

General Service in Malang, September 02, 2018 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 7:15-17

7:15 *"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.*

7:16 *"They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat.*

7:17 *"for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

The activities of God on the throne of heaven are as follows:

1. Dwelling.
2. Leading us to the living fountains waters, the throne of heaven, or the place which flows the living waters.

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The shepherding word or the true teaching one which is entrusted by God to a shepherd to be preached faithfully, continuously, and repetitively becomes the leading hand of the Great Shepherd to bring the sheep to the last shepherding.

The process is as follows:

1. Holy Spirit or the river of the living waters came up to the ankle.

Ezekiel 47:1-3

47:1 *Then he brought me back to the door of the temple; and there was water, flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the front of the temple faced east; the water was flowing from under the right side of the temple, south of the altar.*

47:2 *He brought me out by way of the north gate, and led me around on the outside to the outer gateway that faces east; and there was water, running out on the right side.*

47:3 *And when the man went out to the east with the line in his hand, he measured one thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the water came up to my ankles.*

The ankles are useful to stand up. It means that Holy Spirit anoints us, so we have the firm conviction, faith, believing, and trust to God. It is the same as entering the Gate of Tabernacle.

Acts 4:12

4:12 *"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.*

The fact is trusting Jesus as the only savior or not denying Him until the end line. We keep on holding fast to the true teaching word or not being shaken by the false teaching.

1 Peter 1:6-7

1:6 *In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials.*

1:7 *that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

The Holy Spirit strengthens our conviction, so we are not shaken by the temptations, sins, and false teachings, but we have the pure, tested, and perfect faith to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds.

2. Holy Spirit or the river of the living water came up to the knee.

Ezekiel 47:4

47:4 *Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist.*

It means that Holy Spirit rules us until we kneel or humble ourselves, namely being humble and gentle.

Being humble refers to the ability to confess the sins. After being forgiven, do not do the sins anymore.

Being gentle refers to the ability to forgive the sins of other people.

So, the blood of Jesus forgives our sins and we can repent.

2 Peter 3:9

3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The longing of God is giving us time to repent. So, the aim of our life in this world is to repent.

Jeremiah 9:5

9:5 Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity.

Be careful, because lie makes us weary ourselves to commit iniquity and blame other people. Covering sin means repeating it up to the peak which aims at the destruction forever.

3. Holy Spirit came up to the waist. It refers to the womb.

Ezekiel 47:4b

47:4 Again he measured one thousand and brought me through the waters; the water came up to my knees. Again he measured one thousand and brought me through; the water came up to my waist.

The womb refers to the birth, the renewal, or the 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 repenting or being dead to sin.

The implementation of the true water baptism is that one who has died to sin must be buried in water with Jesus, then he comes out of water with Him. So, the heaven is opened and we get a new life or the one in the anointing of Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 6:14

6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness.

On waist, there is a belt. Having girded our waist with righteousness means living in righteousness and holding fast to the true teaching word.

On waist, there are also kidneys or the filter of the dirty substances. If the kidneys or our deepest feeling is good, we will reject other teaching, be brave to sacrifice all things in the world for the true teaching word, and live in righteousness.

The servant of God who is faithful and righteous becomes the instrument of righteousness. The faithfulness and righteousness are the jewelry, so our life becomes beautiful.

John 3:4-7

3:4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

3:5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

3:7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

The servant of God who is faithful and righteous refers to the blowing wind which brings freshness and fragrance of Jesus to everywhere. We become the servants of God who glorify and praise Him. So, our right and reward are in the hand of God, namely the reward to live from now to the eternal one forever.

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.'

4. Holy Spirit becomes the river of the living water which cannot be crossed anymore.

Ezekiel 47:5

47:5 Again he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross; for the water was too deep, water in which one must swim, a river that could not be crossed.

It means overflowing in Holy Spirit or being filled by Holy Spirit. In the Tabernacle, it refers to the door of Tabernacle. The proof is that we cannot walk anymore. It means as follows:

- Sitting on the grass. It means being shepherded well and correctly. It begins from men, shepherd, or husband, then wife and children will follow.
We are in the Holy Place or the shepherding pen. There are three instruments in it which refer to the perseverance in doing three main services as follows:
 - The Golden Candlestick or the perseverance in doing General Service.
 - The Table of Showbread or the perseverance in doing Bible Study Service and Holy Communion.
 - The Golden Altar of Incense or the perseverance in doing Prayer Service.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

17:7 "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.

17:8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Only the ones who are shepherded can hope God and prioritize Him more than anything.

The results are as follows:

- Not being dry in spirituality, but always being fresh, giving thanks to God, or testifying.
 - The leaf is still green. It means keeping faithful and fervent in spirit in serving and ministering to God.
 - Not worrying, but believing and hoping God, so we are peaceful and all things are easy and light.
 - Not stopping bearing fruit. It means that we are successful because God is with us. The spirituality grows until bearing nine fruits of Spirit.
- Kneeling in the garden of Gethsemane. The meanings are as follows:
 - Holy Spirit helps us to worship God until we can cry out "Abba, Father. It means being faithful and obedient until the flesh does not speak anymore.

Romans 8:15

8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

- Surrendering and crying to God. It means stretching our hand, surrendering, and crying to God with groanings which cannot be uttered, especially when facing the cross, the sprinkling of blood, suffering in flesh because of God, or the impossibility. So, God will stretch the hand of Holy Spirit.

The results are as follows:

- The dead things become alive.

Ezekiel 47:8-9

47:8 Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed.

47:9 "And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes.

It means that Holy Spirit is able to preserve our physical life which is small and powerless in the midst of the great difficulties or impossibilities in the world. Holy Spirit is able to preserve our spiritual life, so we keep right in the midst of the crooked age and live in righteousness and holiness or do not walk on the wrong path.

Hosea 14:9

14:9 Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right; The righteous walk in them, But transgressors stumble in them.

Walking on the straight path, God is with us.

Holy Spirit is able to erase all of the impossibilities and gives the successful and beautiful future life.

- The renewal of life from the carnal life to the spiritual one like Jesus, namely being strong and courageous.

Ezekiel 47:10

47:10 "It shall be that fishermen will stand by it from EnGedi to EnEglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many."

We keep faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God.

We feel peace. We do not feel anything that flesh feels anymore, but only the love of God. We can love God more than anything. We can love other people, even the enemies.

The face becomes cheerful. We become strong and fresh until the time when Jesus comes for the second time. Our face shines like a sun and we become perfect like Jesus to welcome His second coming.

God blesses you.