

General Service in Malang, September 26, 2021 (Sunday Morning)

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

Revelation 14 refers to the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant. It refers to the suffering of the church of God with Jesus. It is the last purification up to the perfection, namely the quality of the bride.

Verse 1 is about the church's following Jesus that is signified by the sprinkling of blood or the cross, so we experience the increase of purification and blessing up to the quality of being perfect, namely the New Jerusalem or the heavenly kingdom, a great and high mountain.

In Revelation 14:2-5 there are seven facts about our following Jesus up to Mount Zion as follows:

1. [Revelation 14:2a] *like the voice of many waters.*
2. [Revelation 14:2b] *like the voice of loud thunder.*
3. [Revelation 14:2c] *the sound of harpists.*
4. [Revelation 14:3] *a new song.*
5. [Revelation 14:4a] *they are virgins.*
6. [Revelation 14:4b] *being firstfruits to God.*
7. [Revelation 14:5] *in their mouth was found no deceit = for they are without fault.*

The first to the fourth facts refer to the sounds, namely the ministry and worship which can thrill God's heart or please Him until reaching the destination, namely the downstream of the sea of the perfect church on the glorious clouds and the throne of heaven forever.

The fifth to the seventh facts refer to the quality of the bride, namely being pure, firstfruits to God, and spotless.

ad. 5. They are virgins

Revelation 14:4

14:4. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

The facts found in the church of God who is virgin are as follows:

1. **Not defiling himself with women, namely not following the false teaching of two women who defile the church of God as follows:**

o **Jezebel.**

Revelation 2:18-20

2:18. "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

2:19. "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

2:20. "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

The false teaching of Jezebel is that women may teach and have authority over man. Woman becomes the head of man, so Jesus cannot become the Head. Consequently Satan and false prophet become the head.

The right structure is that Christ is the head of man and man is the head of woman [1 Corinthians 11:3].

1 Timothy 2:11-14

2:11. Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

2:12. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

2:13. For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

2:14. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

Eve might eat any fruits in garden Eden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now, women may minister to God in all things except one, namely neither teaching nor having authority over a man.

Eve broke God's command, so human were cast out of Eden to enter into the world. In the world, men live in curse, namely laboring and being heavy laden.

Now, if women teach and have authority over men, human will be cast out of the world to enter into the hell.

Jesus as the Head has willingly been crucified to the point of death on the cross to open the door of Paradise for us.

Revelation 2:24

2:24. "Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden."

If one does not place Jesus or the true teaching Word as the Head, he will learn about the depths of Satan up to his home, namely the hell. The heaven is not taught anymore. He rejects the teaching about heaven, namely the one of Tabernacle in the light of the Bride Tidings or the one of the Bride Tidings in the light of Tabernacle.

One who receives the teaching of Jezebel will not be perfected, but in flaw.

Revelation 2:20

2:20. "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."

So, the fact found in the church of God who is virgin is rejecting the teaching of Jezebel which places Satan and the false prophet as the head, so we can place Jesus or the true teaching Word as the Head.

◦ **Babylon.**

Revelation 17:5

17:5. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Revelation 18:3,7

18:3. "For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."

18:7. "In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.'"

The false teaching of Babylon is the one that prioritizes the worldly prosperity and entertainment but without the purification from sins up to the peak, namely the sins of eating-drinking and marrying-giving in marriage. It just prioritizes the enjoyment of the congregation. The most important thing is collection a lot of money but without purification.

It is the same as placing the Antichrist as the head, not Jesus. Consequently, in one hour the Babylon will be destroyed forever.

So, the fact found in the church of God who is virgin is rejecting the teaching of the Babylon which places the Antichrist as the head, so we can place Jesus or the true teaching Word as the Head.

The conclusion is that the quality of being virgin is rejecting the teaching of Jezebel and Babylon which place the trinity of Satan as the head, so we can place Jesus as the Head in the congregation.

2. **We must become faithful and obedient to one husband, namely Christ.** It means that we hold fast the true and pure teaching Word.

2 Corinthians 11:2-4

11:2. For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

11:3. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

11:4. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it!

One who holds fast to one true teaching Word is surely faithful and obedient in the ministry, marriage, and all things.

There are two things to purify us as follows:

- The pure and true teaching Word.

Proverbs 30:5

30:5. Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

4:3. *But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,*
4:4. *whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

The true teaching Word is able to purify us up to being holy and pure, so we are prepared as the heavenly bride who is virgin.

One who betrays the engagement (the last time before God comes a second time) is one who has the hardest heart, so he cannot return anymore, but enters the other marriage with the Babylon that is not in the will of God.

- Christ's sacrifice.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

5:7. *Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*

5:8. *Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

We must also be faithful to appreciate Christ's sacrifice or the cross which is able to purify us like a virgin.

So, the true teaching Word and Christ's sacrifice are able to purify the church of God up to the quality of being virgin. That is why the church of God must persevere in committing the Bible Study Service and Holy Communion, so we are purified continuously up to the holiness like a virgin.

1 Corinthians 3:3

3:3. *for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?*

1 Corinthians 5:1

5:1. *It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles--that a man has his father's wife!*

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

6:9. *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,*

6:10. *nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.*

The church in Corinthians was very unclean. They just waited to be destroyed, but they could be helped. They could be restored to become like a virgin as long as they used the teaching Word and Christ's sacrifice.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

6:19. *Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?*

6:20. *For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

1 Corinthians 5:11

5:11. *But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person.*

The light of the gospel of the glory of Christ was trusted to the church of Corinthians (**2 Corinthians 4:3-4**), so they could be brought to the quality of a virgin (**2 Corinthians 11:2-3**). We can become faithful and obedient to one husband, namely Jesus. We appreciate and receive one true teaching Word and Christ's sacrifice.

God is so good for us who should have been destroyed. If we have the quality of a virgin, we will be able to follow Jesus as the Lamb of God wherever He goes (**Revelation 14:4**). It is the body's following the Head or the one of bride that cannot be separated even a while.

The fact found in following Jesus wherever He goes is that there are no anxiety, fear, disappointment, desperation, and pride, but we always give thanks to God.

We must be active in the ministry of the building of the perfect body of Christ, starting from marriage, shepherding, inter-shepherding until the Israelites and Gentiles become one perfect body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:15-16

4:15. *but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head--Christ--*

4:16. from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Colossians 2:19

2:19. and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

- The ministry of ligaments is streaming the blood of reconciliation. Jesus as the Head saves His body. We must also minister in the ministry of reconciliation for the salvation of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 5:23

5:23. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

5:18. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

5:19. that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

The requirement is that firstly we must be reconciled by the blood of Jesus. We live in righteousness as well as being saved, and then we can bring the word of reconciliation, the Gospel of Salvation, or the Good News to save the sinners.

Romans 11:25-26

11:25. For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

11:26. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

Actually, the salvation is just for the Israelites . But a part of them rejects it, so there is opportunity for the Gentiles. Both of them will become one perfect body of Christ.

- The ministry of joints (relationship between two bones) to unify the body of Christ.
We must live in holiness, so we are equipped with the ministry and Holy Spirit's gift. Being rich, poor, clever, or stupid cannot guarantee us to minister to God. The most important thing is holiness.

Ephesians 4:11-12

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

The closest relationship between body and the head is the neck. It means that we must be active in worshipping God. The fleshly men cannot pray moreover worship God. That is why we need Holy Spirit to help us.

Romans 8:26

8:26. Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

By Holy Spirit, we can worship God with a broken heart. We must keep our worship, so we are neither dry spiritually nor unable to worship God. We ask Holy Spirit to anoint us all the time, so we can have a broken heart before God.

Psalms 51:1-5,16-19

51:1. <<To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.>> Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

51:2. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

51:3. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

51:14. Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

51:15. O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

51:16. For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

51:17. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--These, O God, You will not

despise.

We must confess our sin, and forgive others' sin.

We finish all sins, so we can pray with a broken heart. We are not disappointed or desperate, but we always give thanks to God. We just hope God's mercy.

Acts 13:22

13:22. "And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'"

Psalms 51:17-18

51:17. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--These, O God, You will not despise.

51:18. Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

We are broken-hearted and obedient. We totally surrender to God. We stretch out our hands to God, and He will stretch out His hands to us.

As a result, God will make all things good, beautiful, and successful in due time. Even, God builds the walls of protection and preservation for us in the midst of the difficulties until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

Psalms 122:7

122:7. Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."

Zechariah 2:5

2:5. 'For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"

We always produce fragrance before God. We become victorious, so all impossible problems can be finished. The matter of there is a wall also means that all things become safe, peaceful, easy, and light.

2 Corinthians 2:14

2:14. Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

Revelation 21:12

21:12. Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

It continues until we reach the wall of the New Jerusalem which has a great and high wall. We live eternally with God.

God blesses us.