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THE TRUE WITNESS

Witness is required to prove disputes. There are true witnesses and false witnesses. In the scripture we can see many witnesses. But it will be profitable to understand some facts which are witnessed by our omniscient God.

The faithful God is a witness for our all words is not yes and no (2Cor 1:18). The word of God that apostle Paul preached to the Corinthians, he reminds that it is unchanging and permanent in heaven. Gospel cannot be changed according to the

circumstances. The preacher and the listener should know this truth. Our subject is the son of unchanging God. He is declaring the witness of God for His words and writings. I assure you before God that what I am writing you is not lie (Gal 1:20). Everyday we see many letters, not only of the world but also of the spiritual field which are contradicting each other and half true. **A generation who publish any thing for their own benefit. Once certain man requested for help for his orphanage stating that there are**

many children starving with out food and clothing . When it was checked they found only some cats there. See what type of people we have? But see the words Paul, "You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed-God is our witness" (1The 2:5). In Rom 16:18 we see some people who deceive the minds of poor people with smooth talk and flattery. Even today such people serve their appetites, not our Lord Jesus Christ. Now a day there are many

Orissa Beckons

"In this task of self protection we might have to destroy evil persons ...". If those evil asuras (devils) are to be defeated through the use of force, force should be used Generally it is a matter of common experience that evil forces do not understand the language of logic and sweet nature. They can only be controlled by force" Guruji (M S Gorackar) R S S Leader. The past decade has seen the rise of Hindu militancy as never before especially in Orissa. Many were beaten up, threatened, jailed on false charges. Hundreds of churches were burnt across Orissa. How much this recent violence has affected our assemblies in Orissa? No assembly buildings have been destroyed except one prayer hall in Jadunathpur. Brother S P Munna Evangelist working in Chipilma lost his motor Bike as miscreants burned the same. They also came in good number to attack the house of Evangelist C S Thomas who works in Berampur. In Anugul Brother Pradeep Behera received threatnings. In all these places police protection is given to churches.

In Jeypore, Orissa the trouble started in the local coverage and it resulted in a commune violence. The resident of Mr. m K Dey, Executive Officer, Jeypore Municipality was attacked. His personal Car was burnt. The whole family were in hiding for a week and are staying with Brother Sunny T Daniel Evangelist Jeypore. Brother M K Dey and his family are in fellowship with Brethren Assembly Jeypore.

The violence is still continuing in Kandhmal district. However our church buildings are not targeted as they dont bear any external signs of a church. Our evangelists have stopped their outreach ministries and have adopted a wait and watch policy. God planted His church in Orissa through many a corn of wheat which fell on its soil and died. It has since been a vulnerable church, subject to the varied attacks of the enemy. It is still being tossed and torn. However we are assured of His protection. Do not be afraid little flock, for your father has children gladly to give you the kingdom.

Sunny T Philip

Y M E F (SD) Tamilnadu Campaign

Erode: By the grace of the Lord the gospel campaign that started in November 5th under the auspices of the Y M E F (SD) with a view of evangelising the villages is continuing. We are happy to inform our readers about it for the glory of the Lord. With the co operation of the Erode Brethren Assembly and other nearby assemblies we are going to the villages with the evangelists and other fellow brethren. We are getting different experiences from different vilages but our fellow brethren are pressing ahead with an aim of sharing the gospel to the untold millions. Our fellow brethren are so committed.

Wish to state a few words about the mode of the work that the Y M E F (SD) is doing from its inception. Wherever we work, whether it is in Kerala, Karnataka or Tamilnadu our team is in the because if they are constrained

by the love of Christ. The aim of this campaign is to reach the unreached. Thus we have been in the field for the last twelve years. The twelve years hard labour is not in vain. The Lord of harvests gave us fruits and eight assemblies in the New Testament pattern were started by this time. Out of this four of the assemblies are very much vibrant. One of the assemblies has a gathering of more than two hundred people and out of them nearly 100 saints regularly partake in the breaking of bread. In another seventy five people gather and more than twenty five take part in the bread and wine or Lords supper. The rest are small assemblies. In Kerala also the Lord has given number of new believers and they were added to the respective local assemblies. A group of people is shouldering the responsibility of this ministry by surrendering their talents and time and the other gifts and re-

sources given by the Lord for them for His glory and glory alone. Other than we do not take any personal glory, name, material benefits, position or personal admiration. Every one who loves this ministry is quite aware of this and the motive of the responsible hands of the Y M E F (SD) and that is why they continuously support this ministry whole heartedly. The Lord of harvest honoured this ministry and has given fruits and are giving fruits. We have dealt in detail in the previous issues about the circumstances that led us to shift the team from Karnataka to Tamilnadu. In the past many assemblies, evangelists and brothers gave whole hearted support to this campaign. Some of the assemblies desires special mention and they are : Tumkur, Hoskote, Bidar, Gulberga, Amarapuram, Pavagada, Chithradurga, Bellary, Kollegal etc. We thank the Lord for those assemblies. In Tamilnadu too we

Gospel Meeting

PLACE: Kottayam, Thirunakkara Stadium (Maidan)

TIME: 2008 December 1 to 7 (6.30-8.30PM)

PREACHERS: M M Zachariah,

John Kurian,

Varghese Kurian,

Chandapilla Philip,

Dr. Koshy Mathew

2008 December 7 Sunday the worship meeting will be in the K P S Menon Hall. Kindly pray for the blessing of this great convention.

The Power point presentation of the study of the Book of Revelation by Dr. Koshy Mathew is an important feature of this year's convention. Please don't miss it and make it a point to attend it.

Editorial

CRITICISM IS NOT DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Lot of writings and studies have done about the authors and their writings in the Malayalam literature and the other great literatures of the world. Including all these, the term criticism is widely used in English. The criticism is an art of judging the literature with discernment. It is an art of grading the writings. There are people who enjoy this art. Once one critic told that the duty of criticism is to discard the bad writings and accept the good one. An artistic talented person will be attracted by good poems and songs. But to understand the scientific truth behind it, analysis is required. For poetry, prosody rules and for songs, music rules should be checked for quality. For enjoying it is not necessary to know these rules. But the knowledge will deepen our enjoyment.

In the spiritual field also there are people who criticize and ignore writings and individuals. This is not a good practice. But the people who get away from the heavenly truths and work for their personal benefits, nepotism and position are to be criticized without fail. But the proper criticism is not going on here. They spread scandals and sometime pass vain admiration. But in between this proper criticism is

also happening. Beyond these false attitudes, there are some scholars who always lead the people towards the truth. Many people criticize seriously the believers, elders, assemblies, institutions and society in public places and in stages. There are godd orators who speak eloquently and rhytamentically and in mega voice to create over enthusiasm and to get appreciation. The so called Brethren community used to accept these people with pleasure. But when some critics are criticized their true nature is revealed. They will be disturbed because of their intolerance, impatience and immature mind. They will react badly at any time and place.

Is there any body in the world beyond criticism other than our Lord? When wicked servants are detected and criticized, why good servants are murmuring? Will it not create a discrimination and unhealthy strife among the believers? The criticism based on the word of God and proper enquiry is always required. Healthy criticism and valuable estimation is inevitable for the healthy growth.

Jose Philip

You are a Disciple?

When we read the portion of scripture in Luke 14:25-27 we see that father, mother, wife, children brothers and sisters all are very important as far as a home is concerned and it is not possible to get separated from each other. ".... yes his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after me cannot be My disciple"

One has to surrender his life to Lord and has to follow Him bearing his cross and the marks of discipleship.

Discipleship: The term disciple means one who learn, student etc are the meaning. A disciple has to learn from his teacher or "Guru".

Moses, according to the Jews he learned all wisdom from Egypt. Moses had disciples. Jews were proud enough to say that they are the disciple of Moses. John the Baptist had disciples. Pharisees have disciples. A disciple has to spread the teachings of the Guru.

The disciples of Christ. How many disciples were with Jesus Christ is an important question. Many is the answer. The term Guru means one who removes darkness or one who gives light. These are the meanings Jesus Christ said, "I am the light of the world". In

John 8:12 Jesus Christ is the one who came down from heaven to the earth to remove darkness and to give light. Jesus Christ is unique in every respect and doubtless He is the greatest Guru the world has ever seen.

Jesus Christ did not take the name Guru by Himself but He was given that position and people called Him so they respected Him like wise. Peter calls Him Rabbi meaning Guru (Mark 9:5)

Martha (Jn 11:28), Nicodemus (John 3:2). Those who came to learn from Him were called disciples. When we think about disciples the picture that will come to our mind is about the twelve. Definetely they were disciples but they were apostles. From the vast number of disciples He selected this twelve and gave them the name apostles (Luke 6:12,13). They should not be limited to the privilege of disciples but they were apostles. They were given special gifts also.

Other than the 12 disciples Jesus was always followed by a large group of people (John 6:60, 66, 67; Luke 10:1). When we speak about the first century church it is written "Now in those days when the number of the disciples

was multiplying (Acts 6:1-7). In Anthioch the disciples got the name as Christians Acts 11:26. When the Lord gave them the last commission He said "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations baptising them in the name of the father and of the son of the Holy Spirit ... even in to the end of the age". If the Lord tarries His coming thousands of disciples will be added to Him and let us pray that more and more may come to the saving knowledge of the Lord and become His disciples. **Disciples should follow the Gurus's path**

The responsibility of a true disciple is to accept the principles of the Guru, follow them obey and practise them and teach and spread it. Disciple should have love and respect to the teacher. Based on the provided gift one has to share the gospel. In the words of the Lord "you are the light of the world" and the city on the mount cannot hide itself.

Conditions of the discipleship

1. Forsake or hate the beloved ones 2. Forsake the self 3. Forsake what we have. To forsake or hate our beloved does not mean that we have to abandon them. But we have to give priority to the things

of our Lord. One is not supposed to discard the responsibilities of the family. He has to take care of the family. See the verse "But if anyone does not provide for his own and especially for those of his house hold he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever (1Tim 5:8). **Ownlife:** If our own life is an obstacle for our christian life then we have to give preference to the Lord.

Ourself If one cannot carry his cross and follow Him then he cannot be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The world gifted Christ across which is the symbol of scorn mockery and curse. Cross is the path of suffering sacrifice and scorn. We should be happy to carry that cross on us always. The cross at Calvary manifested the love of God. We should not be like Simeon, but compelled by the love of Christ we should bear the cross. As has been rightly said by Spurgeon "The leader who has the largest number of disciples is Jesus Christ. And the same leader has the largest number of martyrs too". Without cross there is no crown. Let us follow Him bearing our cross. So likewise whoever of you doesnot forsake all that he has cannot be my disciple Luke 14:33.

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wish to co operate with the local assemblies for their growth and spiritual edification and the establishment of new assemblies. If possible to draw out some from the burning fire of God's wrath is the sole aim of the team. **Dear saints the purpose of those who built the Babel Tower was to make a name for them.** But our aim is the glorification of His name. So let us join hands together to work for the extension of His kingdom and His glory. Let us fight like brave and active warriors in these days of the end times. Let the Lord give us enough grace and strength for it. **P T Abraham President, 0469 2615467, Jacob P Mathew 09847000691**

YMEF NEWS

Malappuram: The gospel campaign started at **Pothukal** with an aim of starting an assembly is continuing. Three days of a week is separated for the work of this area and brothers from different corners of this district join their hands together for the work. House visiting, tract distribution and open air meetings are going on. A few are saved. Kindly continue to pray for this ministry.

P A Xavier Phone: 9745486699

Pathanamthitta: If it is the will of the Lord this centre of the Y M E F desires to conduct a prayer meeting 3.12.08 from 10AM in the Pathanamthitta Brethren Assembly Hall. All are requested to attend it. One day outreach is set for 6.12.08 at **Angamoozhy**. All those who wish to partake in it may reach the Gospel Hall at Pathanamthitta by 7.30 AM. Continue to pray for these ministries here.

Gospel Meetings

Kodakara: A gospel meeting is planned on 23.12.08 from 6 PM to 9 PM at the Kodakara Panchayat Community Hall under the auspices of the Kodakara Gospel Assembly. Brother R Krishnankutty is the main speaker

M N Sasi

Pralayakkadu: A gospel meeting is scheduled to take place, if it be the will of the Lord, from 26.12.08 to 28.12.08 in the evening from 6-8.30 at the Thuruthy L P School Compound. Brother Abraham Chembola, Sajeev Varghese and P S Thampan are the main speakers. Kindly requested to pray for the blessing of this meeting.

Gospel Work

Srambimattom: This is a small place surrounded by water at the western side of Kottayam near the Vembanattukayal. Around 235 families are settled there. No evangelisation from our part has ever taken place there. A few brothers from Kottayam has decided to launch a campaign there with a desire to establish an assembly testimony. The route is very hard and so it is difficult to reach there. Requests the prayers of all the saints.

M E Rajappan

Praise and Prayer

Mannanthala: "That they all may be one as you, Father are in Me and I in you that they also may be one mind that the world may believe that you sent me" John17:21. This is a part of the prayer of Jesus Christ to His Father. Eventhough we donot know that we are being observed by the public we should be aware of the fact that we are constantly observed by our neighbours and those who live in our vicinity. If there is not unity among us then the gospel that we preach will be meaningless. This may be what the Lord might have meant about this words.

We wish to let you know something that prompted us to write these lines for giving thanks to the Lord. A combined meeting of the local assemblies of the capital Trivandrum took place on 8.11.08 at Yuhanon Study Centre, Mannanthala. The meeting was conducted under the auspices of the **Mannanthala** Brethren Assembly. It was a large gathering and the hall was filled with saints from all over Trivandrum with their children. We enjoyed the fellowship for six hours. The message was given by Brother M V Thomas based on Psalm 133. It was a blessing. The children presented their talents bestowed on them by the Lord for His glory. We wish to conduct more meetings like this in the days to come.

Oommen George and K M Varghese

Thiruvalla: The Dayavihar Orphanage at Thiruvalla and Tamilnadu is functioning properly. Along with an English Medium School, Tailoring Centre, Old Age Home, Evangelisation are all taking place. We need people for the following posts. Teachers, Drivers, Wardens, Matrons, Office Staff. Contact Telephone: 9387493950 or 0469 2701326. The boys home has got 80 G Of the government of India. Those who contribute can get tax exemption

Dr. T S Koshy

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show thee" Genesis 12:1,2. Abraham responded the call and obeyed it. Abraham left his native place his relatives and everything he had, but the faithful God gave him many fold and honoured him. This is the promise of God. God gave Abraham much more than what he expected and what was due to him. If we shall forsake our parents or children ...

If we are asked to leave anything or everything by the Lord for His sake or for Gospel's sake we have to do it. It is the same as in the days Abraham and the present. This teaches us a lesson about separation. In 2Thess 3:6 we read, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly and not after the tradition which you received of us". Today the number of people who walk disorderly in the assembly and the society is on the increase.

When Jesus Christ told that his followers will get hundredfold it is with sufferings. But we all desire hundredfold except the sufferings. Beloved do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you as though some strange thing happened to you. But rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings. 1Peter 4:12-14. Let us rejoice in the sufferings that is given by our master and let it be the anchor of christian faith and life. Since the time is not good, let us use our time efficiently and beneficially. Since the time has come for the coming our Lord let us wait for Him with hundred fold, hope to meet Him in the clouds.

The Common Gathering in U A E

SHARJAH: This is a biannual programme conducted in the U A E on December 2nd the National day from the 1970's. The brethren believers gather in one of the emirates and enjoy spiritual fellowship. This year the programme will take place on December 2 at the Union Church Hall premises Sharjah. Brother Varghese K Kurian is the main speaker of this year. This large hall can accomodate more than 2000 people and it has a good parking place too. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of this meeting

C M Jacob Convenor

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Sin: Sin is not only committing sin. If we are one who support that sin or encourage those who help the sin and receiving gifts from those who commit sin will make us a part of that sin. Charismatic Movement is mere farce and aganist the Word of God. Some of the Brethren too follow this method and urges others to do the same. The reason is that their inner is empty or they are not gifted with the grace of the Lord for their ministry. Believers "be careful do not fall in their trap".

R. Krishnankutty

Those who have been saved by others (those who are not really born again) baptised taking part in the Lords table and even in ministries and finally to hell what a sad sight it could be. Those who are born again will give its fruits. Steadfastness in faith, good works or works of righteousness, victory over sin, mutual love and respect and victory over world, flesh and Satan. If not ...

P S Thampan

The Means to Get the Hundred Fold

C Y Varghese

The general aim of mankind is to lead a luxurious easy life in this world. The day to day incidents declares that our purpose of life in the earth is to eat, drink and be merry. The mind of the modern man has changed a lot and has now adjusted to this rhythm. There is some categorical difference between the desire of man's hundred fold, God's wish and God's blessing of hundred fold.

The limitless desire of man is leading him to endless curse. This state of mind could be understood from the desire of those who demanded more from a righteous master. Understanding the attitude of the human mind God says that 'man has become like us'. (Genesis 3:22). God understood the desire and limit of man. In this circumstance it is better to understand about the hundred fold blessing that

God will give to His children. Then Peter began to say to Him "See we have left all and followed you" So Jesus answered and said "Assuredly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brother or sister or father or mother or wife or children or lands for thy sake and the gospels who shall not receive a hundred fold now this time and in the age to come eternal life. This is reminded by the omnipotent creator of all.

1. Because of My name - The name of Jesus Christ

2. Because of the gospel

He has to leave what we have to for these two things. To leave or forsake our home because of the name of Jesus Christ is an important matter. Our house is a place for us to reside. If we are asked leave our house big or small makes no difference. We have to leave it. He

declares that if we abandon our house we will get hundred fold houses in this world itself. As He was walking on the Galilee beach Jesus Christ called Simeon Peter and the rest of the twelve disciples. They followed Him leaving everything house, net, relatives etc at the orders of Christ. So they got hundred fold house and brothers and sisters. As we read in Acts 2:41 "Then they gladly received his word were baptised and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" We can assume that it is three thousand hours. Yes the Lord will give hundred fold.

In the book of Genesis we see that Almighty God is speaking to Abraham "Now the Lord had said unto Abraham get thee out of thy father's house unto a land that I will



Humility is the stepping stone to success

The thing that tempts human heart is his desire to rise to the top. Whenever his heart wants to go to heights, he starts trying for that. If he wishes to prosper, there is no problem in it. But the ways and aids that he chooses to reach there may lead him into failure. But the man did not notice as he is seriously indulged in great hard work.

An incident took place in heaven. The great personality, Lucifer, said to himself when he desired to become great, "I will ascend to heaven and keep my throne in between the stars". "I will be equal to Almighty God". But the Lord took all glory from him and cast him down into the bottomless pit. The same had happened in Eden also. The first parents who lived with God violated God's command in order to fulfill their desire to become like God. As a result they were thrown out of the comely environment of Eden and as well as from the presence of God.

Once a lawyer asked a poor farmer like this, "why you are not walking like me with the head lifted up". Again he said, "I won't humble myself in front of God and any other man." Then the farmer asked the lawyer to look to a field with mature grain. Some of the corns were standing erect with their heads up but some others were stooping with their heads down. The ones with nothing inside, that is, the chaff, will stand erect and straight with their heads up. At the same time, others which is full and heavy will bow their heads. When the farmer said this very humbly, the lawyer understood what the farmer meant.

Humbleness and meekness comes from heart. It cannot be created by any activities from outside. The people with nothing inside will make lots of noise outside. If we search for the root cause

for many problems, we can find that in place of humility and meekness, greediness enters. Dear brethren, when we live in this world which is under the control of Satan, we may come across many situations that never suit divine character. We should not accept those situations in our life. We should learn to take the yoke of Christ. Then we will study what is the humbleness and meekness of Christ. Otherwise it is not possible. Therefore instead of taking Satan's yoke on our neck instead we shall take the soft and light yoke of Christ. It is the solution for many problems. Humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. So he will exalt us in due time. Pride can change angels to devils and humility can raise devils to the standards to angels.

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People channel of Kairali's News Channel
All Fridays (Malayalam) 4.30-5.00 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

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such people and movements. Let us be very careful about them and our Lord's work. Another fact that Paul says by referring the witness of the Thessalonians and God is that how they walked. (1The2:10) You are witness, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we among you who believed. Let us examine how we are and our life. Is it possible to give a testimony like this? May God help us to lead a life like that. In 2 Tim 4:1 Paul says in presence of God and Lord Jesus Christ that we should preach the word of God. We are supposed not only to live according to the word but also to preach the word. How far we are responsible to that command? In Romans 1:10 he prays for a way to come and see the believers. How much we are away from this ministry? We should know our poor condition and turn to the Lord. Let us prepare ourselves like Paul with the witness of God to preach, write, walk and command to preach. The word of God which speaks many things in presence of God speaks that, in presence of heaven and earth He will judge the world. There fore may God help us to utilize these last days for the glory of God and wait for His coming.

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