READY TO BE PURIFIED TO WELCOME ITS RETURN

"Therefore, I advise you to buy from me gold purified in fire so you may be rich, white clothes to wear so your shameful nakedness won't show, and ointment to put on your eyes so you may see." (Revelation 3:18 ISV)

First of all, my wife and I wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025. Our prayer and hope is that in 2025 we will be more ready to welcome the return of Christ. God's vision for 2025 is that we will be filled with the glory of God, where the results of the purification will produce a golden person as God desires (Revelation 3:18). In the Old Testament there is a story about a human statue seen by King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 2:31-35). This human statue consists of several elements, namely gold, silver, copper, iron and clay. This statue can also describe Christians whose lives are not pure or mixed. True Christianity should not be mixed. For that, to get something pure like gold only through purification. We as Christ's people must be willing to be purified so that we appear like gold. Do not be like the spirit of bronze, namely the spirit of Alexander the coppersmith as written in 2 Timothy 4:14. Christianity like the spirit of bronze will automatically come out and cannot withstand God's refinement, just like Alexander who left God. Let us prepare, tell our families and congregations, so that we become golden people, namely men filled with the glory of God. Those who do not want to be refined will be thrown out. Note that the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar saw was a human statue. God gave an understanding of what God is doing and will do for His church in this end time. As for the statue, its head was of fine gold, its chest and arms were of silver, its belly and waist were of bronze, while its legs were of iron with its feet partly of iron and partly of clay (Daniel 2:32-33). Jesus is the Head and we the church are His body. The head of the statue is made of gold and that is Jesus as the Head of the Church. The body is the Church/People who have been redeemed. While in the human statue, from the neck, shoulders and both hands are made of silver. Then the stomach to the waist is made of bronze and finally from the waist to the two feet is made of iron mixed with clay. That's why it doesn't fit! If the church is not ready, it will not be able to unite, gold (Head) with silver, bronze, iron and clay (body). There is no other way. If we or the Body want to unite with the Head (Jesus) we must be transformed and must be purified. Where does the material come from? Because in the element of the Body there is no gold, then the answer is from the Head which is made of gold. The gold will be heated and purified by fire (Revelation 3:18). Jesus as the Head of the Church/Head of His Body has been born, crucified, died, buried and risen. The Lord Jesus Himself will purify His church, which is His Body, Praise God! What the Word of God says through David is a reality, that the Head is Jesus who melts Himself like gold that flows down and flows throughout His body. "Like the precious oil on the head, melting down on Aaron's beard and down the collar of his robe. Like the dew of Mount Hermon that descends on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord commanded the blessing, life forevermore" (Psalm 133:2-3). Let us be ready to be transformed and purified! Remember that the second coming of Christ will happen suddenly, so we must always be ready to welcome the coming of Christ! May the Lord Jesus bless you throughout the year 2025, Amen!

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