Prayer Service in Malang, December 02, 2021 (Thursday Evening)

To Coincide with Fasting Prayer Service Session III

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

Revelation 14 is about the seven sprinklings of blood in front of the Ark of Covenant. It refers to the suffering in the flesh of the church together with Jesus as the last sanctification for reaching the quality of being flawless or perfect.

Revelation 14 can be divided into three parts as follows:

- 1. Verse 1-5 = the church's following Jesus as the Lamb of God (it is explained from *General Service in Malang, August 15, 2021*to *Prayer Service in Malang, October 14, 2021*).
- 2. Verse 6-13 = the notice about the judgment (it is explained in General Service in Malang, October 17, 2021)
- 3. Verse 14-20 = the reaping on the earth.

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Revelation 14:12-13

14:12. Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.
14:13. Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' "
"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Blessed are the ones who die in the Lord.

Who are those who die in Jesus?

- 1. The ones who have lived in Jesus for all his life (it is explained in General Service in Malang, November 28, 2021).
- 2. The ones who get the experience of death with Jesus in his life and willingly suffer with Him (it is explained in *Bible Study Service in Malang, November 30, 2021*).

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Why must we bear the cross with Jesus? We must bear the cross with Jesus so that we do not rely on ourselves (it is explained in *Bible Study Service in Malang, November 30, 2021*).

Tonight we learn that we must bear the cross in order to experience the renewal of life from fleshly man to the spiritual one like Jesus.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

4:16. Therefore we <u>do not lose heart</u>. Even though our outward man is perishing, <u>yet the inward man is being renewed</u>day by day. 4:17. For <u>our light affliction</u>, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of <u>glory</u>,

The suffering we experience right now is light and is for a moment compared to the eternal glory we will receive.

'do not lose heart' = the renewal starts from the hardness of heart or being easily disappointed to the gentle heart or being not disappointed.

There are three places where we are easily disappointed or losing heart as follows:

1. In the marriage.

Colossians 3:21

3:21. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

We need love in marriage life. The hardness of heart means having no love. Getting married without love means as follows:

- o Husband is rude to wife.
- o Wife does not obey husband.
- $\circ\;$ Children are not obedient to their parents.
- o Parents make children become discouraged. It happens when parents force their will that is not according to the

Word to them or let the children follow the will that is contrary to the Word.

The consequences are as follows:

- The marriage never becomes one, but it is scattered even though living in one house.
- Without love, everything is in vain and suffering. It means living in this world but having the atmosphere of hell.
- We can neither be perfect and nor enter the marriage supper of the Lamb. It means being destroyed forever.

Therefore, we must bear the cross, one of which is through fasting prayer. We experience the renewal from the hardness of heart to the gentle heart that is full of love, so we can love one another in marriage. Love will make the marriage happy and one up to perfection, namely reaching the marriage supper of the Lamb. It means that we can enter the Paradise and New Jerusalem.

2. In the service and ministry to God.

2 Corinthians 4:1

4:1. Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

It is the same as losing God's mercy or losing everything.

Especially for us the Gentiles, we must remember that becoming the priests and kings is all because of the grace and mercy of God through His sacrifice on the cross. The price of our priesthood is the blood of Jesus which cannot be replaced by anything.

When we lose heart, the consequences are as follows:

- o Being unfaithful until leaving the service and ministry to God.
- Losing the full right to enter the kingdom of Heaven.

2 Peter 1:10-11

1:10. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

1:11. for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore, through fasting prayer, we experience the renewal from the hardness of heart to the gentle heart that always cherishes the mercy of God. So, the results are as follows:

- We are faithful and fervent in spirit in the service and ministry to God up to the end line.
- We labor more abundantly to be more faithful to God.

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

15:9. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

15:10. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but <u>I labored more abundantly</u>than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

2 Peter 1:10

1:10. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;

As the result, we have the full right to enter the kingdom of Heaven forever.

3. In the temptation.

Proverbs 24:10

24:10. If you faintin the day of adversity, your strength is small.

The consequence is losing strength or being without the Holy Spirit. There is no power to face sins, the period of prepersecution and the time of the persecution of the antichrist. This kind of life becomes discouraged like the salt that loses its flavor.

Matthew 5:13

5:13. "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but

to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

By being unsalted salt, the consequences are follows:

- Having no power to give salty flavor.
- o Cannot become the testifier but the stumbling block.
- Having no power to detain / resist rottenness.
- Being useless, only being trampled, and surely worshipping the antichrist, so they become the same as the antichrist who will be destroyed forever.

Their lives are not happy.

Therefore, through the fasting prayer, we bear the cross to experience the renewal from the hardness of heart to the gentle one that is full of the Holy Spirit. This is the incredible power of God.

The usefulness of the Holy Spirit are as follows:

• The Holy Spirit is the same as the east wind that could divide the waters.

Exodus 14:21

14:21. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong <u>east</u> windall that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

For us now, it means as follows:

- a. The dead can be made alive or there is miraculous preservation from God to us who are little and helpless up to the era when the Antichrist rules over the world, until the eternal life.
- b. Every impossible problem is resolved.
- c. There is successful and beautiful future ahead. At that time, the Israelites were hopeless. But, when the Holy Spirit blew, there was hope. We only need to wait for His time.
- The Holy Spirit is like the water that gives us satisfaction from Heaven.
 The Samaritan woman asked for living water to Jesus. She had committed divorce-remarrying five times.

Without Holy Spirit, the Gentiles will never be satisfied in marriage and surely lead to wrong marriage, infidelity, mixed-marriage, divorce-remarrying, and marrying-being given in marriage.

When there is Holy Spirit, we will be the testifier like the salty salt that gives delicious flavor, up to worshiping God. We do not need to seek more satisfaction in the world that makes us fall in sins up to the peak. The satisfaction of the world also does not need to be used in church.

o The Holy Spirit is like the fire that has power.

Romans 15:16

15:16. that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, <u>sanctified by the Holy Spirit</u>.

The fire of Holy Spirit sanctifies and renews the Gentiles from the hardness of heard to the gentle one, namely the strong and courageous heart.

It means that we are not disappointed and do not lose heart or commit sins, but keep believing and hoping to God.

By being strong and of good courage, the results are as follows:

- a. We are used by God in the edification of the perfect body of Christ.
- b. We have strong heart to wait on His second coming.

Psalms 27:14

27:14. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!

When Jesus comes a second time, the life that had experienced the renewal and died will be risen in the body of glory. If he lives until Jesus comes, he will be renewed in the body of glory.

Both will be united as one perfect body of Christ to be worthy of welcoming His second coming. We will enter

the Paradise and New Jerusalem forever.

God blesses us.