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Full Cups

It takes a steady hand to carry a full cup." He was an elderly man, even before I was privileged to know him. Many years of experience had left their imprint on his brow, and wisdom was found in his words. In his long business life, he had carried a full cup; and spilled it a time or two. He knew whereof he spoke.

"It takes a steady hand to carry a full cup." He was an elder in the local assembly. He had earned the respect of us young folk; and he held that respect with walk and words that exhibited Godly wisdom. It is easy for us to request "the blessing of the Lord, that maketh rich, and adds no sorrow with it;" fully knowing as we ask that our heart is seeking material wealth and personal pleasure. But is the hand steady enough to carry life's CLIP if filled with that sort of blessings? The Lord knows; and often He fills our cup with His chosen blessings that are of a nature which our hand is

steady enough to carry for our good and for His glory.

He's gone now—that dear old man. He is in Heaven. He finished his course, and the Lord took him home. After his departure, we stood alone one day at his grave; and wept loving tears as our inner-most ear heard once again his deep and caring voice repeat his wise admonition: "It takes a steady hand to carry a full cup." To us young men he said that we should be sure that our hand is steady before we ask the Lord to fill our cup with the type of blessings the human heart craves. For, the sort of thing the flesh desires can lead us astray, spilling our testimony into waste and woe. Only the steady hand can carry that filled cup.

The cup of the Psalmist (Ps. 23:5), said he, "run-neth over." He had more blessings and delights than one life could contain, so they spilled over in abundance. Moreover, he knew that goodness and mercy would follow him all the days of his life. Yet, the

Di-vine record details that the hand of this great and Godly king was not always steady. For God records in unforgettable detail how David's greatest blessings led to his deepest grief; when his hand became unsteady. If he could fail, how easily we can fail as well; often tried in the very areas where we suppose our greatest strength lies. "The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup" (Ps. 16:5). This comes from a golden psalm of David. It speaks of a blessing that fills life's cup with satisfaction, and steadfastness. The psalmist comments that this cup is blessed by fullness with the Lord Himself. The hand is not disposed to tremble that is filled with Him. If our cup first abounds with the fullness of our Lord, and the blessings brings, a steadiness abides which keeps the soul peace and sanctity. Whatever fill Our

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PUNJAB CAMPAIGN (YMEF North Division)

The Punjab campaign was left Thrissur by Gods grace at 4 O'clock on Monday morning 27-7-09 with 6 brothers. We reached at Kumta Assembly Hall at 11 p m. Bro; Herald did all the necessary arrangement. Tuesday at 5 a m we started from there and reached at Panaveli in Maharastra by 12 O clock were Bro: Shaji is doing the ministry. We took a small rest in our Assembly Hall there and started to Udayapur in Rajasthan at 3 am and reached at Bro: George's house at 9 O clock. On Thursday at 6 a m we started to Rothack in Haryana. On our way the vehicle hit some cattle and caused some damages. God protected all the brothers. Bro: V J Thankachen from Ajmeer assembly and his friend Bro: Thomas came immediately and did all the necessary things for us. We had very nice cottage meeting at the house of Bro: Ashok and God gave us a chance to speak from the word. On 31st Friday we assembled at the house of Bro: James and challenged the brothers for the ministry according to the word of God. On 1st of August we spoke at the Bible class at the house of Bro: Ashok and encouraged the new believers. On 2nd we worshiped the Lord at the Ajmeer Assembly.

When we got our van repaired on Monday, we got ready for the next journey and started on 3rd morning at 8 a m and reached Rothak at 5 p m. Bro: P. S. Sunny is working here. There are 40 locals here as believers. At 7 p m we spoke in the Bible class. There is a ministry going on in a near by village also. The worship is conducted at his house with limitations. So please contribute and pray for a convenient place.

From 17th to 22nd we had a blessed ministry in 39 villages. In two schools we distributed tracts. In those days we visited villages in Banglablock, Kadgalkalam, Kamaleswar side, Pagarakothada south, Gumamanka side and the freedom fighter Bhagath Singh Museum etc. We visited a man in Kamampind village who fell down from a tree and got paralyzed. His brother is a believer. Please pray for them. In Bensa village Radhaswami and Mahinder Singh treated us in their home. Singh's parents are believers in England. We presented the gospel clearly to those brothers. The 'Karshaksree' award holder of Kareeka village Mr.: Nirmal Singh Rakhel gave us a good treat at his house. We saw a village called Beljore in Kamanmore side, were there are 25 believers including a commando soldier Surender Kumar and his wife Komal. But with great sadness the sister said that there is no regular gathering or Bible study. We spoke from the word of God in that home. Please pray for them. In Masali village in Pagvara of Konad side we met Bittu and his 2 brothers who are believers. There are 20 believers in that village. We spoke from the word and encouraged them for the perfect spiritual life and witnessing. At Jhandali village we saw a Christian church.

On 23rd Sunday we worshiped at Ludhiana and gave message. Team members are doing well. This week Babi of Kamanchar Assembly, Mahider and Sunil of Ludhiana Assembly came and worked with the team. Let us pray for the villagers and for the word which are sworn.

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THE DEITY OF CHRIST-IV

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E. Scriptural Portions That Explicitly Assert the Deity of Jesus Christ

c. John 20:28: "And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God." This verse records the confession of Thomas who acknowledged the Deity and the Lordship Jesus Christ.

d. Romans 9:5: "Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen." This verse is describing about Christ. It can be clearly proved from the context and the grammar.

e. Philippians 2:6-8: "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon

Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Here Paul is writing about Christ, the God who became man and died on the cross of Calvary.

f. Colossians 2:9: "For in him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Here Paul affirms that in the person of Christ all the fulness of the Godhead dwells in the bodily form.

g. 1 Timothy 3:15,16: "But if I tarry long, that you may know how you ought to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh,

justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." These verses also emphatically affirm that the incarnated Christ is God Himself.

h. Titus 2:13: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." This verse makes it clear that Jesus Christ is the great God. But Jehovah's witnesses wrongly translated this verse like this: "we wait for the happy hope and glorious manifestation of the great God and of [the] Savior of us, Christ Jesus." According to their translation, we are looking for the glorious manifestation of God the Father and also for the saviour Jesus Christ.

IS THE CREATOR IS PROTECTED BY THE CREATION?

When we go through news papers of these days, the incidents that take place during these days reveal men should give protection for gods. It is very bad, because God created man. The man is not out of monkey. When man took charge of God's protection, there is some thing wrong somewhere. Even though he knew God by His invisible power from the beginning man never knew Him or worshiped Him. Man became useless in his thinking and his mind became dark. So man gave different shapes for gods and he worshiped the creation instead of the creator. Here man went wrong here. That was why our former chief minister E. K. Nayanar said like this 'Why there should be guards in temple and church to protect their gods?'

Hundreds of temples and churches are looted every month. The worship places are the green pastures for the robbers. In this situation the people will lose their confidence in the holiness of worship places.

But the people never learn that God is not living inside the four walls of a temple or church. God is omnipotent,

omnipresent and omniscient. The temple of that God is our heart. Nobody can tie up that God in a particular place. That God is loving and merciful. He is knocking at the door of human heart. If any body hears His sound and open his door of heart He will come and sup with him. Jesus Christ of Nazareth took our sins and sacrificed himself on the Calvary cross. He is the perfect man and perfect God. So Jesus Christ told to those who were heavy laden, to get out of that, come to Him and He will give rest. No body has given such a public declaration. Because no body has ever come and did like Jesus Christ. The Roman soldiers were around His tomb. But He broke it and conquered death. He resurrected on the third day. After that no body protected Him till today. It is not required because He is in heaven and protects those who trust in Him. Let us glorify our God

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So for them Jesus Christ is not the great God. But, grammatically we can prove that 'great God' and 'Saviour' refer to the same person. Even without taking the support from the grammar we can prove that 'great God' and 'Saviour' refer to the same person. We know that we are not looking for the coming of God the Father, but we are looking for the glorious appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:2,3; 17:24; 1 Cor. 1:7; Phil. 3:20).

i. Hebrews 1: 8,9: "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." These verses point the fact that God the Father had anointed God the Son. Here the Father calls the Son as God. Here, two times Father addresses the Son as God. It is a crystal clear evidence for the deity of Christ.

j. 1 John 5:20: "And we know that the Son of God is come, and has given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we

are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. **This is the true God, and eternal life.**"

k. Revelation 1:8: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Jehovah's witnesses do not believe that Jesus Christ is equal with God the Father. In order to prove their teaching, they argue that Jesus Christ is not the almighty God. But this verse refutes the teachings of Jehovah's witnesses.

l. Revelation 21:6,7: "And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." These verses also prove the deity of Jesus Christ. Many times, Jehovah's witnesses try to escape from this evidence by saying that this is a reference to God the Father. This can be refuted from the study of Rev. 22:7,12,13,20. "Behold, I come quickly" is repeated in

22: 7,12, and 20. From the prayer of John "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (v. 20), it is clear that one who is coming quickly is the Lord Jesus Christ. The same Jesus Christ who said "Behold, I come quickly" in verse 12 says in verse 13 that "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." Therefore, it is right to say that one who is speaking in Rev. 21:6,7 is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

It can be stated in view of the above without hesitation that the Bible makes the perfect claim that Jesus Christ is God. Let no one miss the implications of such a claim. It is therefore untenable to speak of Jesus Christ as a good man, a great teacher, a great moral example or even as "a small god" as the Jehovah witnesses do who deny His absolute deity. If any one denies this fact that Jesus Christ is God, He failed completely to apprehend Him. "He that hath not the Son hath not Life!" (1 John 5:12).

A Life Remembered

"Daddy, help me", Those were the last words Dianne and Gar Cronin heard their daughter say as she struggled to breathe. Kristin, 14 years -old, died suddenly- just 2 days after saying she didn't feel well. A strep infection attacked her body on Thursday. By Saturday, she was pleading, with her daddy to help her.

Before Kristin died I was scheduled to speak at her family's church Soldotna, Alaska. In God's timing I stood before the congregation the day after her funeral.

Kristin was one of those vivacious teens who loved Jesus and lived for Him and whose sudden death leaves us with a million questions.

Because I went through a similar loss of my own teenage daughter a few years ago, I was able to offer some advice to this stunned and grieving Church. First, I said, we must recognize God's Sovereignty. Psa 139:16 reminds us that Kristin's life was the exact length, God intended. Second, I asked the church never to forget family. Whether it is, 2 months or 5 years later, the family will never get over" losing Kristin. They will never stop needing Christians who care and remember. In times like this, don't forget that God is in control and that He wants us to be a comfort to others.

Gospel Meetings

Elanthoor: If it be the will of the Lord the Elanthoor Pariyaram Brethren Assembly wish to conduct a gospel meeting at the Panchayat Stadium at Neduveli Junction on November 20,21,22 Of 2009. The evening meetings will be from 6.30 pm to 8.30pm and the main speakers are brother Jose Mankudy and Binu Samuel. Kindly pray for the blessing of this conventon. **T J Thomas**

Hissar: On August 15th we conducted home visiting and evening meeting in a village. Brother Virpalsing spoke from the word in the evening meeting. Two sisters witnessed the Lord in the water of baptism. Kindly continue to pray for this assembly. **Samuelkutty M. C**

Meenthully (Kannur):

Notice: We the Meenthully Brethren Assembly wish to help the local assemblies in the Malabar area to purchase land for cemetery or for the construction of the compound wall construction of cellar etc. The money for this purpose has been raised from the amount received by selling the excess land of the cemetery of this assembly. So deserving and needy assemblies may contact.

Meenthully Brethren Assembly, Kozhichal P O, Cherupuzha, Kannur 670511.

For Special Prayer

Brother Nelson S/o Evg K P George Mylapra underwent Angioplasty and is taking rest at home. On and off he is getting very weak. Brother K P George who is too old still goes to Chengara assembly. He finds it very difficult to walk. His wife is suffering from rheumatic arthritis since long cannot stand or walk without a walker. Altogether their condition deserves our fervent prayers. So let us uphold this family to the throne of grace.

To the eternal happiness of the Lord and Master

Chethackal: James Daniel (James Chekot 52) one of the bone soldiers who fight in the field of gospel and the president of the Ranni Centre Y M E F went to be with the Lord on 31.8.09. The mortal remains of the dear brother was buried under the auspices of the Chethakal Brethren Assembly. On 3.09.09 in the presence of a large gathering of the saints from the different parts of Kerala and abroad.



This young brother was actively involved in the work of the Y M E F and SBS. During these days he was worried about the factions among the assemblies. To save the assemblies from those schisms and factions assembly visits and monthly prayer meetings were arranged under the auspices of the Y M E F unit of Ranni and he was actively involved in it. Another concern of his was the lack of the spirit of the young in the field of evangelization. He stressed about its need and made an emotional statement in the Y M E F general committee on 15.08.09 at Kottayam. His untimely and sudden demise is really heart breaking. But thanks to the Lord that it was at the appointed time of the Lord. Let us pray that the gracious Lord console the bereaved family and we the Y M E F and family of Suvisheshadhvani, share their sorrow and do them.

Kids Corner

Seek Ye

Millions of people who failed to enter the ark of Noah might have desperately tried to save themselves from drowning from the great deluge. But their futile attempt drew them more and more to the below the waters. Only Noah and his family members were saved because they were just, innocent and righteous in the sight of the Lord. A few people got saved. They escaped through and from the great deluge. That is what the scripture tells us. Those who obeyed the Word of God got saved. Even today many are trying to escape and save themselves through their own deeds and works. But no one can escape from the deep mire and pit of mud.

The sole and only personality who can find a solution for anything and everything is Jesus Christ. He is a capable and efficient to give the real and sustaining peace, happiness and rest. Dear child have you got freedom from the sin that has sunk to the pit of mud? Come to the ark which is none other than Jesus Christ. The one and only means for salvation is Jesus Christ. Come and get saved.

The end of everything has come in to my presence. The earth is filled with their transgression. So I will destroy them along with the earth. Noah built the ark and propagated the news to every one. But only few of them were saved. Dear children come to Jesus Christ and get saved before the door of grace is being closed.

Have we Forgotten the Great Truth – The Church

K V Isaac

It seems that the modern brethren believers have forgotten the real taste of separation or holiness. We have deteriorated to the state of animation christians. The modern mode of evangelisation assumes that everything is on the finger tips. The church formed with the tips of our fingers and the ink of pen has nothing to do with the church which the Lord was speaking or which He has introduced to the age of grace. Many think or consider that the formation of the local assembly is just like that of any national programmes or events. That is, the church for the convenience of men is the concept that the younger generation is receiving from the other end. So many changes are brought and novel ideas are introduced through human leadership. But Jesus Christ has declared the purpose of the establishment of Church in this world. I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Nimrod tried to bring together the people of the whole world against the Almighty God after the great deluge. For that he planned to build a tower. This was to oppose the plan and programme of the Almighty God. Today the modern brethren people have stopped the establishment of local churches; instead they are joining hands with political, cultural, social and educational leaders and are trying to build big babel towers. People understand about them as a group who try to go hand in hand with the local church as well as the society.

Jesus Christ has revealed the purpose of the building of the church to Apostle Peter. This has a foundation and a corner stone. When Peter restrained it Jesus called him Satan. So if Christ called Peter like this what He will call the modern Brethren who wish to follow the same foot steps. So let us turn away from such buildings. If we are engaged in the building which will burn down to ashes then what is the meaning of this hard work.

The Lord's great commission or the last command is very important. Evangelisation is not the only command that we are given in it. Preach then baptize and make disciples are also equally important. What we read in gospel of John at the beach of the Tiberias. 'Feed my lambs, Feed my sheep'. The overseeing of the local assembly is as important as the evangelisation programme. There should not be any compromise on any of it. At one time churches gave more importance to the evangelisation rather than to the administration. They sent number of missionaries to the other parts of the world. This was much commendable. But the lamentable issue was that those churches that ignored the oversight were not there on the return of the missionaries who were sent to different places of the world.

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hearts, our life, our cup we must be sure that as the, psalmist could say we experience the delight that the, Lord gives, and that the, blessedness of closeness to Him fills our cup.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, there was a cup. We know it was full; for we had helped to fill it. I had to be drained or death would reign eternally. For thrice repeated, and anguished request went up to God the Father, that the cup might pass from the hand of Him who prayed prostrate in the garden. But, the cup could not pass from Him; for His was the only hand steady enough to carry that cup all the way to Calvary; and there drink it to the last drop. It took the steadiest hand in the universe to carry that full cup; and then to see its full measure drained and swept away by the precious blood of God's perfect Lamb.

Our Saviour drained the bitterness of that cup, so that our cup in this life could be filled with His salvation; and so that, knowing Him, He could be our portion and, as David said, our cup could run over with His blessings. Let us be certain that those richest of all blessings are



If We Become the Light of the World

The Bible reveals a God's child as the light of the world. Lord Jesus told this to his disciples. This light should shine in the darkness. But many times as this is not happening in us because of problems that come into our lives. It results in the ruin of our lives as well as of many others as well. It is necessary that our lives should be enlightened with scripture and Holy Spirit.

Once two friends were walking on a beach towards the side where there was light. As they were moving forward, two red lights came into their sight. Suddenly one of them told like this; when a ship nears to a shore, the captain should run the ship unless the red line that is said earlier be

the ones that fill our cup day by day. And if, as our heart and nature tends to desire, we seek also the blessings that are temporal and related to the pleasures of life, let us be sure that our exercise before the Lord is such that it will be a steady hand that carries the full cup. For if our hand is unsteady as regards the carrying of the non-spiritual blessings that can be heaped upon us, we can bring dishonour to His name and sorrow to ourselves. It takes a steady hand to carry a full cup!

in a line. But he is not supposed to run it very far. When he goes a little further, he will see two green lights and then he has to run towards it. Thus it will safely reach the shore.

Likewise God has given us two types of lights in our Christian lives to make our journey easier. One is red light that is the God's word which will indicate the boundaries in our life. David told us to meditate God's word so that we won't sin and will be away from the ways of sin. The precarious situation is shown by this red light. It is a lamp for our feet and light for our path (Ps.119:105). When the red light or the scripture should shine in us, we leave the danger zone and move to a safer region or we should move

away. The holy spirit as the green light leads our Christian life as the boat or our ship in the right path and enables us to reach the shore safely. Whoever moves according to the instructions of this light will never have to be worried about anything. Let us shine like a lamp which is enlightened with Holy Spirit as the oil to lead us in the right path till the second coming of our Lord or till the end of our lives. Let the light in us shine so that many people can be directed to the path which is led by Scripture and Holy Spirit and many boats which are in utter darkness of this world can be reached its shore safely. We are the light of this world.

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