

Youth Service in Malang, April 09, 2011 (Saturday Evening)

ad. 7. Mark 15:42-47, the Crucifixion misery about 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.

Jesus was buried to prove 3 things as follows:

1. Jesus has finished the duty that was given by God to become the sin redeemer/the reconciliation offering.
2. Jesus was really dead, means He is really human that has been born and died in this world.
3. Jesus was the poorest person in the world (He was born in a sheepfold that was not of his, He ministered in places that was not of his, and He was buried in the grave that was not of his).

The only thing that Jesus has in this world is the cross. This cross will be inherited to us.

Joseph of Arimathea was willing to ask for the body of Jesus, he was willing to follow the cross; he had the death experience with Jesus. Joseph of Arimathea was rich, reputable, and intelligent (the council member). We are supposed to be willing to have the death experience with Jesus.

Acts 5:41

5:41 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.

If we are willing to have the death experience with Jesus, it is the mercy of God. Not all people are considered worthy to suffer for His name.

The practices of death experience with Jesus are:

1. Suffering in the flesh for being dead to sins and living in righteousness.

I Peter 2:21-24

2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

2:22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

2:23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed [Himself] to Him who judges righteously;

2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness by whose stripes you were healed.

Do not want to sin until someday when we cannot commit sin.

The death experience: Not returning evil for evil.

2. Becoming a life that is shepherded in the true teaching Word.

I Peter 2:25

2:25 For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

In shepherding, our flesh is blocked and killed off, so our life will be in the merciful hand of the great Shepherd.

The results of living in the Merciful hand of God are:

- Capable to redeem our life from flood spiritually (the sins increasingly peaked).

Genesis 6:7

6:7 So the LORD said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."

The flood also refers to temptations, even the impossible problems up to the days of antichrist reigning over the world. The merciful hand of God is also capable to redeem us from punishment.

- Capable to make everything good in our life, make everything beautiful, and create the best future for our life.

II Samuel 15:25-26

15:25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me back and show me [both] it and His dwelling place.

15:26 "But if He says thus: 'I have no delight in you,' here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him."

- To prepare us for welcoming Jesus' second coming.

Revelation 22:20-21

22:20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ [be] with you all. Amen.

To prepare means to sanctify and to change our life to become perfect that begins with being obedient to God.

God blesses us.