sin of eating-drinking, and the sin of marrying-being given in marriage. The deed of sin came up to the sky day by day, so God condemned man with the great flood.

At the end of time, man returns to the age of Noah. The conscience of man tends to evil, so the man does the sin up to the peak. Consequently, God will condemn man with fire and brimstone from heaven to destroy the world and man up to the lake of fire and the brimstone or the hell forever

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,

Noah and his family found the grace of God, so they were saved from the condemnation of great flood through the ark. Now, we get the grace of God, so we are saved from the condemnation of fire and brimstone that will destroy the world, through the true water baptism.

True water baptism is that one who has believed and repented must be buried in water together with Jesus to get the new life or the heavenly one, namely living in the grace of God. We have good conscience.

Genesis 6:9

6:9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.

The facts found in having good conscience are as follows:

- Living in righteousness or being without blemish.
- Living in holiness or being honest.
- Walking with God or being faithful in service and ministry to God.

Being faithful and righteous added with being honest is the same as stretching out our hands to God and He will stretch out His great merciful hand for us. As a result, the merciful hand of God gives us peace, preserves and protects our life that is small and powerless.

2. The middle age or the age of Son of God. It is counted from Abraham to the first coming of Jesus. The representative is Mary.

Luke 1:30

1:30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

John 1:1,14

1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God

1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Mary found favor with God, so she conceive Jesus in her womb. Jesus is the same as the word of God.

Now, we get the grace of God to bear the word of God. The process is hearing the word of God seriously in the anointing of Holy Spirit. We understand, believe and trust until we can do it by the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Matthew 11:1

11:1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities..

There are two kinds of the preaching of the word of God as the example that Jesus gives follows:

- The gospel of salvation, the gospel word, or the good news is the same as milk or the word that preaches the first coming of Jesus to save the sinful man.
Bearing the gospel word is the same as believing Jesus, repenting, entering water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism. We live in righteousness and we are saved.
- The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, the true teaching word which is sharper than any two-edged sword, or the Bride Tidings is the same as the solid food or the word of God that preaches the second coming of Jesus in glory as the King of all kings to sanctify man who has been saved to be ready to welcome the second coming of Jesus.
Bearing the teaching word is the same as being sanctified until we are perfect.

Hebrews 4:12-13

4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account

We are willingly sanctified. It starts from our heart and mind. Inside the heart there are evil desire and the one of money that makes us become stingy and greedy. Inside the heart there are also unclean desire and bitterness of heart. All of them must be sanctified.

Then, we are sanctified from the deeds and words of sin. We become honest and do not lie anymore.

Proverbs 15:8

15:8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD, But the prayer of the upright is His delight

Being honest means that we become the house of prayer. If we become the house of prayer, the joy of heaven is poured out in our household, until we can be joyful in suffering together with Jesus. The blessing is poured out also, so we can become the blessing for other people.

3. The last age or the age of Holy Spirit God. It is counted from the first coming of Jesus to His second coming. The representative is the church of God.

1 Peter 2:19

2:19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.

Receiving the grace of God is the same as willingly suffering and bearing the cross with Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

We suffer with Jesus to experience the renewal and changing of life from fleshly man to glorious one as Jesus is, namely we do not lose heart. We can be obedient to the will of God whatever its risk. We keep faithful and fervent in Spirit until the end line.

Being faithful and obedient is the same as stretching out our hand to God and He will stretch out His hand for us to give the key of David.

Revelation 3:7-8

3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":

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.

The hand of God will give the solution for every problem; even the impossible one. The hand of God is able to help us in time. There is the door of successful and beautiful future life, until the key of David opens the door of the New Jerusalem. It means that there are no more death and tears forever.

God blesses you.