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Wanted: Heart Prickers!

“Shallow preaching begets, at best, shallow converts.”

Something is amiss in the pulpit today. We are in urgent need of heart-prickers.

Review the public messages given in the Book of Acts. How often is the preacher applauded for his insightful message? How often are accolades heaped upon his oratory? Never! Consistently, God measures His work, and His workers, by results. Souls saved. Lives changed. Testimonies strengthened. That is what the Lord seeks.

The first fruits that became a great harvest at Pentecost were pricked hearts. (Acts 2:37) Pricked hearts demanded action, “what shall we do?” Then came repentance leading to salvation. No minds broadened here. No kudos

given to Peter for having introduced some new ideas (they were new, but the Spirit focused not on newness but on heart responses). No funds sought; none counted. No head count of the audience. No buildings built. No project volunteers. Just souls saved — about 3,000 of them.

Oh, for more heart-prickers today! We do not need orators. Oratory is good, but only if seasoned with the Power of God. We do not need pseudo-intellectuals. Proud intellect should be laid aside in the prayer closet, so that God’s servant can mount the pulpit to give simple expression to the greatest story ever told in humble dependence upon His Lord. Headwork has never changed a life; heartwork does. The Lord can only use in the pulpit men whose hearts He has first touched. Then they can touch other hearts for Him.

Heart-prickers do not build

buildings, they build His Church. Heart-prickers will be more likely to empty churches than fill them. Their work will tend to fill heaven instead. The message of the heart-pricker demands a response: Repent or rebel. Those who repent will follow Christ. The others will go away. Too often today the “success” of a preacher is measured by the size of his following and not in terms of the number following Christ as a result of his labours. Generally, man-pleasing preachers build large followings. And when the blind lead the blind, they both fall into the ditch.

The heart-pricker is not a fundraiser. He deals in a richer currency; he seeks souls. Modern evangelism has reached the heights of mass marketing skill. It can raise tens of millions, span continents, build networks.

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WE BELIVE IN TRIUNE TRUE GOD

Varghese Kurian

Is there a God? If so, who is he? Where is He and when He started his mission? And what is His relation with me? These types of questions will arise spontaneously. Many views are in the air like, there is no God and there is God, and God is beyond our knowledge are very common. Since we are His creation our soul thirst for God (Ps42:2). Bible is not a text book to teach that there is God. God is a reality so there is no necessity to prove it. The Bible starts from Gen1:1 with the existence of God.

Is there a God?

For every effect there is a cause and God is the cause. God is the cause for the effect of creation (Heb 11:30).

A designer is required for this good design. He is God (Ps 19:1)

The existence of man itself is the proof of the existence of God.

Life is the gift of LIFE. And God’s life is the reason for all the life. (Jon 1:4)

Our knowledge is connected to faith. By faith we should know God. (Heb11:36)

Can we know God?

By heavenly revelation only.

By nature – Rom 1:16 – 19

By Bible - Heb 1:1

By Jesus Christ – John’s gospel

What is God?

God is spirit. (Jn: 24) He has got a spiritual body but no physical body. Only Jesus had a physical body.

Is there a personality for God?

Yes. The Bible reveals He has got the attributes like knowledge feelings and will power.

What is the form of God?

Even though He is the triune God, the world trinity is not seen in the Bible, but the very idea is seen from the beginning. (Gen 1:1-3)

God Himself revealed as one God. (Deu6:4, Mark 12:29, 1:1-3). Uniqueness in connection with God is not a single word. It is the unity of more than one name. Gen 2:24

– one body. Num 13:23 – one cluster of grapes. Ez 37:19 – one rod. In Old Testament the plural is said as single about God. The above verse clarifies this uniqueness of God. The trinity should be studied in the light of above view. There are persons in God Gen: 1:26, 3:22, 11:6, and 7. God is a triune God. Trinity is the unity of three co-equal personalities. There is unity in equality, ability, power and work etc. This equality is seen in Father, Son and Spirit from infinity to eternity. This is unique.

Father is God - Jon 17: 1-4

Son is God – Heb 1:8

Holy Spirit is God – Act 5: 3 – 4

The three personalities are Omnipotent.

(Jer 32:17, Rev19:6, Job 33:4), Omniscient (1 John 3:20, Heb 4:13, 1 Cor 2:10, 110)

Omnipresent (Jer:23:24, Mat 28:20, Ps 139: 7-13)

Eternal (Mat 3:6, Heb 13:8,9:14)

He is like the equality of the three sides and angles

Y M E F (SD) From Karnataka to Tamilnadu

Y M E F (SD) team reached Kolar district 10 years before in the hope to share gospel in all the 28 districts of Karnataka state. Behind this there was the advice of the veterans of Karnataka brother V P Jacob and K P George and a lot of prayer from the saints and its organizers. The fire of evangelization had started in Karnataka even before it began to have its burning flames in Kerala. Our missionaries and Basal Mission missionaries had reached Karnataka and started the work at the latter part of the 19th century. Kollegal Brethren Assembly has already crossed 100 years and this was started by one of our missionaries. Other than that the earlier mentioned brothers D Jacob worked in many parts of Karnataka and started many assemblies. When the Y M E F team reached Karnataka there were thirty assemblies in Bangalore alone.

The team worked along with the local assemblies wherever there was any local assembly. This campaign was started solely for the extension of the Kingdom of the Lord and for His glory His glory alone. Our total dependence was who behind it is not for any of their personal profits or gains or motives. We followed the basic aim of the Y M E F which took off in 1941. The selfless support of the brethren who are behind the curtain and the submission and surrender of the soldiers who are continuously in the battle front are its assets. Not only that the incessant and fervent prayers of those who love this work of evangelization and also the hard work of those are in the follow up work and the support of the local assemblies and their co operation we were able to start seven new assemblies in the different districts the team worked. Not un to us but for Him all glory honour and power. May His name be glorified for ever. Those who wish to join the team may please contact: **A J Ommen, Ayareth, Pullad, Kerala Phone 0469 2660478. T Chacko, 0468 2341956**

of an equilateral triangle. At the same time there are no three Gods. In the whole scripture we see the three personalities of Trinity. (Gen 1:1-3, Isa 48:16, 2 Cor 13, Mat 28:3).

There are occasions in which the three persons

are revealed. (Mat3.13-17, Mark 9: 7-9, Luke 4:18). We are created with Spirit, Body and Soul to reveal the trinity. Let us take a decision to obey the triune God, who created, redeemed and comforting us.

WHO HAS BEGOTTEN THE DROPS OF DEW?

The uniqueness of the community is are the knowledge of the scripture. But the knowledge alone is not sufficient. Following and obeying the scripture is far more important than knowing it. It was the aim and gain of the first century. But it is very sad to say that within few years, the Jewish and gentile rituals entered in to the church. From the message of the church of Ephesus in the book of Revelation we can see the failure of that assembly in this regard.

This had increased during the church age and reached its climax during the Dark Age. Even then God kept some people like the seven thousand who never worshiped Baal as he said to Elijah. These people gave light to the world even in the Dark Age. God preserved some believers like the Philadelphian believers. And that light illuminated during the time of reformation. But the trend of the end time is entirely different. Many writers write and speakers speak about the the diminution of values of our period.

Stages and publishing houses are filled with the cry of the same the subject. The financial growth of the world is the main root cause. "I am rich, I want nothing" this is the attitude. But the young generation forgets about the real richness. The true proof for this can be seen through the attractive publications, dazzling convention notices, world's high class posters of music festivals and gigantic cut outs. Presentation of pure Gospel through the word of God has given way for pleasing prophesy of prosperity. Today's music also shows the spiritual value diminution. How and where the failure begin? Mainly in two fields. First one is hypocrisy The word is preached with great enthusiasm. But it is only on and outward act. The listeners are not moved spiritually.

Second is the spiritual laziness of like at the time of Eli. A sleeping nature of the God's people without doing the work, without saying what is to be said, without pointing out the mistakes, without taking any disciplinary action and without correcting at the needed place, caused considerable damages to the spirituality. The leaders are attracted only by the chairs and flattery. The children of God who were called and separated have failed in these two fields.

The conferences, family meets camps and conventions are like waves of the sea without the proper treatment for the ailment. There is no place for self justification or ego. Self examination is the correct proper remedy.

A spiritual man examines every thing. When we do something, remember that God is watching it. Can we do it with that fear? But when we look to the believers deeds, we may doubt in their belief. How many arrows are darted towards the children of God? Remember these arrows are directed to the eyes of God. Many of the rituals of the gentiles became the daily routine of the children of God. The people lost their vision just like the time of Eli. The Biblical truths are lost from the life of believers. The gentile King Nebuchadnezzar understood the mighty power of the great God who is Omnipotent and omniscient. Nothing will happen in the life of the children of God without His permission. The heading of this article is the words spoken to Job, when he was trying to justify himself. Beware! God is going to ask you something. "Now prepare yourself like a man. I will question you, and you will answer me?"

Dear children of God, there are no short cuts for a return. May God help us to lead a life according to the will of God. Let us depend on God who laid the foundation of earth and hanged it upon nothing. God will again soak this dry generation spiritually with His drops of dew. Let us pray and wait for it.

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But what about souls that are perishing? Disgusting personal habits are called "diseases," not sin. Morality becomes a relative value. Sin and repentance are down-played, in light of the idea that a loving God will accept everybody ... especially if he pays!

The heart-pricker does not deal in social issues. He has a higher mission. His issue is Christ or the world, heaven or hell, repentance or eternal death. Let the dead bury their dead issues; let us preach Christ, and Him crucified.

Where are the tears in our messages? Where are the souls coming in an anguish of conviction, seeking relief in Christ? Too often, our services end in lightness, and are followed by gay chatter and idle gossip ... because hearts have not been pricked. **Shallow preaching begets, at best, shallow converts, who fill buildings on Sunday. But, alas, will they help to fill heaven for eternity?**

Consider: Does a heart-pricker occupy your pulpit? Even sometimes? We've got a lot of people in pulpits

today who cannot — or will not — preach the gospel. And, in spiritual terms, they are useless. A dying world and a lukewarm church needs heart-prickers. May God raise them up, so that our pulpits will burn anew with messages that demand an answer.

Where can heart-prickers be found? Not in the world. Not in human organizations. Not in man's schools. Our pulpits need men who come from God; men who have been with the Lord. Who have learned — and accepted His message. Who have grasped His urgency. Who have been endowed with His Power.

The true Church needs to learn anew to leave enter-taining to the entertainers, apologetics to the dead intellectuals, fundraising to Madison Avenue, social issues to the politicians. The true Church has far more urgent, far more important things to do. But to do what the Lord left us here to do, we need a new generation of heart-prickers in our pulpits.

Y M E F News

Kottarakkara: If it be the will of the Lord a special prayer meeting will be held at the Pattom Brethren Assembly on July 26, 2009 at 3.30 pm and we wish to have a gospel campaign at Nedumangadu (TVM District) during the Pooja holidays. Kindly pray for these ministries.

One day Meeting

If it be the will of the Lord a special one day meeting will be held on 12 September 2009 at the Pathanamthitta Gospel Hall under the auspices of the Y M E F (SD) and SBS Pathanamthitta Centre. The programme will start at 9.30 am and will be over by 3.30pm. The main session will be handled by brother Roy Mathew and P G James and the closing message will be delivered by brother Lesly John. Kindly pray for these ministries.

Kallisserry: This centre of the Y M e F wishes to conduct a one day meeting at the Puthencavu Brethren Assembly Hall and a one day out reach work at the Puliyoore. One day meeting on 21st July and one day out reach on 1st August. For more information John Thomas 944691942.

SBS News

Kumbanadu Centre Camp

If it be the will of the Lord the centre camp of the Kumbanadu centre will be held during the Onam holidays (September 2-5) at the Putthencavu Camp Centre. Kindly pray for this camp. Thomas Mathew Secretary

Thrissur: This unit of the SBS wish to conduct a one day meeting in August 2009. During that meeting awards will be given to those students who got the highest marks in the S S L C. Application should reach the secretary before August 15th. For more information please contact Prasad David 9846904966

In the Vineyard

Kasargod: Brother P P Varghese of the Punnakunnam Brethren Assembly is working at Valakodu in Idukki from 2003. An assembly was formed in 2006 and now nearly 40 people gather there from 11 families. They are gathering in the house of the evangelist. Please uphold him in your prayers. P P Varghese, Logos Bhavan, Valakodu, Mathaipara P O, Idukki 685 505

Prayer Meeting of the Evangelist

Kottarakkara: If it be the will of the Lord the monthly prayer meeting of the evangelists of the South will be held at the Kottarakkara Brethren Gospel Hall in July 7, 2009 from 10am. Kindly attend it with prayer.

Sam Zachariah

Sisters Meeting

Punalur: The sisters meeting of this centre will be held on July 11, 2009 at 10 Am in the Kulathupuzha Brethren Assembly. All sisters are requested to attend the meeting with prayer.

Monthly Meeting and Outreach

Mullaringadu: The meeting and outreach work of the month of June was held in co operation with the Mullaringadu Brethren Assembly. 59 people took part in it.

As usual house visiting, Bible classes open air meetings evening meetings were held. Baptism was arranged and 4 people witnessed the Lord in the water of baptism. The Bible classes were taken by brother Jayan and K M Baby, V P Poulouse, C J Mathai and K C Simon delivered the messages. Brother A. M. Prasad conducted the baptism. The outreach and meeting of the month of July will be held in association with the Paingattoor Brethren Assembly from 8-11. Kindly pray for the ministry.

T M M College of Nursing

two warden. Candidates should be from Community who is 35 years or more.

Kindly contact the secretary John V Abraham 9447738887.

For the Children

Jesus in the Front

Once a small boy was trying to wipe of his shadow that is in the courtyard where he was standing. His attempt to clear the shadow was in vain. His father was watching his futile attempt at a distance. The boy cried out and said his father that he could not clear the shadow. His father advised him to face the sun. He stood likewise facing the sun. The shadow disappeared immediately. He was so excited and jumped up and down in joy. This small incident in the life of that small boy indicates a very important truth in the life of a man.

Dear children God is light. There is no darkness in Him. Jesus Christ the light came to the world to illuminate human being as a whole. So the scripture acknowledges Jesus Christ as the righteous sun. If Jesus Christ is put behind our life we can do anything we wanted to do. Then the black shadows will appear in your front and that will haunt you. Even the sins which are unknown to others will also appear. One cannot clear it wipe it off with ones own works.

If Jesus Christ is in your front then you will fear God. You will walk in the ways of God and will do things according to His will. You will set right your life. God will be pleased in your life. Your life will shine as light. I Have set the Lord always before me because if you can see Jesus Christ always in your front then your heart will be happy and you will rejoice.

Confess all your known and unknown sins and sins which you have committed deliberately. Submit your life with new decisions. Make your future life promising by setting Christ always in your front. I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life. John 8:12.

International News

America: In the Old Testament Period it was the practise of Israelities to allow strangers and pilgrims to glean grains from the fields where harvest was completed. In Colorado one of the rocky mountain states one family published that strangers could come and glean grain from these field. To the great astonishment the owner of the field and passers by almost 40000 people came to the field. Since the number was so high they mere forced to close the filed one day earlier than expected. The gleaning took place on a Saturday. The Joe Miller couple opened their field on the basis of the news of the increase in robbery due to poverty. But the number that came was much beyond their expectation. Previously the field was opened for the members of their church and students.

Obliged

Finding Our Calling

A continuing struggle as we seek to follow Christ is trying to find our calling in life. While we often think in terms of occupation and location, perhaps a more important issue is one of character - the being that under girds doing. "Lord who do You want me to be.?"

In Ephesians 4 Paul wrote "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you are called. He followed this with three be's as one translation renders it: be humbe, be gentle, be patient, "bearing with one another in love." Paul wrote this from prison a difficult place where he continued to live out his calling from God.

O s w a l d C h a m b e r s said "Consecration is not the giving over of the calling in life to God, but the separation from all other callings and the giving over of ourselves to God, letting His providence place us where He will in business or law or science in workshop in politics or in drudery. We are to be there working according to the laws and principles of the Kingdom of God.

Other Tongues — Is it Necessary Today?

Gifts has been given to the children of God for the smooth functioning of the local assemblies. (Rom 12:6-12, 1Cor 12: 28-31, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1Peter 4:9-11). We can see about the gifts in these four portions of the scripture. These portions of the scripture reveals that the Triune God (father, Son, Holy Spirit) play their role in the distribution of gifts to saints. From the detailed list we can see that some of the gifts are temporary and some are permanent. The temporary gifts are sign and miracles. They are given specially for the Apostolic times. They are temporary gifts. Other tongues belongs to this group.

A. The scriptures that speak of the gift of other tongues In the day of Pentecost Acts 2 In the house of Cornelius Acts 10: 14 Ephesus Acts 19:14.

These are

three portions where people spoke in other tongue in the first century. The three chapters of 1Corinthians 12, 13, 14. This book gives details about other tongue and its mode of using it.

B. Other tongues is a sign for unbelievers
1Cor 1:22

The Jews generally believed on signs and miracles 1Cor 1:22. It was a sign for Jewish unbelievers. In Pentecost the Apostles spoke in tongues to make the Jews believe that the apostles spoke great things of God. In Chapter 10 of Acts the Lord wanted the Jews who followed Apostle Peter to believe that gentiles too can have Holy Spirit if they accepted Christ as their personal savior and Lord. Anyone who believes, will be gifted with the Holy Spirit in the unchanging nature of God was proved to the Jewish believer in the house of

Cornelius. Jews accepted it and they had to accept this fact from that incident.

The Conditions to use the gift of the tongue. Only two or three are permitted in a congregation 1Cor 14:27.

One has to follow another and not all are permitted together 1Cor 14:27.

An interpreter is a must when one speaks in other tongues.

Women should hold their silence 1Cor 14:34

When gifts are utilized under the control of the Holy Spirit the use of tongues should be according to those instructions. Do we have this type of gift in the present.

The Purpose of gift of tongues It is a sign of unbelievers and not believers 1Cor 14:22

To confirm the Word of God Mark 16:20; Hebrews 2: 3,4

For the spiritual edification of the

church !Cor 14:12, 28
For the benefit of all 1Cor 12:27

For the glory of the Triune God 1Pet 4:11. Whether there are tongues they will cease 1Cor 13:8

But when that which is perfect has come then that which is part will be done away. Perfect is neither masculine or feminine it is neuter gender. So it cannot be about Christ or His second coming. It is definitely about Bible. Bible is compared to a mirror. After the appearance of the perfect faith and hope will sustain or remain. (1Cor 13:12,13; James 1:23). Today there is no need of anymore miracles and signs because the perfect thing has reached our hand. Other tongues is not spoken any where in the world today according to the terms and conditions depicted by the Word of God. Amen.

Can we Love Our Enemies?



The answer to the question is the head line of this passage is Yes Jesus Christ has not asked just to do anything that we cannot do. But it is not so easy. But it is possible only those who experience the love of Our God who loved us when were His enemies. Our greatest enemy is Satan. The command is not to love Him but to withstand Him. Sometimes some of the people who are mere weapons in the hands of Satan can become our enemies. We are expected to love them. Our Lord did ask us to do it and also he left an example for us to follow Stephen the first martyr in the first century did the same when he prayed to those who threw stones at him. We can see many such examples from the pages of Bible.

Once Turkey attacked Armenia. They plundered their cities. Many were brutally killed. Thousands were taken as slaves. One young lady

among them was carried to the house of a Military commander as his servant. She had to suffer a lot there because they continuously tortured her in different ways. She got disgusted with her life there. One day she ran away from there and reached the British Military barracks. They sent her for nursing. Thus she became a military nurse. While she was working there as the military nurse number of soldiers and officers were brought to her hospital who were wounded in a battle. They were all people from Turkey.

She got the chance to nurse a fatally wounded military officer. He recovered soon because of her nursing care. She was once a slave in the same officer's house. He recognized her. He said "Why you did not kill me? She replied him that she was the slave of Jesus who prayed for those who crucified Him. So she

could not do that Christ has taught me to love my enemies. These words were beyond his expectation and it shook him. That military officer accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour and Lord.

His question was "Am I not your enemy?". Why didn't you kill me? Those who love and obey Lord cannot do that. Those who claim that they love Lord then definitely they will love their enemies too. Thus they will be able to guide many to the saving knowledge of the Lord. Though difficult, we are expected to do like wise. Let us follow the same example of that nurse. Make you complete in every good work to do His will working in you what is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever and ever". Heb 13:21.

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