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THE DEITY OF CHRIST-1

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The Bible leaves no doubt about the answer to the question "Who is Jesus Christ?". It declares in many places that Christ is GOD in the most absolute and infinite sense of that word. One should not only know that the Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is God, but he should be able to prove it.

A. The Attributes of Christ Prove that He is God

Paul says of Christ, "... in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (Col. 2:9). How much stronger can language be? The apostle here indicated that everything that can be said about God, all His

attributes and power, are also true of Jesus Christ. These perfections have their significance in that they are peculiar to God and absent in all others, then it must be evident at once that if Christ possessed the attributes of God, He could be nothing less than God!

1. Omniscience

In Colossians 2: 3 Paul says of Christ, "In whom (in Christ) are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." (John 1:48; 2: 24,25; 4:50; 11:4; Mark 2: 6-8). Consider these facts: Jesus Christ was never confused, never surprised, never mistaken, knew both the past and the future without having to be told and taught from a

treasury of knowledge that was inexhaustible.

2. Omnipotence

Jesus Christ displayed all power over sickness, death and nature while here on earth. John's Gospel was built around seven of Christ's miracles, and they are the sufficient proof of His omnipotence (See John 20:30,31). The One who created everything with His omnipotence controls everything with the same power (John 1:3; Heb. 1:3). Jesus Christ also claimed that He is Sovereign and Omnipotent (Matthew 28:18; Rev. 1:8).

3. Omnipresence

Jesus claimed omnipresence when talking to Nicodemus

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AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW

Samuel Abraham

All the car companies will make a model car before doing the mass production. In the same way all products are pioneered by a model. These models have to undergo series of tests. It should be trouble free. The producers will keep the quality in the models. And it should be a perfect model in all respects. The producers will keep these models as valuable assets.

This is a real fact in the Christian field also. There is only one spotless model in the human history. That is our Lord Jesus Christ

who was a perfect example in every corner. A heavenly model in which nobody can find a fault with it. So God made him a public spectacle. For the last 2000 years He is the public model for the world. He is the model of the models and a model for every thing. After washing the feet of the disciples He said 'I give an example'. Apostle Peter said 'He gave an example to follow His footsteps and to bare the difficulties. So we are the models of the heaven. The church of God is another model in this world. The members of the church are

individual models. We should be an example to this world. The world should learn many things from us. Our life, behavior, type of work and transactions every thing should be a good example for others. The worldly people should not be our examples. But the new generations are after the world. Many take the carnal people as their models for dressing, character and in decorations. If we take the perishing world as our example how foolish it is? When somebody come to the church from the temple somebody may say like this

Religious Fanatics Against the Y M E F High Range Division

The religious fanatics in Sivakasi turned against the Y M E F High Range Division team, which in association with the brethren around Sivakasi was conducting open air meetings. The zealots alleged that the team has come for conversion. The team members told them that they will leave that place and will go to another place. The opponents did not agree to it. They informed the police about it. The police came and took them and the vehicles to the police station. The opponents wanted the police to file a case and send the brothers to custody. In the mean time press persons were also called. They took the photo of the team and the vehicles. The members were afraid and they thought that the problem was becoming more and more complex and worse. Then they went to the near by CSI church and prayed earnestly to the God. They along with the vehicles were released by 4 O clock. A warning was issued to the team "Never come back to this place". The team returned rejoicing for suffering for the Master. Kindly continue to pray for the High Range Division.

Punjab Campaign Restarted

The Lord enabled us to begin the Punjab campaign on 7th August which was suspended temporarily due to the scorching sun. A team comprising of six brothers left for Punjab. Brother P V Johny, Sanjeev, Babu, Varghese, Munir left on 27th July. They reached the district of Navashahar on 6th August. On the way the team met with an accident. It caused a delay of five days. They started the campaign on 7th which was suspended to begin on 1st August. The temperature is still high. Moreover lack of electricity in many places is an additional difficulty. Your incessant prayer is a must for this ministry. Those who wish to join the team may please contact C P Poulouse, Chennattu House, Mamalasserry, 686663 or Phone 0485 2273215, 9744471797. Those who wish to help the Y M E F may kindly draw your cheques and drafts on Y M E F (ND) which can be chashed SBT or UBI Banks in Angamaly or mail to C J Philip, Chackalakkal, Manjummal 683501. We wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have co operate with this ministry.

A D James

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality was an ancient respectful and approved sign of friendship seen in the families and various countries. It is seen in the Bible from beginning to end and was very important for the Israelites who wandered in the desert. Jacob said to Pharaoh 'The days of the years of my 'pilgrimage' are one hundred and forty years'. In Heb 13:1 apostle Paul reminds us not to forget the hospitality. In 1Pet 4:9 Apostle Peter says to continue in hospitality. Right from the book of Genesis hospitality is seen in many places. Abraham, Lot, Manoah, Samuel and David received angels. Laban received Abraham's servant and Jacob. Joseph received his brothers sincerely. Reguel's reception of Moses who fled away from Egypt changed his life. Hospitality is a specialty at all times. Solomon received Sheba in all his royal prestige. But the families received receive the guest in the manner suitable for them.

But for a child of God hospitality is not a mere practice. It is an outward appearance of love, care and fellowship. When a guest is at home it is the duty of the host to take care of his needs. In the history we see the guest are

met at near the well and city gates. People used to wait at such places for a host. (Ex19:1, Jud 19:5). Once they are received they and their animals will be well treated by the hosts. There is not much difference in the custom even now. Water, ointment and a hug are the parts of the hospitality very often. Lord received sincere hospitality frequently at the houses of Pharisees, Martha, Zachias and Simon.

Apostle Paul and his companions got welcome in the houses of Lydia, Jailer, and Joseph. Now this hospitality should be shown to all believers and evangelists. Financial support is to be given to the needy people by the believers. But beware of the false teachers and false prophets who enter in to the houses. Hospitality is the important work of a church leader. (1 Ti 3:2, Tit 1:8, 1 Pet 4:9, He 13:1&2). Let the brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain the strangers, by doing so some have unwittingly entertained angels. Let us pray that our assemblies and individuals may be very much interested in hospitality. May the name of our Lord be glorified by doing so.

P. P George

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who, being a student of the Bible, would at once recognize the claim for deity inherent in such a statement (John 3:13). This verse makes it clear that when He was making this statement from earth, He was also present at heaven.

Now Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand of God the father in heaven; at the same time He is in our midst and He is with us (Matthew 18:20; 28:20). The very fact that Jesus Christ is present in heaven and earth at the same time is a clear proof that Jesus Christ is God.

4. Eternity

The pre-existence of Christ is clearly taught in the scriptures. It means, Jesus Christ existed before He was born in Bethlehem. But there is a difference between pre-existence and eternity. Eternity means that not only did Jesus Christ exist before He was incarnate in flesh, but that He had no beginning at all; He always was! Something

may be created and still have pre-existence. Only God can possess eternity (cf. Mic. 5: 2; John 1:1; 8:56-58; John 12:38-41; Rev. 1: 8).

5. Immutability

Just as the Bible attributes this changelessness to God (Mal. 3: 6), so with equal clarity it is attributed to Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:1-12; 13: 8).

6. Freedom

Even when subjecting Himself to the will of the Father and to the cruelty of men, Jesus Christ displayed the attribute of absolute freedom. He was free to do as He pleased, and it pleased Him to submit (Phil. 2:6-8; John 10:17,18; Matt. 26: 53,54).

7. Holiness

In Hebrews 7: 26 we read that, "..... such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." The angel of a n n u n c i a t i o n recognized His holiness (Luke 1: 35) as did

Satan (Mark 1: 24). Jesus Christ challenged, "Which one of you convicts me of sin?" (John 8:46). No body was there to give a proper answer.

8. Love

As in the case of Christ's holiness it is not enough to show that Christ loved, but it must be shown that Christ loved equally with and to the same degree as God the Father. This is the point which demonstrates the infinity of Christ's love and shows that He could be nothing less than God. (cf. Eph. 5:2; 2 Cor. 5:14; Gal. 2:20.) Thus it is seen that whatever the Bible predicates in respect to God it does likewise in respect to Jesus Christ indicating that He could be no less than Very God of Very God. It is of utmost importance to hold this fact clearly in mind. The truth that should be proclaimed even by giving the life - "Jesus Christ is the TRUE GOD."

Is Kerala a Lunatic Asylum?

Kerala which is known as God's own country is filled with natural beauty and is famous for its serene and calm atmosphere. But once the world renowned philosopher Swami Vivekananda compared it to a lunatic asylum. Thus the title of this brief note. The law and order situation of Kerala has deteriorated much, even police personnel are attacked on road in broad day light. The recent attacks on the innocent, helpless and armless people who carry on with the unique news of 'the agape' Christ proves that Vivekananda was right in giving this title to Kerala. People were attacked in Tiruvananthapuram. All leaders of the political parties religious and other sects fight for their rights with arms and with weapons, the people who reach houses unique this news of love is attacked without any rational reasons. This attacks on the Christians from the religious fanatics is on increase. This is lamentable and to be condemned. They do not even remember the rules of the battle, of the Khastriya. When a person is attacked without reaction the rule of the battle does not allow to attack such a person. These lines are written on the incidents that took place in Alleppy, Chengannur, Thiruvananthapuram and the outskirts of Pathanamthitta. Here we have to do two important things. 1. Let us pray for our enemies as Christ prayed for His enemies or those who crucified Him. 2. Each and everyone who are redeemed by His blood should surrender themselves to work for the expansion of His kingdom. We should also know that we are living in the end times. Let us hold our arms open before the throne of grace for those who are in the battle front even at the risk of their life. More ... Let us open our fists and help them to any extent. May the Lord enable us to do that.

Y M E F News

North Division Bible Camp

Nellikunnu: If it be the will of the Lord a Bible Camp will be conducted under the auspices of the Y M E F (ND) in association with the local assemblies and Thrissur unit Y M E F in the following venue and date.

Venue: **Nellikunnu Zion Prayer Hall**

Time: **September 2009 2 Wednesday 6pm to 5th Saturday 1pm.**

Speakers: **P G James, Aniyam Varghese, Babu Varghese, O S Anil Kumar.** Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of this camp and encourage the youth to take part in it. For more information **A D James Secretary.**

South Division One Day Meeting

If it be the will of the Lord a one day meeting will be held under the auspices of the Y M E F (SD) and the SBS unit Pathanamthitta on September on September 12th from 9.30 to 3.30pm at the gospel Hall Auditorium Pathanamthitta. The following brothers will take the classes on various subjects.

Roy Mathews-Be useful for the Owner, T J Thomas-The vision and the oversight of the assembly, P G James, Lesly John. Kindly pray for the blessing of the spiritual ministry. For more information Jacob P Mathew 098400691. Programme Co ordinator Monachan Abraham For Gospel Hall **K A Philip and M T George**

Gospel Camp Malabar Division Camp

A gospel camp under the auspices of the Malabar division will be held if it be the will of the Lord on 1-4 of November 2009 at Kodackal in Malappuram in association with the Kodackal Brethren Assembly. Brother K Biju and O J Babu will deliver the message. Kindly pray for this spiritual ministry. **K K Mathew**

Teens and Pre Teens Camp

A special camp for the teens is planned for the students of standard 6,7,8,9 during the Onam Vaccasion on September 3 Thursday 9am to 5th Saturday 2pm at the TMM Nursing College Campus. How the children has to become at homes, campus and in the assembly is one of the main topics. A special session for the parents also arranged on 5th. Specially trained hands will be handling the different sessions. Admission is restricted to 75 students. Please do register early to be in. For more details please contact **Teens Camp, P B No.4, Kuttapuzha, Thiruvalla.**

Thomas Mathew 9447300417.

The Ministries of the Gospel Hall, Pathanamthitta

Hospital Ministry: Sisters visit the various hospital around Pathanamthitta on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

Brothers visit the hospitals on every Thursday from 10am.

Sisters Camp

The sisters Camp of this year will be held from 3.9.09 to 5.9.09. The camp will start at 9am on 3rd September and will be closing on 4pm on 5.9.09. **Brother A M Prasad and Mrs Lizzy**

Prasad are the main speakers. Request all the sisters to attend it with prayer.

K A Philip and M T George

The Yester Years of Y M E F (SD) Campaign

Edathua: The Kerala Campaign took off on 13th April 1995 from Muhamma, Alleppy. The team worked with the co operation of the local assemblies. Thus in Edathua too the team worked for a month in association with the Edathua Brethren Assembly. The team stayed there for months and visited each and every house got separated and came in a active fellowship in the Edathua Brethren Assembly. Brother Kedar Paswan who is working in Bihar as an evangelist found his partner from one of the newly transformed families. They as a family is working for the Lord there. Many parts of Kerala is ready for harvest. We lack servants of Lord to take up the work. Y M E F (SD) is arranging as many gospel camps as it could. Tamilnadu Campaign is also progressing. Kindly continue to pray for this ministry. Those who wish to give financial assistance may kindly draw your cheques and drafts on Y M E F (SD) Catholic Syrian Bank Pathanamthitta and mail it to George Samuel, Mutthathu House, Omallur, Kerala, 689647. Tele 0468 2350320. Those who wish to join the team may kindly contact brother **T Chacko, Ponthanakuzhiyil, Mangaram, Konni P O, Kerala. Phone 0468 2341956.**

Brethren Mercy Trust

The annual report along with the audited report of the account is published. Mercy Home Trust was formed on the basis of a discussion which took place in the committee of the Believers Relief Trust. It was started in a rented building on 1.3.1987 and then shifted to its own building on 22.5.91 at Kumbanadu. The executive of 11 memebtrs were elected from the 41 General Committee members. It is they who carry out the administration of it. At the time of this report there are seven inmates. For the help there are two sisters and a matron. K P Baby works as its Manager. Brother A V Abraham hold Bible Classes on every Wednesday. Gospel meeting was conducted on November 17,18,19 of 2008. Last year we got Rs 470801 and the expense was Rs 221914. The total expense is Rs 325096/- It is functioning with the free will gifts of the saints around the world. Kindly continue to pray for this ministry. Correspondance **Secretary, Brethren Mercy Trust, Kuriannoor P O, 689550. Phone 0469 2672225.**

Sisters Meeting Kallissery Centre

Venue: **The Angadical South Brethren Assembly**

Date: **2009 September 4. Time: 10am to 1pm.**

All the sisters are requested to attend it with prayer.

Molly Babu

Literary Workers Conference – One Day Meeting

A one day conference will be held on 22.8.09 from 9am at the Brethren Gospel Hall Kottarakkara. Brother Silas C Nair will give the key note address on the subject of Church and its Commitment to the Society. Then discussion which will be followed by the introduction of new books will take place. All are requested to attend it with prayer.

Sam Zachariah Secretary

Fiba Conference

Dallas: The Fiba Conference which was started on 30.07.09 came to an auspicious end on 2.8.09. Turn the tide was the main theme of the conference which was based on Rom 12:1,2. The main speakers were Joe Michael, Ashly Kurian, Dr Babu Varghese and Bubu Pimplaker. We praised the Lord and express our gratitude for all those who continually prayed for this conference.

God's goodness is always better than the bargains of Satan. Moreover Satan will not give anything without taking due price for anything. But the scripture tells: "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich and he addeth no sorrow with it". Proverbs 10:22. Achan ignored the warning of God and stole the treasure. We know the consequences of it.

For Special Prayer

Elanthoor: Brother C S Abraham, Chakkumpurayidathil who belongs to the Pariyaram Brethren Assembly met with an accident a few months back. Initially one of his legs was amputated below the knees. Later the infection became worse his whole leg was amputated. In addition to it, a more sad story is the sickness of his younger daughter, the sole bread winner of the family has become a cancer patient. The family is passing through a harrowing experience. Kindly join hands together to uphold this family to the throne of grace. **For more information please contact brother K S John Telephone: 0468 2362334**



Who can find a faithful man? Pro.20:6

We all learned how to live. Man tries to live as much as possible. That is necessary. Most of the people forget the importance of faithfulness in life in their busy lives. Some of them believe that living like this is enough. Being faithful in all walks of life is a bit difficult task. Still if we try genuinely it is possible. And we will get complete satisfaction in the presence of God. God desires that His children should be faithful in every realm of life.

Once a minister of France named Colbert, in his childhood, was a salesman in a textile shop. One day according to his master's order he went to a rich man's house. When he was asked the price of one type of clothe, by mistake, he told the double amount of its actual price. Since the rich man liked that cloth he bought it for that price. When he returned to the shop after the business that shop owner was so happy. The reason is that he sold it for double price. When Colbert

calculated the amount he found that there is more money. Colbert gave back that extra money that he has to the rich man. When the owner came to know this thing he was very angry. Immediately he dismissed Colbert from that job. Later he joined a government job. He got promotion in his job because of his faithfulness. At last he became the minister in that country. His faithfulness lifted him to great heights.

Dear brethren, if we get this much appreciation and progress in a person's life in this world because of his faithfulness, how much more we are going to receive from God for our honesty and faithfulness in His matters. The master who is going to foreign place called his servants and gave five talents to one, two to another and one to the third. First two servants did business

faithfully with the talents and gained interest. The master, when returned back, called those two servants who did their business faithfully in a very nice manner. Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler of many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

Oh!! What a blessed situation is this!! We will ask ourselves. Are we faithful in whatever situations we are and talents and gifts that God has given us? How many situations God gave in favour of us? He gave us the health, financial status we need. Still are we faithful to our Lord? We will be faithful unto death. God is searching for a faithful one among us.

"For the faithful fail among the children of men".

T.V.S

In TV Channels

Sathgamaya TV Talk Show Programme

People channel of Kairali's News Channel
All Fridays (Malayalam) 5.30-6.00 p.m.
Monday 6.00-6.30 a.m. Zee TV (Hindi)

Jeevamritham Television Program

Every Saturday 9 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. in Power vision channel by Evg Chandapilla Philip

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'why you are coming here? We are coming to your temple. Many people bring carnal models to our assemblies. They are bitter roots which will slowly destroy our assemblies. Some of the convention notices are printed in such a way that it will be shameful for any child of God. By hook or crook they wanted to attract people.

Recently I saw a stage decoration of a Sunday school anniversary just like as a temple festival. Many of our meeting places are like place of fashion parade. We look other peoples' dress code and their children as an example. But our models should be ourselves according to the word of God. We should succeed in that, and then others will follow us. When Adam blamed Eve God did not spare him. When Eve blamed the serpent God did not spare Eve. Both were punished. Our excuses are not valued in front of God. God is looking for good model which is to be heaven's model. Our heavenly father is pleased in whom they reflect Christ's character. Our assemblies need such models. We and our families should be such examples. Paul's life was a good example and he worked hard day and night for that. He told his spiritual son Timothy to be an example in words, action, love and faith. Thessalonians were example for all believers. Parents who buy improper dresses for their children are responsible for that. When these children go to the control of devil there is no use of praying for them. If the children of God are not aware of such things it will affect our spiritual life very badly. If we do not follow the example of our Lord we will fall in to great disorder in our assemblies. So let God help us to wipe out all bad practices from our assemblies.

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