

General Service in Malang, September 25, 2011 (Sunday Morning)

Matthew 26:26-29

26:26. *And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."*

26:27 *Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."*

26:28 *For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

26:29 *But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."*

Eating Holy Communion.

Eating Holy Communion is really eating the body of Christ and the blood of Christ.

If it has been prayed, Holy Communion is no longer merely a symbol, but it is really the body and blood of Jesus.

Therefore, we should not eat and drink Holy Communion carelessly.

In the past, one who makes fault in eating Holy Communion must die (for us now, it means die spiritually).

The regulations of eating Holy Communion in New Testaments.

I Corinthians 11:27-31

11:27 *Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.*

11:28 *But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*

11:29 *For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.*

11:30 *For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.*

11:31 *For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.*

There are three possibilities in eating and drinking Holy Communion as follows:

1. Eating and drinking Holy Communion in an unworthy manner, that is preserving the sins, having no guilty feeling, even defying.
The consequence is keep living in sins (sins become permanent), becoming weak and dying physically, moreover dying spiritually.
2. Rejecting Holy Communion with many reasons= rejecting the sacrifice of Christ.
The consequence is outside the sacrifice of Christ there is no salvation, there is only perdition.
3. The true way is eating and drinking Holy Communion by judging ourselves.
Judging ourselves = punishing sins, especially by the work of the Word.

The result is drawing God's blessing up to eternal life.

Revelation 1:15a

1:15a *His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace,*

Deuteronomy 28:23

28:23 *And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron.*

The punishment of flesh/ sins in Tabernacle is denoted by bronze.

Jesus' feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace.

Thus, the position of **life who judges himself is under Jesus' feet.**

There are three definitions or practices of being under Jesus feet as follows:

1. **Judging ourselves**= punishing the sins, do not want to keep living in sins.
WHAT must be judged?
 - o **All sinful deeds**, including **sinful words**, also **sinful thoughts** must be reconciled.

II Corinthians 5:10

5:10 *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the*

body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- **All things we do not do to the others who need**, although God has asked us. It equals to **not giving or visiting the others**.

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."*

We must give attention to the others physically and spiritually. People who need to be helped from sins must be brought to Jesus.

All these things will be judged at the white throne (the throne of Christ's judgment) to be punished in the hell, and there will be no more opportunity to correct ourselves.

Revelation 20:11-12, 14-15

20:11. *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.*

20:12 *And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.*

20:14 *Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.*

20:15 *And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*

Therefore, it is **better that STARTING FROM NOW we judge ourselves**.

1 Peter 4:17

4:17 *For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

This is the time to judge ourselves, especially through the work of the true teaching Word and Holy Communion. It equals to **perseverance in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion**.

There is no loss if starting from now we persevere and are being purified from sins, because if we have already arrived at the white throne, there will be no more opportunity to correct ourselves and we will only be punished in the hell.

The way to judge ourselves is when the sword of the true teaching Word pierces or points our sins, we have to realize, regret, until confess our sins to God (vertical) and the others (horizontal).

If we are forgiven, we should no longer do any sins!

Thus, the sins are already nailed on the cross, and we will not be judged again at the white throne.

The sins have been erased by the blood of Jesus and our names will be written in the Book of Life.

THE RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- We are set free from God's judgment.
Remember! If we repeat the sins, it will be noted and we will be judged.
- We experience purification continually, as branches which are cleaned continually, such that it will bear sweet fruits.

Ephesians 5:8-10

5:8 *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light*

5:9 *(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth),*

5:10 *finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.*

The sweet fruits equal to the fruits of light, that is:

- **Truth fruit**= being true in everything, according to the truth of the Word.
Outside the Word, there is only self-truth.
- **Righteousness fruit**= only taking God's side (the true teaching Word).
- **Goodness fruit**= starting with not harming the others, until repaying evil with goodness.

Until we will be appeared as the light of the World, and there is no darkness at all.

Revelation 12:1

12:1. *Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on*

her head a garland of twelve stars.

The fruits of light are able to defeat the darkness of basket(the darkness of antichrist, financial matters, eating-drinking sins) and bed(sexuality sins).

Why must we experience purification?

Only life who has light who can receive two great wings of eagle, to fly us to another wilderness, far from antichrist.

Revelation 12:14

12:14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

In that evacuation wilderness, we will be cared directly by God, that is by the bread of teaching Word and Holy Communion.

Perseverance in Bible Study Service and Holy Communion is an exercise for living in evacuation, by living from the Word and Holy Communion.

In the other side, if we retreat from perseverance, it equals to approaching antichrist.

2. Anointing the feet of Jesus for the preparation of His burial.

John 12:3

12:3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

Anointing with oil denotes a service.

Burial denotes the last time in this world.

Feet denote the body of Christ.

It means that we must be active in the ministry of building perfect body of Christ, that is the revival of Holy Spirit in the last rain.

Since Holy Spirit was poured in the attic at Jerusalem, there was the revival of Holy Spirit in the first rain. The quantity of saved souls increases until today.

But, not only quantity, but also quality must be increased, until we reach the perfect body of Christ.

The smallest body of Christ is started from marriage.

If marriage is not right, it cannot be proceeded to a larger ministry of building body of Christ.

A larger ministry in fellowship of the body of Christ is within shepherding, between shepherding, up to international body of Christ (Israel and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ).

The requirements of entering the ministry of building body of Christ are as follows:

- The head must be right, that is the true teaching Word (Jesus himself).
The head is the center of command which determines the movement of the whole body.
- It is marked with sacrifices.
Ministry which is marked with sacrifice until suffering for the flesh is already true. That is a ministry of building body of Christ.

Everything must be sacrificed (time, thought, energy, money, feeling, etc.), except one, that is the true teaching Word (the head) should not be sacrificed!

The woman who anointed the feet of Jesus offered three hundred denarii oil (one year salary).

But Judas Iscariot considered it as a waste, since he preserved stingy and greedy sins.

We must judge stingy and greedy sins under the feet of Jesus.

Remember! All our sacrifice for the ministry of building body of Christ will not vanish. God does not forget it and God never lies.

Mark 14:8-9

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

14:9 *Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."*

Abraham also did not doubt to offer Isaac, his only son.

The result is we will meet with Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide.

Let us encourage ourselves to be active in the building body of Christ!

Why do we have to enter the ministry of building body of Christ?

It is such that we do not enter the building body of Babel (the bride of Satan) who will be perished forever.

Being active in ministry equals to **perseverance in General Service.**

3. **Falling down at His feet = worshiping God.**

John 11:32

11:32 *Then, when Mary came where Jesus was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."*

Many times God let us face failures, downfalls, impossibilities, dangerous illness, accidents, etc. They equal to the death threat physically, also spiritually (sins) which bring us to everlasting perdition in the hell.

God's aim is such that we can fall down and worship God, confess that we are only clay. It means as follows:

- I am not worthy.
I am nobody, and only proper to be trampled down (to be slandered, etc.).
- I can do nothing. I only believe and fully surrender to God's mercy.

We must fall down at the feet of Jesus more, especially by **perseverance in Prayer Service.**

Maybe our tears are insulted by the others, but God sees it.

THE RESULT: Faith + God's mercy = MIRACLE.

- **Miracle of renewal of life.**
Lazarus who has become rotten carcass, could be recovered back again.

What must be renewed?

Martha who hardened her heart (being hypocrite, hiding decay) must be renewed to become HONEST.

Martha who did not believe, must be renewed to become BELIEVE.

We must judge dishonesty (being hypocrite, hiding decay) and unbelief (being doubtful) in front of God!

- **Physical miracle** also happens, impossible things become possible.

Until once there will be the highest miracle, that is all of us will be renewed as perfect as God and we will be lifted in the glorious clouds, and death cannot touch us again.

God blesses us.