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Integrity in Christian Life

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“You are the salt of the world. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty again? It is good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled on by people.” Christ’s Sermon on the Mount is a challenge to anyone who desires to live a godly life. It is often called Christian counter culture or the manifesto of a new society, the kingdom of God that Christ wanted to establish. He contrasted it with the perspectives of the nations or the gentiles around. He repeatedly told the disciples not to follow the way of the

gentiles. If His instructions were followed by His disciples it would have been heaven on earth.

The sad part is that when the gentiles seem to have some spark of the conscience left in them, often Christians who claim to be the inheritors of Christ’s Kingdom on earth seem to show total lack of integrity. We forget what Christ said “If your righteousness shall not exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter in to the Kingdom of God, never!” Matt.5:20.

Christ echoed the same thing when He talked to

Nicodemus: “Except anyone be born a new he cannot see the Kingdom of God John 3:3. What is the meaning of New Birth? It starts with repentance. A change of direction. Right about turn. It is a new beginning. It is a new way of looking at things. Changing from the way fallen humans look at things to how God looks at them. It is living by a new value system. Nothing is done to please oneself or the people around. What will God say becomes the question rather than what would people think. It calls for the determination to

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YMEF (ND) Punjab Campaign

God enabled us to continue the follow up work in the month of April. The dear brothers who took part in the follow up campaign in the districts of Jallandar and Gurudarpur left for Kerala and brothers M. C. George Thrissur and P B Ninan Chalakudy joined the team. In the first two weeks we stayed in Jallandar and did the work in Kapurthala. Kapurthala lies on the two sides of Jallandar. The team worked there in 2007 we do not have any assembly or evangelist there. But there are Christian churches and educational institutions there. Almost all the villagers have heard about Jesus Christ one way or other. They are very much interested in listening to the gospel but are not ready to accept it. Continuous work and incessant prayer can bear fruits. We were able to contact many homes and person according to the reports that we received. Doors are opened in two villages to work among the children. We have the permission to take Bible Classes in Nangal in a tuition centre. Many villagers have shown interest to learn the word of God. Brother Johnson Titus also joined the team and let us uphold him in the prayers.

Brother Surinder of Jallander assembly has arranged a meeting in Kotkalam. About 150 people attended this meeting. A message on the theme of the coming of Christ was delivered on that occasion. Many took decisions on that day. Another meeting outside Cantonment was attended by more than 120 people. The team members delivered the message strongly and powerfully. Classes were taken in an orphanage and the school attached to it. As we were returning from this we got in touch with some families who expressed their willingness to learn more about Jesus Christ. Though open air not so easy many people desire to hear this good news at their homes. Number of new openings are seen in this place. It demands continuous commitment from our side.

After two weeks we reached Abhor which is Ferozpur. There are no assemblies of our own there. But we can see number of churches and many congregation here and there in this town. The majority of the nominal christians do not have a clear idea of Jesus Christ. Brother P B Samuel from Hanumanghat and brother Barish Francis from Gudgavu is working here. Brother Richard extended his whole hearted help and assistance to the team members in their work. Number of night meetings were conducted. The team was able to cross the boarders and get in to Rajasthan and Hariyana. Special classes were taken for children with the help of pictures. As the mercury rose the left Punjab in the Jeep and reached Kerala safely by the grace of the Lord. God willing the campaign will restart in August. We take this opportunity to thank all the saints who are behind this ministry.

M C George

THE GLORY OF GOD’S WILL

V P Poullose

What is God’s will?

Definition: - It is the plan of God that each child of God should be conformed to the image of the God. We can understand three specialties in this definition. **God’s will is the plan of life.**

We should understand the importance of our own life. God planned our every day deeds. We should have that insight and we should prepare ourselves for the eternal life. And that will guide a believer in his short life every day.

God’s will is planned by God.

Many think that they have to plan for their life. But God has given a specified plan in our life and that is

to be identified by ourselves. Parents think that, it is their prime duty to guide their children in to the right path above God’s will. But their over ambition about their children are dangerous. But the responsibility towards the children is to teach them the word of God and bring them up in the fear of God. The most important factor is that to train the children to live according to the will of God.

God’s will is that a person should conform to the image of the Son of God.

God’s will is not only to save a person from the

sinful nature and take him to heaven but also to transform him to the image of His Son and to live in this world. (Rom 8: 18-29). When Lord comes back He will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.(Phil 3:21). This is our hope. But in Rom 8:29 we see the transformation of the life in this world. We see the same thing in 2 Cor 3:18.

There are three special things in Rom

God gave us one ,outh and two ears so that we may speak less and hear more ... Discipline yourself and others won’t have to ...

GREED FOR POWER

The governing party of Kerala had completely failed in their policy for power by joining hands even with the terrorists. Since the ruling party of central government has got the majority, there will not be any false attempt and play at Delhi to form a government. The problems and sorrows of the people are forgotten by the leaders when they struggle for power and for their existence.

Just like the political parties and religious organization are deteriorating in their values. The Brethren movement also facing a big calamity. Since there is no socialism in the word of God and in the Brethren community, this helped some people to an extent and some are thrown out without any voice.

The Brethren movement diverted to establish institution and to other social activities in the early years of 1980. Slowly the rich and powerful people conquered all the key positions and the normal believers are only watching their dramas. Many of the good believers became the rubber stamps in the hands of that greedy people. The greed for power destroys our spiritual qualities. The calamities of the future and the frustration of youth are not considered by this people. Only very few people think about it.

But the people whom God has elected by His fore knowledge and grace are not power mongers. When the Israelites cried for a central rule and King due to the frequent attack of the enemies, God never left them for

a democratic rule but had total control. The method of selecting the first King Saul and the second King David is clearly described in the Bible. When Samuel saw the outward appearance of Eliab, he said 'surely the Lord's anointed is before Him'. But Jehovah said to Samuel "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature because I have refused him". Man looks outwardly but God see the heart. Finally Saul anointed the shepherd boy, the youngest son of Jesse who had the heart of God. Paul's call and election shows that there is no change in God's plan though centuries passed.

The leaders say, good slogan like 'long distance at high speed' and they reach at the front line and sit in comfortable seats. That political effect is seen also in Brethren community. Many are crying for a hierarchy. In order to keep up the position many are compromising with the world by forgetting the word of God.

The true believer should stand for the truth and should stand against today's unscriptural attitudes. God's hierarchy should work in us and in the church. God never allows an election in the church. But when He entrusts upon us some ministry according to His love and mercy, do it for Lord's glory. That's our responsibility. If we are corrupted by the infatuation of power, we should clean our heart by Holy Spirit. Let us fortify our spiritual life by walking in the light of word without subduing ourselves to the establishments and central rule.

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stand by the truth and suffer for that if need be. It calls for total integrity.

Instead of that total revolution we simply replace some old 'dos' and 'don'ts' with a new set of man made laws. These rules change with the times giving the false idea that God's standards change. We actually falsify God that way.

M o n e y, pleasure and fame drive the people of the world. When the people of the world seek these out there in the world Christians seek them with in their churches. They make the church and church institutions their political battle ground. But Christ clearly taught No one can serve two masters for either he will hate the one mammon Matt 6:24. Either Christ has complete authority in our lives or none. Even when we

profess our allegiance to Christ loudly our actions shout our words showing the real inside.

We might be able to deceive our fellow believers with our false piety hugs and long prayers in the church meetings. But ultimately we are deceiving ourselves. God is never deceived. We are accountable not only for all our actions but also for the intent behind the actions. Anything we build for our own benefit will not go with after the grave.

If Christians have lost their true christianness they are good only to be thrown out. Let each person examine himself to see where he stands. Let him that thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall 1Cor 10:12.

Sam Jacob

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The Glory ...

12:2 which are to be strongly believed.

1. God's will is a blessing

It should not be an outward blessing, but it speaks about the spiritual blessing. We accept any blessing even if it is not sweet in experience. For example we read in Jere 29:11 like this" For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope". When we consider each and everything, they should not be always good, but towards the end it will be a blessing. For example the experience of the family of Bethania- there is nothing to exalt. Just believed and the will of God is fulfilled. So tarry for the will of God without any condition and it will be a great blessing.

To be continued....

Y M E F NEWS

Kottarakkara: The annual executive and general body of the Y M E F (SD) God willing will be conducted on 13th June at 9.30 am in the Kottarakkara Gospel Hall. All the committee members of the Y M E F (SD) is requested to attend this meeting with prayer.

P T Abraham (President) and Jacob P Mathew (Secretary)

One Day Meeting of the Evangelists

Kozhikodu: If it be the will of the Lord special one day meeting of the evangelist of Wayanad Kozhikodu. Malappuram and Palakkad will be conducted on 25 May 2009 from 10 to 5 PM in the Kozhikodu Brethren Assembly Hall. This meeting is sponsored by the North Dallas Assembly. Kindly attend this meeting with prayer.

P P Skariah

The Monthly Meeting of the Evangelists

Kottarakkara: The monthly meeting of the evangelists will be held on June 2, 2009 at the residence of brother Philomon Punalur. Kindly attend it with prayer.

Sam Sakariah

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Pathanamthitta: If it be the will of the Lord the monthly prayer meeting of the assemblies around Pathanamthitta will be held at Kudappana Brethren Assembly on 30.5.2009 from 10 AM. All brethren are requested to attend this meeting with prayer.

C C Varghese

In the Vineyard

Kattakkada: Brother Aji is a believer of the Kattakkada Brethren Assembly. The assembly is confident of his call for the Lords work and so introduce him for the prayer of the saints. His address **CAJI, C/o Joy Mathew, Panisagar P O, Sharma Nagar, North Tripura 7999260**

Assembly News

Vechoor: An assembly was formed at Vechoor in 2005 which is near the backwaters in Kottayam. The brother was commended by the Vellarada Brethren Assembly. We wish to construct a hall. We need the prayerful support of the saints.

M C John

Kuttamala: An assembly was formed here in 1981. But because of the certain issues the assembly was not functioning. Then brother M A Mathew took care of the assembly. Later he too could not continue because of his ill health. Now the worship meeting is again started on 29 march 2009. Kindly pray for this assembly. The main address of this assembly Brethren Assembly, Kuttamala P O, Thiruvananthapuram 695 505.

Dimapur (Nagaland): We were hoping to have an assembly hall and plot was donated to us by a Naga brother in the town itself. There we wish to construct a building for the assembly. So we request the prayer of the saints all over.

O Georgekutty

Kallisserry: If it be the will of the Lord the next meeting of the sisters of the Kallisserry centre will be held at the B B C Auditorium under the auspices of the Rehaboth Brethren Assembly on 5th June 2009 from 10AM. All the sisters are requested to attend the meeting with prayer.

Together in Glory

Elanthoor: Brother Thomas P Thomas of the Plavunilkunnathil family who was residing at Panavila Gannasareth and his wife sister Rosamma (70) of the Aranmula Perangattupadickal family both went to be with the Lord on 13th and 14th May 2009. The mortal remains of their body was buried under the auspices of the Pattom Brethren Assembly in the Muttada Cemetary in the presence of a large gathering of saints from all over the world.

He was a member of the Pariyaram Brethren Assembly and was the consultant of the new hall which was constructed in the 90's. Though he was bed ridden for a long time he never lost his heart and was always in full hope. He used to meet every one with his natural smile. He was a help to many and gave the right hand of fellowship to the evangelisation of India. He was much interested in the work of the Suvishesha Dhvani. We the Y M E F and the Suvishesha Dhvani join in the sorrow of the bereaved family. May the Lord of comfort console the children and the next of kin and dear ones of this family. May the Lord enable the children to follow the good example of their parents. Let us also follow that good example.

Edayarammala: Miss Kunjamma (85) daughter of the late Mr. Edasserrimala Karamoottil Ninan Varghese went to be with the Lord on 19.05.2009. The mortal remains of the dear sister was buried under the auspices of the Edasserimala Brethren Assembly in their own cemetary in the presence of a large gathering of the saints. May the Lord console the bereaved family.

Ernakulam: K G Tharian (94) son of the late Geevarghese of Kannankara Chethackal went to be with the Lord on 28.4.09. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried in the Mamala Brethren Cemetry under the auspices of the Ernakulam South Bethel Brethren Assembly on 30.4.09 in the presence of a large gathering of the saints. Kindly remember the bereaved family in your prayers.

Sorry for the delay in publishing the English version of Suvishesha Dhvani in the reason being Sam C Abraham and his child was admitted in the hospital and it is he who does this work. Hope to publish the coming issues soon. Kindly pray for us.

Comemmorations and ... Boiling of Milk

K V Isaac

We can have a correct picture of the real sorrow and commemoration in the 11th chapter of the Gospel of John. We read thus there. The neighbouring Jews was there in the home Lazarus comforting his sisters. They did not depart from there, eventhough four days had already passed. But the present day people who come to share the sorrow and pay tribute leaves the place even without going to the burial place. This is mere hypocrisy. This is the quality habit and behaviour of the politician. To say few words as tribute is just shallow and meaningless. It is just the hypocritical behaviour of the poli-

ticians. So it is not good on the part of the saints to continue in this shameful act. It is a must that we should comfort and console the bereaved. But the present day custom are unscriptural and against the will of the Lord. It is better on our part to abstain from all these rituals and customs. We the saints have a different culture and a separate civilization. We are expected to live in the control of the Holy Spirit. This is what is called True Spirituality. We know of the purpose and aim of the present day comemmmorations we have seen that the real sorrow and comemmmoration is to be with the sorrowing

and to comfort them with the Word of God. So let us stop the pretentions hypocrisy and the crocodile tears in the houses of the dead and let us come back to the days of our fathers. They used to spend time with the family sing songs of hope and comfort to those who are weeping and wailing. When we do this we can impart to the believers which inturn will edify the believers improve the fellowship and increase the hope.

We do continue in many rituals today. It is a very sad thing. We are a group who are redeemed or delivered (Gala 1:3).

In Titus 2:12 we see that we have been saved from all unrighteousness and immorality and lust. But today we have forgotten all these. We have no hesitation to wear these things like a cloth. They are revealed in Rev 3:17,18. Our aspiration to the Word of God has gone. That is the main reason for the increase of gentile rituals and false doctrine among us. When the Lord writes to the churches to five of them are asked to repent. It is not said to those who keep the Word of God. It is good to understand and realise that we have travelled far from scripture. Dear saints Are we not neglecting and ignoring the precious blood that has saved us. If so please read Hebrews 10: 26-29 with fear. Generally we do not give importance to this portion claiming that it is a command for the Hebrew Christians.

Dear brethren this is not only for the Hebrew christians to the modern brethren as well. Our God is an awesome God so let us fear and respect Him according to the scripture. Let the name of the Father be glorified through the son. This desire has prompted me to write this article on this subject. Do not criticize instead read and react according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May

Let us be Close to the Light

God has never created evil in this universe. Goodness is the symbol of his creation. So the scripture teaches us to overcome evil with good. Our God is the source of all that is good and goodness. Evil cannot come from Him. But the Philosophers and atesists cannot accept it. They often raise the following question to establish their stand. Who has given or inculcated evil in the mind of men? Why innocent people are suffering from proverty disease death etc is another question they raise. The following example will clear the fact.

Once a religiously pious prophet visited the palace of the rulerin Arabia. the scholars and philosophers of the palace asked so many questions to him to evaluate his wisdom. He answered all those questions. The occasion rose to the climax when at the end of their wits they asked the following question Did God

creat evil and wickedness in this world? He gave the answer through a beautiful illustration.

He lighted a lamp and kept it in a dark room. He kept another thing at a distance just opposite to it? He asked the scholars Is the shadow behind that object is the creation of the light of the lamp. Then he brought that object close to the lamp. The shadow diminished the object came closer to the light. Then he explained it in the following way to the scholars. The light is the embodiment of God or goodness. The object can be symbolized as man. The shadow is the picture of evil. When the objects gets away from the light the shadow grows. But if the object is close to the light then the power of darkness and evil decreases. And when the objects identifies itself with the light then there is no shadow or darkness. When we come close to the glorious God evil flees away from us. Sufferings will become a blessing. The

king was pleased with this explanation and gave the prophet a lot of gifts and presents to him.

So if we examine ourselves then we can realize that evil is the feeling that is formed in us. As we draw away from goodess the evil began to overcome us. That evil creates envy, jealousy rift and rivalry and wickedness in us. It will bear us to the fruit of the flesh. God wants children to walk in the light of life. If so then evil will not follow him. The creator of everything is the owner provider and sustainer of all goodness. Moreover He can change every thing to good. So let us draw nigh unto Him so that the power of darkness will not swallow us. To David to be with Him was so good and let us to have the same feeling. May the Lord enable us to remain close to Him. May His name be glorified. Draw nigh unto Him ...

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