

Youth Service in Malang, November 19, 2016 (Saturday Evening)

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

Luke 10:25-29

10:25. And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

10:26. He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"

10:27. So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"

10:28. And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

10:29. But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

The scribe is the servant of God who knows a lot of the words of God or the true teaching word, but he does not practice it, so it just becomes knowledge like mathematic, *et cetera*. The word of God is only in his mind, so it does not become faith and it cannot be practiced.

The signs are as follows:

1. **Tempting Jesus**, not loving Him.

It is the same as criticizing or discussing the word, namely debating and contending one another, as well as overthrowing one another, not building.

2. **Justifying himself**. It means he does not want to receive the truth of the word of God. He also does not want to confess his sin/mistake, but covers it by blaming others and God (the true teaching word).

Consequently, he is **without the love of God**, so he cannot achieve eternal life.

The word of God (the true teaching word) must not be known only, but it has to become understanding until we practice it in our daily life.

The process is as follows:

1. Hearing the true teaching word earnestly in the anointing of Holy Spirit.
2. Holy Spirit helps us to understand the word (the word becomes understanding).
3. Holy Spirit helps us to believe the word, so it becomes faith in our heart.
4. Holy Spirit helps us to do the word.

As a result, we **receive the love of God** or two tablets of stone.

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The proof that we have the love of God or two tablets of stone is as follows:

1. We can love or prioritize God or ministry to God more than anything in this world.
2. We can love others as we love ourselves.

Romans 13:8

13:8. Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

It is the same as we owe nothing to others, especially sin debt (being unjust or harming others). Even we can love our enemy, namely not repaying evil for evil, but repaying good for evil.

If we have the love of God or two tablets of stone, **the results** are as follows:

1. The love of God through Christ's sacrifice is able to take care of our life in the midst of difficulties in the world and give beautiful and successful future up to eternal life.

Romans 8:32

8:32. He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

2. The love of God is able to destroy the golden calf.

Exodus 32:18-20

32:18. *But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, But the sound of singing I hear."*

32:19. *So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.*

32:20. *Then he took the calf which they had made, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder; and he scattered it on the water and made the children of Israel drink it.*

It means as follows:

- a. The love of God is able to give victory over the sins up to the peak, namely sin of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse), and marrying-giving in marriage, so we can live in righteousness and holiness.
- b. Defeating impossible problems because of the love of God makes a war for us like David defeating Goliath.
- c. Defeating lukewarmness (not being victorious nor defeated= being neither cold nor hot).

Revelation 3:15-16

3:15. *"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.*

3:16. *"So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*

Being lukewarm means one is like vomit, disgusting, and unclean. Consequently, he will be cast out by God.

Not being cold= one has no peace, but wickedness, uncleanness, bitterness, anxiety, and fearfulness.

Not being hot= one does not minister faithfully and fervently.

The love of God is able to give us peace. We can minister faithfully and fervently. Our life pleases God and He will please us too. Our life becomes easy and light.

3. The love of God makes the skin of Moses' face shine.

Exodus 34:29

34:29. *Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shonewhile he talked with Him.*

It means the love of God renews us as follows:

- a. The renewing from hard heart to tender one.

Exodus 32:9, 7

32:9. *And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people!"*

32:7. *And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves."*

Being hard hearted means that one corrupts himself or does corrupted deed.

It starts from marriage, namely a child is against the parents, wife does not submit to her husband, *et cetera*. Evil company makes us unfaithful in the ministry.

Proverbs 6:32

6:32. *Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul.*

He also destroys himself through evil and unclean sin, namely the one of eating-drinking (smoking, getting drunk, and drugs abuse).

Proverbs 21:23

21:23. *Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles.*

He also destroys himself though the mouth, namely lying, *et cetera*.

- b. The renewing of doubtful heart.

Matthew 14:28-32

14:28. *And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."*

14:29. *So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.*

14:30. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

14:31. And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

14:32. And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

In the end of days, we face wind and waves in the sea of the world in the form of temptation, false teaching, evil company, *et cetera*, which make the faith doubtful and weak to make one depart from the faith, up to drowning in the sea of the world and the lake of fire and brimstone (the hell).

Peter is the great servant of God (he can walk on the water), but he begins to sink because he depends on his own power, feeling, and logic, so he doubts and begins to sink.

God allows us to experience the drowning, so we can stretch out our hands to Him. We totally depend on God again. We can cry to God. We can totally trust and commit ourselves to God and He will stretch out His hands of mercy to lift and help us from physical and spiritual decadence.

We are changed little by little until perfect when Jesus comes a second time. We are lifted up on the glorious clouds. We are with God forever.

God blesses us.