

Good Friday Service in Malang, March 30, 2018 (Friday Morning)

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

Revelation 7:1-8 is about ones who are sealed or the core of the heavenly bride, the perfect church, or the perfect body of Christ.

Revelation 7:2-3

7:2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea,

7:3 saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

The heavenly bride refers to ones who receive the seal of God on their foreheads. They become the possession of God which cannot be charged against by anything.

Commemorating the Good Friday or the death of Jesus relates to receiving the seal of God.

Matthew 27:66

27:66 So they went and made the tomb secure, sealing the stone and setting the guard.

After Jesus' death and burial, the guard sealed the tomb to prove that Jesus truly died and did not rise or He was only an ordinary man; even a deceiver. Nevertheless, as for Jesus, His tomb was sealed by the guard to prove that He truly died and rose and none could hinder. Thus, the tomb of Jesus was sealed to prove that His death and resurrection are to give the seal of God on our forehead or the one of the perfect church or bride of God.

Thus, commemorating the Good Friday means that we can receive the seal of God on our forehead by the death of Jesus.

There are two kinds of God's seal we can receive through the death of Jesus as follows.

1. The seal of Jesus' blood.

Exodus 13:13,16

13:13 "But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

13:16 "It shall be as a sign on your hand and as frontlets between your eyes, for by strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt."

Actually, Jesus had poured His blood and died on the cross to redeem the house of Israel only, but a part of them rejected Him, so the opportunity and mercy of God are opened for the Gentiles or all of us to receive the seal of Jesus' blood. The Gentiles are described as the donkey.

Judges 15:16

15:16 Then Samson said: "With the jawbone of a donkey, Heaps upon heaps, With the jawbone of a donkey I have slain a thousand men!"

There are two possibilities about the donkey as follows.

- It might be alive if there was the redemption by the blood of the lamb. Now, it means that the Gentiles can be alive up to the eternal life if there is the redemption by the blood of Jesus.
- The neck had to be broken if there was no redemption by the blood of the lamb. Now, it means that the Gentiles must be dead to perish forever if there is no redemption by the blood of Jesus.

Thus, how great the Gentiles are, they are useless and will only perish forever if they have no redemption of the blood of Jesus. All great things in the world such as intelligence, riches, position, and the service and ministry to God are useless without the redemption or the seal of the blood of Jesus.

The requirements to receive the seal of Jesus' blood are as follows.

- Having faith in Jesus as the only Savior through hearing the Word of Christ or the one in the anointing of Holy Spirit, understanding, believing, and obeying it. It means that the Word becomes faith in our heart or it is engraved in our

heart.

- The heart believes and the mouth confesses.

We can honestly confess our sins to God (vertical) and other people (horizontal). As a result, the blood of Jesus forgives our sins. We do not repeat the sins after being forgiven. We are set free from sins. At that time, we receive the seal of Jesus' blood on our forehead and hands.

1 Corinthians 5:7-8, 11

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.

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.

Keeping the sins which bind the body, soul, and spirit, one cannot be in the one body of Christ. Therefore, we must experience the deliverance from sins, beginning from the six sins which bind the body, soul, and spirit or the ones which are ingrained in life as follows.

- The sins binding the body, namely the sexually immoral or fornication, sexual deviation, and wrong marriage as well as the drunkard or the sins concerning eating-drinking, smoking, getting drunk, drugs abuse, and so on. Commemorating the death of Jesus, let us be set free from the sins binding the body and we will get the seal of God on our hands.
- The sins binding the soul or mind, namely the covetous or stinginess (one cannot give to God and other people who are in need) and greediness (stealing the possession of others and God), the reviler or blaming the righteous and justifying the false, and the extortioner or lie. If we are set free from the seal of sin, the one of God will be on our forehead.
- The sin binding the spirit the idolater. Idol refers to all things in the world which are prioritized more than God or the service and ministry to Him. Being set free from the seal of the idolatry, we will have the seal of God in our heart.

We receive the seal of God on our forehead, hand, and heart.

The results are as follows[1 Corinthians 5:8].

- If we receive the seal of God on our forehead, heart, and hands, we will be able to live in sincerity and truth. We can hold fast to one true teaching Word or the Bible and live in righteousness and holiness up to the depth of our heart. We do not sin anymore. Our whole life is surrounded by the fence of the sincerity and truth. Going out of the fence of sincerity and truth is the same as death and there is no joy.
- Being surrounded by the fence of the sincerity and truth, we get the blessings and mercy of God. We are blessed and joyful up to our descendants.

Psalms 5:12

5:12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

- We become the possession of God none may charge against.

Proverbs 12:26

12:26 The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray.

The righteous must be able to be shepherded well and correctly to the true teaching Word, the True Vine, or Jesus through the perseverance in doing the three main services to God in the shepherding pen.

In the shepherding pen, our body, soul, and spirit attach to the Trinity of God, so the trinity of Satan cannot touch us. We cannot fall in sins up to the peak. We do not become like the onager, but the sheep of God. We cannot be deceived to be the onager, but keep on being the shepherded sheep of God until we can say "I shall not want".

2. The seal of Jesus' name.

Exodus 28:36-38

28:36 " You shall also make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO THE LORD.

28:37 "And you shall put it on a blue cord, that it may be on the turban; it shall be on the front of the turban.

28:38 "So it shall be on Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall always be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

Philippians 2:8-9

2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

2:9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

Jesus was obedient until He died to receive the seal and give the seal of His name on our forehead.

By the seal of the name of Jesus, we are appointed to become:

- The priests and kings. It refers to being a holy person who bears the ministry or serves and ministers to God according to the ministry He has entrusted in faithfulness and righteousness.
- The perfect bride of God or His possession forever.

Revelation 7:4-8

7:4 And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

7:5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;

7:6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;

7:7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;

7:8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.

Revelation 14:1-5

14:1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

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.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

The requirement to receive the seal of Jesus on the forehead is obedience to the true teaching Word until the flesh does not speak anymore.

1 Peter 1:22

1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

The results of being obedient to the true teaching Word are as follows.

- We are sanctified. It begins from our forehead or mind and remembrance. It is so important. The proofs are as follows.

a. Exodus 32:1-4

32:1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

32:2 And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."

32:3 "So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

32:4 And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a

molded calf. Then they said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

Jeremiah 46:14-15

46:14 "Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in Migdol; Proclaim in Noph and in Tahpanhes; Say, 'Stand fast and prepare yourselves, For the sword devours all around you.'

46:15 Why are your valiant men swept away? They did not stand Because the LORD drove them away.

- b. The house of Israel always remembered the idol of the Egyptians, namely the calf, so they made the golden one when they were in distress.

It is the same as the service and ministry that gather together to Aaron. Such service and ministry only prioritize the physical things such as human, artist, finance, prosperity, and entertainment, so there are no priority to Jesus or the true teaching Word and the renewal of life. One keeps on being the man of blood and flesh with the eighteen characteristics of the flesh.

Thus, the service and ministry up to our whole life must prioritize the true teaching Word, so we get the sanctification to our remembrance or forehead until we always prioritize or remember God.

c. **Philippians 3:13-14**

3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

3:14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

- d. Paul underwent the sanctification to his remembrance, so he could forget the sins up to the peak he had done as well as his prides. We can always remember God. He uses us to be the priests or ministers in the ministry for edifying the perfect body of Christ.

Thus, we will always remember God if our remembrance is sanctified.

- We can love other people as we love ourselves; even we can love our enemy or repay good for evil.

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After we are sanctified on our forehead, we will always remember God and other people. It is the same as always remembering the cross or the death of Jesus.

If we have remembered God, other people, and the cross, God will always remember us. He never forgets us who are powerless. He will always struggle for us until crying out "It is finished".

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

8:6 THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.

8:7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love All the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

One who is sealed by God is like a baby in the carrying of His hands.

- The great merciful hands of God are able to preserve and protect us who are powerless in the midst of difficulties in the world up to the time when the antichrist reigns over the world; even until we have the eternal life.
- The hands which are as strong as the death are able to do whatever we cannot do and think. The impossible things become possible. We have the beautiful and successful future life.
- The hands which are as strong as the death are able to sanctify and change us until we are perfect and able to welcome Jesus' second coming on the glorious clouds by shouting for joy "Alleluia".

God blesses you.