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BELIEVER AND FAITHFULNESS

The believers are those who believed in the faithful God and attained the salvation. This believer should work according to the will of Lord, his God and savior. The faithfulness is the basic principle of this life. God expects faithfulness from us. Let see two verses from the scripture.

Jer 5:3 Surely the LORD looks for faithfulness. He struck you, but you paid no attention; he crushed you, but you refused to learn. You were

stubborn and would not turn from your sin.

1Co 4:2 The one thing required of such servants is that they be faithful to their master.

Here we can see the importance of the faithfulness since God look and search for the faithful. There is not any importance for our qualification, efficiency, wealth or elocution in front of God. God looks only the faithfulness.

Dear children of God are you included in God's list? Are you perfect in your life on

faithfulness? How much importance we are giving for faithfulness in our life? God is looking at you to see the faithfulness. Let us see what type of faithfulness that the God is expecting from us.

1. Faithfulness towards gospel.

1Ti 1:12 I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength for my work. I thank him for considering me worthy and appointing me to serve him". Here we can

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Exams have Come ... the Tempter too ...

This is the examination time. When people get these weeks "Dhwani" the tension of the Exam will be at its climax. At this juncture there appears one of our Sunday School students in the scene. Let the name be any name which we like or it can be the name of our own kids who appears for the exam. Now let us have some imagination. When this student was working very hard the enemy put forward some of the shortcuts to attain good marks. He introduced a good friend to him. That

friend used to spend his time at river banks and with his friends. If he has more time then he will watch the Idiot box. He asked our Sunday School Student "Hey, What a fool you are! Why do you spend such sleepless nights. No need to work hard like this. You will get A+ or B+ for sure. I will tell you the means ...". Let us come to the reality.

When the exams come closer we all pray for our children in the assemblies and in special prayer groups. We pray for them to get the best results and highest ranks. We used

to remember them by name. It is very important and is a must. But how many of us are concerned about their spiritual growth and development. How many us are willing to advise our kids when they go behind these shortcuts. How many of us discourage our children from sending the assembly meetings on the 1st day of the week for tutitions and on the study centres. Let these feelings also may come to our mind during this examination time.

From Saudi Arabia ...

Almost all the saints all over the world might have known about the accident that happened in Taif on the early hours of 27th Febuary. Everyone except Saju of Kottarakkara was shifted to the speciality hospital in the near by big cities. Since the condition of Saju is not fit to be transferred he still remains in the same hospital. But the ventilator is removed and he is better. Thanks to the Lord.

Dear Saints how long these dear one may have to remain bed ridden. When they could be able to join their work. We have number of questions like this in front of us. But let us trust in Him and His word. Since he careth for us ... When the Israelities had a problem at the time of King Ahasuerus right from the palace Esther the queen to the least including Mordecai went in to fasting and prayer. God delieverd them. So let us join our hands and pray for these dear ones.

Let us continue to pray for the bereaved family especially Seira and Jeremiah.

One Month Course

Perumbavoor. The Next one month course of the GTC will be held from April 11 to May 9 at the Paruttipara Brethren Assembly in association with that assembly. All theological subjects will be dealt with. In addition to it studies will be taken about the various religions, worship, discipleship, evangelisation etc. Brothers above 16 can stay and attend the classes. Ladies can be day scholars. The scholars of theology from our midst will be leading the classes. Certificates will be issued for those who complete the course successfully. Those who wish to join may kindly submit the application on or before 5th April to the principal

P G James

FINANCIAL DISCIPLINE IS INEVITABLE

A man, when he is awake he thinks about the money matters half of his time. So it is an important matter in our life. Bible referred more 2000 times about wealth. And it is nearly double the time above the subject faith or prayer. Our Lord also referred about wealth more than the heavenly city. Therefore if we the children of God are ignorant about the financial matters, it will uproot us.

In a wealth controlled country the practice of financial discipline is a must. The spiritual leaders and Elders have the responsibilities to teach the believers about the financial discipline in this world of undisciplined consumers. The classes and books of Bro; V.P.Paulose (Mannoor) about financial matters are very useful. But many of the believers said that it is not practical and they discarded it. William McDonald who recently went to be with the Lord in his book called "True Discipleship" wrote about the 'investment' with much Biblical references in the chapter 'Where is your investment'. But are we not saying that it is also rubbish? So it is the duty of the church authority to educate the laymen about this subject. If not, we have pay for the spiritual emaciation of the next generation.

Even Lord asked that those who can not handle the wealth of this world, how he can handle the spiritual wealth. We have to bear in mind that we should give account to the Lord.

The world is conducting many studies about the Economics. The world famous Economist Dr Norkode Parkinson (1871-1927) said that the expenditure will increase to the

same level of income. His assumption is true. The expenditure will increase according to the income. Taking bank loan for every thing has become a regular routine in our life. People are running for loan facilities. They are ready to give over- interest for that. Nowadays some of the believers are also lending money on over- interest. God said to the Israelites not to take loan from others. Our Lord also said that, "It is a blessing to give, than to receive". We are not grown up to the standard of David to say that every thing is God's gift. When we spent other people's money we are becoming their slaves.

Making homes through the bank loans has become the common trend of Keralite families. Somebody said that all the cement of India is eaten by the Keralites. All the sweet sand of Kerala has become the concrete towers. Once a north Indian man thought that our sand is gold because of its price. Above all the unwanted purchasing habits of Keralites had reached at a high level. Self control which is the fruit of the Spirit should be shown in the financial field also.

Money itself is not bad. But beware of the spending habit. You have to spend only for needful things. Invest in the heaven. Give good amount for gospel. Let us cut short our unwanted spending. Financial discipline is a must in every field. It is needed in today's life.

Samuel Thomas

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see that God appointed Paul because of his faithfulness. When men forget God's standard and appoint their own people for God's work, God never change His attitude.

The 11th verse clearly says the basic reason why God counted Paul as the trustworthy.

1Ti 1:11 That teaching is found in the gospel that was entrusted to me to announce, the Good News from the glorious and blessed God. Teaching found in gospel means the basic doctrines of believers. That is seen in **Act 2:41** Many of them

believed his message and were baptized, and about three thousand people were added to the group that day.

Act 2:42 They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers.

The responsibility towards the above word of God is the faithfulness of gospel. There may be people who keep faithfulness in religion, society and political party. But God never respect that. Everybody should examine that whether the faithfulness of gospel is present in us.

2. Faithfulness with fear.

Neh 7:2 I put two men in charge of governing the city of Jerusalem: my brother Hanani and Hananiah,

commanding officer of the fortress. Hananiah was a reliable and God-fearing man without equal. Hanani was appointed as the leader in the court not because he was his brother, but because he feared God. Hanani was a faithful and God fearing man compared to others. Hanani lived as a faithful man in the middle of the people who denied their faith and faithfulness. Today many are hesitant because of others. Some are denying their belief. At this contest Hanani is an example for us. Are we holding fast the fear of God and faithfulness of Hanani today? The fear of God is the mixture of love and fear. Those who loved God feared God. There are many commands in the Bible for fear. (1Jn 2:15, Mat 10:37, 1Cor 16:22, Ja 4:5;6, 2Cor 7:1, Heb 12:29). Therefore the fear and faithfulness should be together in us. **1 Co 1:9** God

is to be trusted, the God who called you to have fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Where shall we be trustworthy?

Heb 3:2 He was faithful to God, who chose him to do this work, just as Moses was faithful in his work in God's house. God's wish is that we should be faithful like Moses.

When we are faithful in God's house we can be faithful in other places also. God's house is the Church.

Eph 2:19 So then, you Gentiles are not foreigners or strangers any longer; you are now citizens together with God's people and members

of the family of God. We should be faithful in that house. See the words of Stephan. **Act 7:38** He is the one who was with the people of **Israel assembled in the desert**; he was there with our ancestors and with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and he received God's living messages to pass on to us. 40 years he was faithful. So the Holy Spirit says he was faithful in all the houses of God.

To be continued.

Y M E F News

South Division Monthly Prayer Meeting

Kottarakkara: If it be the will of the Lord the bi monthly prayer meeting of the YMEF (SD) will be held in association with the Kalanjoor Brethren Assembly and YMEF Pathanapuram centre on 28.3.2010 at 3pm. Kindly pray for the blessings of the meeting and also attend it with prayer. For more information P. Pappy and Jacop P Mathew

Malabar Division Bible Camp

God willing the Bible camp of the Malabar Division will be held with the association of the Kasargod unit of the YMEF and Neeleswaram Brethren Assembly. Brother Thompson B Thomas and P M Abraham will take the main sessions. We solicit the prayers of the saints for the blessing of this camp. More information K K Mathew Secretary

One Day Out Reach

Pathanapuram Centre

A one day out reach was conducted under the responsibility of the Y M E F unit and the Anchal Brethren Assembly at Anchal and Alanchery. 20 brothers took part in the ministry. We visited many houses and the Lord enabled us to distribute leaflets and booklets. Open air too was conducted along with it. By the grace of the Lord we conducted the outreach in a blessed manner. We solicit the prayers of the saints to have some sustaining fruits. D Thankachan

SBS News

Centre Camp

If it be the will of the Lord the centre camp of the Pathanamthitta centre will be held from 31st March 4pm to 3rd April 4pm at the Pathanamthitta Gospel hall. Brothers Dr. John Abraham, Biju Kannan, Binu Samuel, Aby K George and K Biju will take the main classes. Bible competitions are arranged for the children. The theme of the camp is Walk in the Newness of Life. Kindly pray for the blessing of this camp.

Valakom: The centre camp of the Valakom centre SBS will be held on April 28, 29 and 30. We solicit the prayers of the saints.

50th Year of the Testimony of Gospel in Ujjain

Ujjain, a city in Madhya Pradesh is a famous place for the Hindu religion. Preaching of gospel was started there fifty years before. Brother Devasikhamony heeded to the call of the Lord and left for Ujjain from Ananthapur on 1st April 1960. I who was working in Ananthapur also joined them. We

reached Ujjain on 7th and took rooms in Dharmasala and started to witness the saviour. After a few days I left for Rajasthan. This place is notorious for superstition believers. Hari Om Nama Sivayem is heard through out the day and night. An assembly hall was constructed there and we are completing 50 years of witnessing there. Special Meetings are arranged and all the evangelists from Madhya Pradesh are invited. Kindly pray for the blessings of this ministry also for the special meetings.

E J Paily

Book Review

Old Testament Commentary by William MacDonald (Malayalam Translation)

The Malayalam translation of the Old Testament Commentary by William MacDonald was published on March 6 2010 at 4pm in B B C Auditorium. The book was published by Brother M M Zachariah by giving a copy of it to Dr O M Samuel. The meeting was presided over by brother Varghese K Kurian.

Brother MacDonald wrote this book to make the ordinary believers fruitful and establish them the sound doctrine. The language is beautiful that it can be easily enjoyed by the literate and illiterate. Those who need the book may kindly contact brother P T Abraham, Parayil Baby Cottage, Othara West P.O, Thiruvalla. Telephone: 9446326572, 94462220310.

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Monthly Prayer Meeting

Pathanamthitta: God willing the monthly prayer meeting of the brethren assemblies in and around Pathanamthitta will be held in Manjanikkara Brethren Assembly on 27th March 2010 at 10am. All the saints are requested to attend it with prayer. A M Thomas

Gospel Hall Pathanamthitta

The hospital visits by sisters and brothers at the Pathanamthitta continues as usual.

The Omalloor Mela

Along with the Omalloor Vayal Mela Gospel Meetings, tracts distribution will be held on 15th March from 9am in co operation with the Omalloor Brethren Assembly. Kindly pray for it. Sisters Meeting

A special meeting of the sisters will be held in the gospel hall on 20th March 2010 from 10am under

the auspices of the Gospel Hall Pathanamthitta from 10am to 1pm. Romans 3 is the chapter for meditation. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings.

K A Philip

For Fervent Prayers

Kulakkadu (Adoor): Master Jetty Mathew (11) is seriously admitted in SUT Hospital Trivandrum in a serious condition after he fell unconscious during the school assembly. Kindly pray for the speedy recovery of the child

D Thankachan

Kumbanad: Sister Kunjamma W/o brother Varghese of Paramel Brethren Assembly had a severe stroke. One of her sides got paralysed and is admitted in the Pushpagiri Medical College Hospital. Kindly pray for the recovery of this sister.

The Desires of Apostle Paul

For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified 1Cor 2:2. Apostle Paul preaches the gospel, writes, epistles and establishes new assemblies. Moreover He had much burden about the assemblies that he had started. Even though he was much busy like this, still his desire was nothing but to know only Christ crucified. Christ should be glorified in His body

According to my earnest expectations and my hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed but that with all bodies as always so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body whether it be by life or by death" (Philip 1:20). When Paul wrote these words he was in the prison. He was not sure of the punishment that Emperor Nero would give him, But whatever be the punishment even if is death he has only one desire that Christ should be glorified through his body.

But I would ye should understand brethren that

the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel. Since he was imprisoned he was able to share gospel to the prisoners. I am crucified with Christ nevertheless I live yet not I but Christ liveth in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God. Everyone lives for themselves. No one lives for others But Paul lives for Christ. Everyone has their own personalities and Paul too had his personality. But his personality has lost in Christ. He magnified Christ in his body and through his life. That is those who see Paul is not seeing him but Christ and Christ only. That was Apostle Paul's another desire 1Cor 9:23.

His desire was to be a part of evangelism. He did not claim that he will conduct all the evangelisation. But he is demanding a part in it. Become a partner in evangelisation. All christian disciples should have this desire the desire

to be a part of evangelisation. He says woe unto me If I do not preach the gospel is the attitude of Apostle Paul. In Philip 3:12 we see his desire to follow and imitate Christ. In his former days he followed Jewish religion and he was strong supporter of it. But now he is in the strong follower of Jesus Christ. He left the Jewish religion and is following a person. That I may know Him as the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of these sufferings. Phip 3:11. His desire was to experience or rather enjoy the sufferings. To know the taste of a food we have to eat it and enjoy it. We cannot learn or experience it other wise. He wished to experience the fellowship of the suffering of Jesus Christ. O taste and see that the Lord is good Psalm 34:8. I may win Christ Philip 3:9. Another of his desire is to win Christ attain it and attain it for himself.



Prayer is the key which opens the door of heaven

There is no doubt in the fact that we all pray. We can say that we got many things through prayer. But we came to know later that the reply for some of our prayer is changed in favor of us without our knowledge. We receive the successful reply for our prayer when the heaven works behind it. We knew that when the Israelites cried because of their slavery, their cries reached heaven and God came down for their redemption. The God who answers our prayer lives even today.

An English missionary who worked in India was going to give gift for his fellow missionaries who supported him in his ministry. On his way he reached a remote place. It was dust and was getting to dark. Few robbers who saw him planned to loot his money. They tried to surround him with fearful weapons. At that time they came to know that he was not alone and there are many armed people with him. They left their attempt by seeing this.

It had happened that after some days one of the chief in that gang heard the gospel at a meeting in his neighboring village. He got saved in that meeting. Days went by. Again

the missionary came through that way. At that time the chief of that robbery group happened to meet this missionary. He talked about the ways to get saved. During his conversation he asked that missionary like this. "Being a missionary why you are always taking this many armed people along with you. Once we tried to kill you. But on seeing those armed people we left you." The missionary was astonished on hearing this. Missionary said that they are the heavenly angels sent by the God. When he returned back to England he shared this incident in his church. Suddenly the servant of the Lord in his church stood up and praised God. Then he said like this. "That day was the time when we as a church were praying for you by fasting."

How wonderfully the Lord cares for His children! Some times we say that by our effort and smartness we overcome the risky areas. But only when we get into

the depth of our experiences we understand that it is the Lord who makes the things possible. We know the incidents in the case of Queen Esther. A great change happened in the situations when the Jews of Shushan state and all who were in the shushan kingdom prayed and fasted for three days. All the tricks planned by the enemy to wipe out the Jews were destroyed. Their sack clothes were removed by God. Their sadness was changed to the festival called as 'Pureem'. Is there anything impossible through prayer? Let us awake. We will wake up and pray. Let the heaven open. Let our God arise. These are the days for that. We have the key with us to open the door of heaven. Let us use it. may the Lord help us for that.

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In TV Channels

Sathgamaya TV Talk Show Programme

People channel of Kairali's News Channel
All Fridays (Malayalam) 5.00-5.30 p.m.
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Jeevamritham Television Program

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

We all have the desire to earn and win in this world. We wish acquire more and more wealth in this world, but our heart will there where we have our treasures. But Paul wished to win Christ, Christ for him alive. He wishes to be with Him always ... having a desire to depart and to be with Christ ...". For him it is far better. He considered better for him to be away from this world and to be with His master. That was his greatest desire and that was perfect for him. Be a Witness to Gospel

But none of these things move me neither count I my life clear unto myself so that I might finish my course with joy and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God Acts 20:24. His desire was to fulfill it. This was a great desire. He found happiness with cross. But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified to me and I unto the world Gala 6:14. Cross is the symbol of

mockery and insults. But Paul was proud of experiencing insults from the world. So let us be proud to bear the cross which is a symbol of reproach and insult.

Therefore my beloved brethren be ye steadfast unmoveable always abounding in the work of the Lord for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord 1Cor 15:58.

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