

Youth Service in Malang, April 02, 2011 (Saturday Evening)

ad. 7. The Crucifixion Misery about His Funeral/His Burial.

Mark 15:42-45

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.

15:45 So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.

Why must the body of Jesus lowered at that night for being buried?

1. Because the bodies of the crucified people are the corpses of the cursed people, so they should not remain overnight because it defiles the Promised Land.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23

21:22 "If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree,

21:23 "his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you [as] an inheritance; for he who is hanged [is] accursed of God."

2. Because the corpses of the cursed people should not be hung on the cross on the Sabbath.

John 19:31a

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),

In spiritual meaning, night means the end of ages and the Sabbath means rest.

In Bible, there are 3 kinds of the Sabbath rest:

- The Small Sabbath = Rest in the Holy Spirit.
- The Large Sabbath = Rest in the kingdom of peace a thousand years, the new Firdaus will come.
- The Eternal Sabbath = Rest in the New Jerusalem, the Eternal Heavenly Kingdom forever.

There should be no bodies hanging on the cross in the night and in the Sabbath day, that means if we want to get rest (3 kinds of Sabbath), there will be no curse in our life.

People who had sins/curses will not get rest in their life.

The causes of the curse are:

1. Being disobedient to the God's command, to the priest/shepherd (spiritual parents) and to their parents.

Deuteronomy 28:15

28:15 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

2. Being unfaithful and not fervent in spirit in serving and ministering God, even rejecting the purification of the sword of The Word (maintaining to live in sins).

Jeremiah 48:10

48:10 Cursed [is] he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully, And cursed [is] he who keeps back his sword from blood.

All human beings have sinned, but we should not reject the purification.

3. Not returning the tithes and special offerings.

Malachi 3:8-9

3:8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings.

3:9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, [Even] this whole nation.

The Tithes = the confession for the blessings that God has given to us.

The base of the tithes is righteousness (tenth).

People who do not give the tithes mean they never get the blessing, they live in curses.

The special offering = the thanksgiving for the blessing that has given to us.

The base of special offering is willingness.

The way out from being cursed are by having the Holy Spirit in our life.

Galatians 3:13-14

3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed [is] everyone who hangs on a tree"),

3:14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The function of Holy Spirit is as follows:

1. The Holy Spirit will change ur heart to become in peace.

The peaceful heart is the strong foundation to be able to receive the blessing of Abraham physically up to our descendants, and we become blessing for other people.

2. The Holy Spirit changes our life to become obedient and faithful to God, the shepherd as the spiritual parents, also the physical parents.

Romans 8:15

8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

If we are being obedient and faithful, we will experience success in God (**Being obedient is the beginning of success**).

3. The Holy Spirit helps us to be able to pray and worship.

Romans 8:26-28

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.

8:27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit [is], because He makes intercession for the saints according to [the will of] God..

8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to [His] purpose.

God blesses us.