

Youth Service in Malang, August 31, 2013 (Saturday Evening)

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

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The fisherman is one of professions in the world to fulfill daily necessities of life.

The fisher of men is a servant of God, minister of God, or the priests and kings.

I Peter 2:9-10

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2:10. *who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

God calls and chooses the gentiles to become the priests and kings which mean the holy men who minister and serve God.

Exodus 19:6

19:6. *'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."*

Actually, the priests and kings come from Israel and his descendants. Genetically, **we as the gentiles may not and cannot become the priests and kings**. Therefore, **God open the way of mercy** that is worth Christ's offering to call and choose the gentiles to become the priest and king.

So, the price of calling and choosing of the Gentiles is the blood of Jesus that cannot be paid or changed by anything in the world.

The process to be priest and king is as follows:

1. Being called.

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The gentiles are called out of darkness of sin into marvelous light.

It means we are released from sin, justified and saved.

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 has died with four main wounds (two at the hands and two at the feet) to call the Israel to be saved.

The fifth Jesus' wound at His side is the biggest and deepest wound to call the gentiles out of darkness of sin to be justified and saved.

So, the gentiles who receive calling from God to be justified must receive **the sign of blood and water** which come out of Jesus' side.

Receiving the sign of blood and water refers to the court of Tabernacle.

The sign of blood refers to the Altar of Burnt Offerings. It means to believe in Jesus and repent, stop doing sin and back to God.

I Corinthians 5:11

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 extortionerâ"â"not even to eat with such a person.

We must be released from six sins, those are: sexually immorality, covetousness, idolatry, reviling, drunkenness, and extortion.

Covetousness is being afraid to give, such as giving time for God, there are lots of computation.

Drunkenness includes smoking, getting drunk and drugs abuse.

The sign of water refers to the Brazen Laver which means water baptism.

It means life that has already been dead from sin is buried with Jesus in the water and raised to live in new life.

Proverbs 12:3

12:3. *A man is not established by wickedness, But the root of the righteous cannot be moved.*

If we live in righteousness, we have the root that cannot be moved, we can endure against anything, temptation, and sins. We stay safe and are blessed by God.

2. Being chosen.

Being chosen means being purified.

We are purified in the Holy Place of Tabernacle.

There are three tools in the Holy Place that refer to perseverance in three kinds of main service as follows:

- The golden candlestick= perseverance in committing general service. It is fellowship with God the Holy Spirit in the anointing and gifts.
- The table of showbread= perseverance in committing bible study service.
It is fellowship with the Son of God and Christ's sacrifice.
- The golden altar of incense= perseverance in committing prayer service.
It is fellowship with God the Father in His love.

By perseverance in the sheepfold, our body, soul and spirit minister to God the Trinity that we abide in Him like branch that abides in true Vine.

John 15:3

15:3. *"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*

John 13:10-11

13:10. *Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you."*

13:11. *For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."*

Shepherded life that abides in the true Vine will experience intensive purification from sins of Judas as follows:

- The thief.
It means stealing God's, namely the tithes and special offerings.
- The betrayer.
It means being unfaithful in ministry.
- The liar.
Judas said, "Lord, is it I?" which means he points to another eleven disciples.

The liar also means to like to judge others.

We experience purification from Peter's sin also, namely denying God.

Denying God can happen through word or deed.

Being chosen by God means we have the good branch. No longer, there will be sweet fruits, heavenly bliss in our lives, and our life is laid out neatly by God. The sweet fruits can be given to others by testifying.

3. Being appointed.

Mark 3:13-14

3:13. And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him.

3:14. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach,

Ephessians 4:11-12

4:11. And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

4:12. for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Being appointed means we are equipped with ministry and the gifts of Holy Spirit.

Our attitude to ministry must be faithful and fervent in spirit.

II Timothy 1:6

1:6. Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

Hebrews 1:7

1:7. And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire."

Daniel 7:9

7:9. "I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels a burning fire;

The minister of God who is holy and fervent is like flame of fire. The throne of God is also like fiery flame.

So, **the minister of God who is holy and fervent is the throne of God**. When we serve to God, we become the throne of God.

The results are as follows:

- The power of God's train of robe shades our life in the midst of difficulties and impossibilities. The train of robe shades our life, it always warms us, and we are not spiritually lukewarm but fervent in ministry to God.

Isaiah 6:1

6:1. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

- The power of the train of robe can perform miracle.

Mark 5:25-29

5:25. Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years,

5:26. and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse.

5:27. When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment.

5:28. For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well."

5:29. Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction.

Physical miracle: healing all diseases and finishing impossible things.

Spiritual miracle: we experience life renewal from flesh men to spiritual ones like Jesus, starting from not being selfish, not keeping our own will, fear and worry.

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If we disobey God, we break relationship with Him and others, there are cleavage and decay.

I Peter 5:5-6

5:5. Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

5:6. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

If we are obedient, God will exalt us in His time, we are lifted up from failure to success.
We are exalted and changed up to being perfect like Jesus and lifted up until we are with God.

God blesses us.