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LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF GOSPEL

Jose Mathew, Mangalapuram

(The important points of the message of Lord's servant Jose Mathew Mangalore at the Y M E F general camp at Kumali in Sept 2008)

The above subject which was the camp theme is very suitable for these days. The religious extremists are against the mass evangelization and gospel festivals. And their protest ultimately forced to stop our Y M E F south division work in Karnataka. There for we have to spread gospel through our personal life and exhort Christ in our life by improving our spiritual quality. This can not be achieved by introducing new ideas or by changing our worship patterns. Some people think that if they stand and sing beautiful songs by using instruments

and continually praise God without any dedication, offer a 'live worship'. Our forefathers had purity in life and they practised pure doctrines. It is not necessary to change any patterns that they adopted by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. But we have to accept their good characters and lead a holy life.

For a detailed study he took the Book of Romans chapter 12 verses 1-5 for our Christian life, verses 6-13 for our life in connection with our fellow believers and verses 14-21 for our life in the society. All these three aspects are directly

involved in the evangelization.

Our walk about our Christian life:-

In the different territory of our life, whom we are trying to please? The students will try to please their teachers; children will try to please their parents. But what about the believers? Are they trying to please their elders? Youths will sometime try to exhibit their ability to show a better image in front of others due to the pressure of their friends. And sometime they may take any method for that. We also try to please the society very often. But our God's desire is that

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General Y M E F - General Camp

The Y M E F General Camp which was awaited happily came to an end with showers of blessing. The camp which started on 9th 6PM was crowded even at the beginning itself. The Auditorium was full. The inagural address was given by Brother M V Babu. He spoke of the unity among the men of God. Brother P M Mathew inagurated the camp. The main speakers like Varghese Kurian, Chandapilla Philip, Jose Mankudy and Jose Mathew were present at the beginning itself. Though the weather was extremely unfavourable people came from far and wide accrossed the country and filled Kumily. the most important thing of the camp was the inmates were young people. Each of the speakers were given three sections each. Brother Varghese Kurian spoke on "What we believe" and Chandapilla Philip dwealt on the subject of Church. Jose Mankudy spoke on the Attitude of Moses and Brother Jose Mathew spoke on the theme "Walk worthy of the gospel" Brother Sajeev Varghese took an hour and spoke about 'Other Tongues'. Biju K Alady also took a session. The Bible Quiz was conducted by M K James and P M Georgekutty. The missionary session was led by Brother Thomas K Joseph from Mizoram. He spoke of the need of evangelists in the North and North East. Music was sung by J P Rajan, Shyjan Paul and A Mathukutty.

The closing meeting was presided over by the general President Brother T M George and the message was given by Brother Jose Mathew. Kindly continue to pray for the work of the Y M E F.

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Opposition in the Church?

K V Isaac

In many of the brethren assemblies it seems that there is an opposition. There can be factions, schisms and different groups in the assemblies. But there is no opposition in the assembly. The reason is that the church of God is not a mere gathering. It is the body of Christ. There can be excesses and limitations, strength and weakness in a body. But there cannot be and will not be any opposition. Handicaps or over growths are considered to be unholy in the sight of the Holy God according to Law (Lev

21:16-21). Since the body is one and one body can have only one head. If a body has two heads (siamese) then there can be different thoughts and actions. It cannot happen. Once it happened in heaven. The one who sat with the Most High in Heaven had a desire. He said "for thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend in to heaven, I will exalt my throne above the heights of the clouds. I will be like the Most High" (Isaiah 14: 13,14). He was thrown out of heaven at the same moment. Even today the Satan continue to be an

enemy. Never ever a member of a body can act as an opposition remaining on the same body. There can be division in the assemblies. Woe unto those who cause divisions and factions. When a member of the body does not go in co operation with the head then division takes place.

Once a group of people acted as the opposition among the Israelities. They argued that all are equal. No one is higher than any one else. They got due punishment for their evil thoughts and actions.

Some of the brethren too today make the same claim. All are equal is their phrase. It seems that they do not accept the Lordship of God. God has given priesthood as a gift to the Levi. The family is popularly known through Gershom, Kohat and Merari. Moses, Aaron and Koreh belonged to the Kohath family branch. Moses was elected to the leadership and Aaron to the priesthood. The rest including Korah was assigned to carry the holy instruments of the temple on their shoulders. Numbers 4:15. It is this Korah with so much responsibility and blessings rose aganist Aaron and Moses. We see of this in Numbers 16. Their claims can have some

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KERALA DELIGHT IN SUICIDE

Everyday starts with suicide news in Kerala. The state of Kerala is famous in many respects. But now it is famous in suicide rate also. If we go for a detailed study of the reasons of these suicides, we will end up in great distress. What happened to the Keralite?

The death of Chief Forest Conservator Mr. V S Varghese and his daughter Anu Varghese put everybody in deep sorrow. Anu who was only 20 years old killed herself due to the illness of her father. Her father who was returning to the RCC after seeing his daughter's body fell down at the lift and breathed his last. Few days before a whole Malayalee family committed suicide at Bombay due to the debt.

Many students end their life because of failure in the examinations and of poor marks. Many kill themselves due to the unsuccessful love affairs. When self-dependent education system was introduced, the criteria for education became money. Some people committed suicide due to the trouble they face in this system. Now-a-days there are not enough chances for the educated people. The professional people who are expecting five figure salary have to be satisfied

by lower salary. The mental depression of such people is very grave. When the highly qualified youths are wandering without job or proper job, their disappointment will force them for the termination of their life. The world economy crisis and loss of job will increase the rate of suicide.

Today's nuclear family style is a major cause of the increase of suicide.

All the above reasons are external and visible only, but the internal problem is that the man had run away from God. As a result the influence of devil and sins entered in to man and ultimately it will end up in depression and then to suicide. Man is not destroyed by fate but by the deceive of satan who is the power of darkness. If a man can understand the truth of regaining the lost blessing through Lord Jesus Christ, which are; the life, eternity, glory and greatness of humanity, then he can get out of all the evil tendencies. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God. (Ps 146:5) Dear children of God, Are we not burdened with the weak people who are selecting the ways of the devil to overcome their crisis?

JOSE PHILIP

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we should please Him. We have to offer our bodies as the living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God. In a sacrifice the fat should be burned. But the Holy Spirit gives us an idea of burning our pleasures of the personal life. That is the sacrifice of our body. We should offer our personal life willingly to God. This sacrifice we can see in the life of Paul who counted the blessings of this world worthless, poured like a drink offering, fought a good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. By faith Moses when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be ministered along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. This is the real sacrifice. God's wish is that not only to spread the gospel with

trials, but also to be like a warrior who faces all the problems of the battle field. These types of warriors are required for today's gospel work. The word sacrifice here means that, to bear all these difficulties with pleasure.

Secondly the personal holiness is required with above dedication. Our God's command is that 'Be holy like wise I am'. There is no excuse for the above words. God's word clearly specifies the holiness. We can see the holiness in two angles.

1. The Positional holiness:- This holiness is given by God when we became the children of God.

2. The Practical holiness:- The practical holiness is to be shown in our day to day life. This can not be attained by the normal evangelical works like

open air meetings, word ministry, tract distribution or by house visiting. The practical holiness is to be revealed through our thoughts, words and actions. Not only we have to avoid all sins from the practical life but also repent and be reformed by renewing of our mind. That is the real practical holiness. Our thoughts, words, works all should be acceptable to God. 'If I speak for one hour and the audience come and praise me and when God look at my heart and call me a hypocrite, how sad it is'. If God condemn our speech for unholy life, where is our holiness? Let our life be acceptable to God. This is God's desire about us.

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justifications according to human views and vision. Rueben had the birthright of the first born.

Thus we can see many things in favour of them. But they failed to understand the godly rule in all all these. So they had to bear the punishment. So this stands as a warning to all those of any time. Even today we can see so many fights in the assemblies against leadership. Some can be justified. The claim that all are equal because we are the partakers of single bread, one spirit one faith one Lord etc. They are all true and correct to the core. But we should not forget the fact we are all members of one body. A member of a body cannot have any change in its position. There be any factions, divisions or schisms. When we talk of church many think it is like any other churches

in our country. The church is not like legislative assemblies or parliament. It is the temple of God which is the body of Christ. The head which is Christ is the one who controls and who have lordship on the body. The position and glory that we have in the church is not our attainment but the gift of Jesus Christ. It is given to serve Him, to glorify Him and not to glorify or flatter others or for self glorification. When we do something we should be aware of the fact that we are doing it for the Lord. If we feel that we are in the opposition then understand that you are out of the church. There is no opposition in the body. You are opposing the one who gave His life for you. If you are a member then work for Him, Him alone and for His glory and the extension of His kingdom. May God the Lord help us for that.

Y M E F NEWS

Pathanamthitta: If it be in the will of the Lord, then the Pathanamthitta Centre Y M E F wish to conduct the following programme in the month of November.

1. November 1 Out reach work at Kodumudi near Chittar from 7.30 AM to 1.30 PM
2. Prayer Meeting on 5th November from 10Am to 12.30Noon at the Pathanamthitta Brethren Assembly Hall
3. Open Air Meeting on November 16th from 4PM to 7PM in and around Pathanamthitta.

SBS NEWS

Prayer Meeting

Ranni: A Prayer Meeting of the SBS South Division, God willing will be held on October 27th from 6PM at the Mannarakulanji Brethren Assembly Hall. All the SBS workers are requested to attend it.

Assembly News

The Kowadiar Brethren Assembly started a systematic work in Venjaramoodu, Kallara, Karette and other near by places. A few people came to the saving knowledge of the Lord at Kallara area and a new assembly was formed there in the New Testament pattern on March 30, 2008. Eight people take part in the Lords Table. A few more may go to the waters of baptism. Brother Abraham Mathew is taking care of this assembly. Evangelists from nearby assemblies also take part in this ministry. He is continuing his work in Venjaramoodu and Karatte. Y M E F (SD) conducted a gospel camp in Venjaramoodu last year. The address of the assembly Abraham Mathew, Brethren Assembly, Kallara, T C x/ 909, Ambalathunada, Mukkolakkal, Trivandrum 44.

Kunnanpara: This place in the Vattiyoorcavu village of Trivndrum district. An evangelisation programme was started there in 2005 under the auspices of the Aramada brethren Assembly. Many ministries including Sunday School, House visiting and prayer meetings were conducted regularly. On December 9, 2007 a congregation was started there to keep the new converts in the grace of the Lord. A one day programme was conducted there on October 1, 2008 and baptism of eight people took place. Believers from Aramada and Malayinkil assemblies witnesses the event. So on October 5th New testament pattern church was started there. Eight people take part in the breaking of bread. Kindly continue to pray for this assembly. Address: Brethren Assembly, Kunnampara C/o S G Gilbert, StMary Church Lane, Maruthanvilla Veedu, Kunnapuzha, Aramada P O, Trivandrum 695032.

Thrichur: A new assembly was started on September 2008 near the Mulankunnatthukave Medical College in Thrichur-Shornur route. This assembly was formed by a group of employees in the Medical college in co operation with Poomala Brethren Assembly. This assembly is a convenience for anyone who comes to the medical college. many ministries are going on in assembly which will be very much convenient for all the believers. The assembly is gathering at Atthani. People can get down at the Keltron stop near the K K Complex. You can see the Keltron Brethren Church. Mailing Address: K K Kurian, Karanj Kuzhiyil, K K Complex, Atani P O, Thrichur, 670771. Phone: 9995084499.

Sugarland: This is a place at the south west part of the city Houston. Believers of the Brethren Assembly who are staying there to have an assembly. It was pleased for our God to give them a beautiful hall. The thanksgiving ceremony of this hall took place on 28th September. Many brethren from the nearby assemblies

took part in the ministry. Brother Joby Jacob and Jacob Mathews lead the ministry and spoke from the Word of God. Every 1st day of the week Sunday we gather at 8.30 AM and use three languages English, Hindi and Malayalam. We request any one who is interested to join us.

Monthly Meeting and Monthly Outreach Work

By the grace of the Lord the monthly work and meeting for the month of October took place under the auspices of the Nellikunnu Brethren Assembly, House visiting took place in the areas around Nellikunnu and Kachery. Open air meeting was conducted in many places. Special meetings were conducted for the believers. Many Lords servants ministered from the Word of God. Many servants from the different parts of India gave their testimony. Brother M A Joy spoke from the Word of God.

The work and meeting of the month of November will take place in the auspices of the Panngattoor Brethren Asembly.

Prayer Meeting of the Evangelists

Pathanapuram: The monthly prayer meeting in our midst will be held on 4th Tuesday from 10AM at the Kottarakkara Brethren Gospel Hall. All evangelists are requested to take part in it.

K V John

Music Fest

Thiruvalla: The Brethren Assemblies in and around Thiruvalla is planning to conduct a Music fest on 7, 8, 9 Of November 2008 at Thiruvalla Public Stadium. Brother R Krishnankutty, Chandapilla Philip and Jose Mathew will speak on the occassion. All arrangements are progressing on schedule. Kindly pray for it.

Children's Meet

Thiruvalla: Along with the Music Fest a special childrens programme is planned in the same venue on 8th November from 9 to 1PM. An array of leaders are arranged for the thrill of the kids. Joy John, Abraham Thomas, Godson Valayil, Regi K Thomas, Shyjan Paul and Philip K Andrews. Kindly pray for it.

Gospel Meetings

New Delhi: Gospel Meetings are planned under the auspices of the Ebenezer Assembly from October 31, 2008 to 2November 2008. Brother Albert Sunil is the main speaker.

Bhopal: If it is the will of the Lord Gospel Meetings will be held from October 30, 2008 to November 2 from 6.30 to 8.30 in the evening in the assembly Hall. Brother Charles John will be the main speaker. Kindly pray for the blessing of this meeting.

Names & Addresses of Evangelists

1. Thomas Samuel, Charatholil, Thelliyoar 689 544
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Homecall

Areepaprambu:

Thankamma Chacko (88) wife of late Evg. Bro.K.K Chacko, Aarppil,



Arepparambu went to be with the Lord on 19.10.08. The funeral service was conducted under the auspices of Arepparambu Brethren Assembly on 22.10.08 in the presence of so many believers.

Please remember the be-reaved family in your prayers.

Perumbatty : Athiyal Chakkupurackal Unnikunju went to be with the Lord. The funeral service was conducted under the auspices of Narakathani Brethren Assembly on 16.10.08 in the presence of so many believers.

Please remember the be-reaved family in your prayers.

Prayer Meeting

If it is the will of the Lord a special prayer meeting will be held in Bhilai of Chathisgarh state from November 10 of 2008 to 14th in the Assembly hall. brother Mathew Paul, John Kurian and Thomas Mathew are the main speakers. For more information please contact Shalu T Ninan o9425551713, 09424091668

Sisters Meeting

The 60th anniversary meeting of the Kumbanadu Centre sisters meeting will be held on 8th November 2008 at the Kumbanadu Brethren Assembly Hall. Brother PPAugustine will be the main speaker. All sisters are kindly requested to take part in it.

For Prayer

Brother T P Kanakaraj who works at Thembamuttathu of Trivandrum District is suffering spontlosis . Doctors are of the opinion that he needs a surgery to correct the spine in the vertebrae. Kindly prayerfully support this brother. He is undergoing Ayurvedic treatment in Santhigiri.

IS THERE FIRE IN THE BODY?

Babukutty Punnoose, Kozhikode

Last week we dealt with lust that destroys our body, spirit and soul and this Lust abides in us or in our body itself. There are two more burning fires like that. They are pride and anger or warth. It was in man right from the beginning of humanity.

Pride. If someone is too proud of any of his achievements or attainments then that can be termed as pride. When we feel high of our health wealth personality then comes pride out of it. James 4:13, 14 and Luke 12: 17-20 exposes the 'frailty' and nothingness of human life. The great emperor Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon ate grass like oxen because of his pride. But after admitting his folly he looked to heaven and humbled himself. So the God almighty restored him to power. We read all

about it in the Book of Daniel (Daniel 4: 29-32). The fire of pride can destroy the whole life of a human being. We read of Aaron and Miriam who rose against Moses and protested against him because of their spiritual pride. (Num 12) They got due punishment for their pride. Apostle Paul had to wear a thorn in the flesh always because Lord does not want their him himself because of the excess of revelations. Both in his spiritual and wordly life he led a very simple and humble life. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus who being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation taking the form of a bond servant and coming in the likeness of men ... exalted

Him and given Him a name which is above every name (Phip 2: 5-9). Let us follow the footstep of our master. He showed us a good example. Apostle Paul followed it. Let us also do the same and give up pride for His glory.

Wrath/Anger.

Anger is an emotion in our nature. It is doubtful that if there is anybody who has never become angry. Moses got angry. We read in Ephesian 4:26 "Be angry and do not sin let the sun go down as your wrath". If we keep our wrath anything more than that can destroy us. Then it is a fire which has the capacity for destruction. As we read in the Book of Genesis 49:6 and 7 "O my soul come not thou in to the secret unto their

assembly mine honour, be not thou united for in their anger they slew a man and in their self will they digged down a wall. Cursed be their anger .. scatter them in Israel" Jacob had used very strong disciplinary words against Simeon and Levi because of their wrath and anger. On wordly terms we may or we can raise so many justification. But this should not happen among the children of God. We are expected to forgive and forget. If there is wrath and anger among men of God there won't be the presence of the Lord and the holy Spirit. According to the Psychologists wrath which persists or continues is because of the fear and sense of loss. One who trust in the Word of God wont be afraid of anything . If we are then come close to the Lord and when we are with the Lord there is no need to be afraid of.

Jacob went to Egypt with everything he had. But on his return to Macpela cave he did not carry anything with him. Those who watch and wait for the appearance of the Lord in His glory should avoid all kinds lust, pride and wrath. They have to lead a life of holiness which is worthy of the call and also should earnestly wait for His appearance. May the Lord help us for it.

Meditate on.. Prayer - See it in its seriousness

We live at a time when we are expected to give great importance for prayer. The reason being that it is the end times. We have to be sober and we have to offer incessant prayers. But today the most neglected one is prayer and most of the prayers done hypocritically. So we loose many blessing which we are supposed to get from God. Our saints now fail to understand the importance of prayer. The main reason is the bed of flowers that we enjoy ourselves. Then what is the need of prayer is the attitude of many? When people passes through sufferings they understand the meaning and importance of prayer. Then they offer fervent prayers.

Once an old assembly hall was in a bad shape. Portions of the roof began to fall due to its weak condition. The

pastor announced a special meeting and people gathered to pray. Most of them prayed earnestly and with a heavy burden. There was rich man among them. He alone could meet the expense of the repairs of the building. His prayer was very long. He prayed like this. We are poor Lord you have to help us immediately. Otherwise we are in 'danger'. It seemed that he was teaching God. As he was continuing a broken part of a tile fell on his bald head. Immediately he prayed like this I will give Rs 500/- for it. Then he stopped his prayer. immediately another old brother responded like this Lord if one more piece would have fallen on his head.

Today many pray like this wealthy man. The Lord has given

him enough money. But he is not ready to spend it. He has kept everything for him. He wants to get more from God. But we should learn to give from what God has given to us. But we see many among us who are not willing for it. King David is a good example in this respect. He gave all that he had collected for it because of his affinity towards the temple of God. He gave gold, silver and iron beyond his capacity. But God knows our heart and then act on our prayer. He knows hypocrites and their prayer. Sometimes the Lord may punish us because of our hypocrisy. Since prayer is an open conversation with the Lord. Let it be offered from a clean and pure heart. May God help us to do it.

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