

Good Friday Fellowship in Malang, April 07, 2023 (Friday Morning)

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

Revelation 19:9

19:9. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

The marriage supper of the Lamb refers to the meeting between Jesus, who comes a second time in the glory as the King of all kings or the Heavenly Bridegroom, and the perfect church or the heavenly bride on the glorious clouds. It is the spiritual marriage or the perfect one between Christ and the congregation, and then we enter the Paradise and the New Jerusalem.

The world is cursed, suffering, and destroyed, but God offers the heavenly bliss from now on in the world up to the peak, namely the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, Paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

Who may enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God?

Isaiah 54:5

54:5. For your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.

Only the Israelites, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are worthy to become God's bride and enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God.

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;

But, a part of the Israelites has rejected Jesus, so there are opportunity and mercy for the Gentiles to be saved and perfected, so they can become God's bride.

Thus, all Israel or the church of God--the Israelites and the Gentiles--can be saved and perfected to become God's bride who is worthy to enter the marriage supper of the Lamb of God, Paradise, and the New Jerusalem.

[Isaiah 54:5] The Holy One of Israel becomes the God of the whole earth. Jesus is the God of the whole earth, so we can minister and pray to Him with every tongue until we become His perfect bride or one perfect body of Christ who is worthy to greet Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds by saying: *'Alleluia!'*

The heavenly bliss is offered, starting from the world through the things as follows:

1. The Bride Tidings in the light of the Tabernacle.
2. The worship.
3. The death of Jesus on the cross. We celebrate it as the Good Friday.

The functions of the death of Jesus on the cross for the Gentiles are as follows:

1. **God's mercy to give the blood and water.**

John 19:31-34

19:31. Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.

19:32. Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.

19:33. But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.

19:34. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

Jesus had died with the four major injuries, namely two in the hands and two in the feet to save the Israelites who were lost. Jesus had died, so His bones were not broken. But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. It is God's mercy for the Gentiles.

If Jesus had not died, there would have been no blood and water for the Gentiles, but His bone would have been broken, so

the Gentiles would have been like a woman of Samaria or Canaan who was cursed as well as in labor, heavy burden, and toil up to perdition.

So, the death of Jesus is the miracle for the Gentiles.

Mark 15:42-44

15:42. Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath,

15:43. Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

15:44. Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time.

'Pilate marveled' refers to a miracle.

The lesson for the Gentiles is that our life and death are God's miracle in our life. God knows better than us. God gives the best things for us.

Celebrating the Good Friday, the Gentiles must receive the blood and water from Jesus' side.

- The blood refers to the Altar of Burnt Offerings, namely we believe in Jesus and repent or stop sinning and return to God--being dead to sin.

Revelation 21:8

21:8. "But the cowardly⁽¹⁾, unbelieving⁽²⁾, abominable⁽³⁾, murderers⁽⁴⁾, sexually immoral⁽⁵⁾, sorcerers⁽⁶⁾, idolaters⁽⁷⁾, and all liars⁽⁸⁾ shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

We repent from the eight sins that make us cursed and destroyed.

- The water refers to the Brazen Laver, namely water baptism. Being dead to the eight sins is the same as being the eight souls who entered Noah's ark and became saved. It means entering the true water baptism. The true water baptism means that one who has died to sin or repented must be buried in the water with Jesus and come out or rise from water with Him to receive new life or the heavenly one, namely life in righteousness or living by faith.

Galatians 3:7,9

3:7. Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.

3:9. So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.

We are set free from the curse of sin, so the blessing of Abraham comes to our descendants.

Psalms 37:25-26

37:25. I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread.

37:26. He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.

We are blessed up to our descendants and becoming blessing to the others.

2. God's mercy to give the Gentiles crumbs.

Matthew 15:22-27

15:22. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."

15:23. But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us."

15:24. But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

15:25. Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!"

15:26. But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."

15:27. And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

The crumbs refer to the revelation of the Word of God or the true teaching Word.

The crumbs refer to the Holy Communion or Christ's sacrifice.

Before eating the crumbs, how great the Gentiles with the money, intelligence, and position, they are like a dog which licks vomit, namely the idle words.

The idle words refer to lying, gossiping, slandering, and blaspheming.

The Gentiles experience the destruction in marriage and children, tears that is like in the hell. They are also demon-possessed. It means being in the hand of Satan.

Revelation 5:4-6

5:4. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

5:5. But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

5:6. And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Celebrating the Good Friday, we must change our weep because of problem, temptation, *et cetera* to the weep for receiving the revelation of the Word of God and Holy Communion that are able to stop all tears until there are no more tears.

The Gentiles must receive God's mercy, so they can enjoy the true teaching Word and Holy Communion as well as hear and obey the Word earnestly, so the dog which licks vomit can be lifted up to become the sheep which is shepherded by God. We are always in the hand of God, the Chief Shepherd.

John 10:27-28

10:27. "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

10:28. "And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

As a result, the hand of the Chief Shepherd gives the guarantee of certainty for protection and preservation in the world until the Antichrist reigns over the world for three and a half years.

He also gives the guarantee of living in serenity and peace, so all things become easy, and light and the guarantee of certainty for eternal life.

3. God's mercy to give Holy Spirit for the Gentiles.

John 16:7

16:7. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

Without Holy Spirit, the Gentiles are like the woman of Samaria, no matter how great they are.

John 4:15

4:15. The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

The condition is in thirstiness. It means that one does not experience satisfaction, so he never gives thanks to God but grumbles and gossips.

John 4:9

4:9. Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

He is in bitterness namely envy, revenge, and hatred without a cause, so his life is bitter.

He is also in uncleanness, namely sin of eating-drinking, fornication, pornography, false marriage, infidelity, quarrel, violence in marriage, *et cetera*.

Celebrating the Good Friday, the Gentiles must humble their life as low as they can under the foot of the cross. It means bearing the cross, namely confessing sin. Do not sin anymore after being forgiven!

We willingly experience the sprinkling of blood or suffering in the flesh because of Jesus, and Holy Spirit will be poured out to us.

The results are as follows:

- Holy Spirit is able to renew us from the fleshly men to the spiritual ones like Jesus.

Titus 3:5

3:5. not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

We can become strong and of good courage.

Ephesians 3:16

3:16. that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

We do not get disappointed and desperate as well as leave God in facing anything. We keep experiencing peace, serenity, and the heavenly bliss. We always minister to God faithfully and fervently. We trust, hope, and worship God.

We keep living in holiness. We do not commit sin anymore.

- Holy Spirit does the miracles.

Zechariah 4:6-9

4:6. So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts.

4:7. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'"

4:8. Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying:

4:9. "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

Holy Spirit makes the mountain of sins a plain. Holy Spirit helps us, so we are set free from sins up the peak, and we live in holiness. As a result, we are equipped with the ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit to be used in the ministry of the building of the body of Christ.

All of impossible problems are finished by Holy Spirit. All things become beautiful and successful in due time.

God blesses us.