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Relation Between Brother and Members of the Body

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Jesus Christ reminded his disciples about the relations that they have to discard in their life to follow Him. He told about it to His followers repeatedly when he was on earth. One has to abandon the relation with his father, mother, brother, sister, wife and children. He has joined us to the church after cutting off all these relations. But church is the body and so the relationship of the organs is much more important. I have a strong doubt about the modern brethrens understanding about this important subject. Many assemblies are facing many problems like that of factions, personal relations, self styled group and groupism, the difference between rich and poor etc. Here comes a question: Can these happen in the Church? So we have to consider which of the relation is more important relationship between members. In Psalm 87 we read "This one and that are were born in here ..." Psalms 87:5. It is

not written that they were born there. Now a days we do not see such a relation in the Assemblies. Many members are at war each other some hate others this is the truth. Everyone has their own personal affairs. Church or assembly is an adornment for many. If we do so then we are rejecting the teachings of the Master. As Saul was proceeding to Damascus he heard a sound "Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me" What is the meaning of it. Saul was persecuting the body of Christ. That is why he wrote: "I now rejoice in my suffering for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ ... (Colo1:24). When we study 2Cor 6: 4-28 and 10: 28-30 we can understand that the apostles suffered for the assembly. But do we have any one in our assemblies who love the assemblies does any one think about the assembly, does any one have any burden about it? If there is any one then they

will keep that divine revelation. Once it is heard that an elder of the assembly was praying for his children and next of kin who are in US, during the breaking of bread. For him the family relationship is more important than the relationship between members. Moreover he was unaware of the importance of the time and situation. Thus goes the work of the assembly. Such people has not understood the real meaning of the church, That is the reason why they behave like that. Jesus left His heavenly abode, kept apart His equality with the Father, took the form of a human being all these were for the church. Without understanding these things if we still continue in the assemblies for our personal motives self interests and selfishness, their condition is deplorable. It is more important to keep one's organs than to see ones whole body. The organs or members of the body cannot change

YMEF (SD) GOSPEL CAMP

If God willing under the auspices of the Y.M.E.F. (South Division) and teh fellowship of the Aleppey YMEF centre, a Gospel Campaign will be conducted at Chettigad during the period 2008 October 23rd Thursday till 25th Saturday. House visits, Open Air meetings, Gospel meetings in the night, Meditation and prayer are the main programmes. Bro. George Chacko, M.E. Rajappen and Abey K.George will minister the Word.

Request the prayers and presence of the brethren.

V.K. Joykumar (Convenor)

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YMEF (Dallats)

Reception for Gladis Stanes

Under the auspices of the YMEF-Dallas, Australian Missionay Sister Gladis Stanes was honoured at Plano Convention centre U Memento was awarded considering her long term service and stay in Orissa. One of the Directors of the YMEF -Dallas, Bro. Thomas John awarded the memento.

In Gladis's return speech, she remembered her husband, Graham Staines and 2 sons who were brutally murdered at Mayurbench, Orissa and she also described their methods of work there.

Finally Bro. John Kurian gave the speech explaining the Salvation through Jesus Christ and the strength of patience HE gives to His children.

IS THERE FIRE IN THE BODY?

Babukutty Punnoose, Kozhikode

Apostle James wrote that the tongue is a fire (James 3:6). The Lord Jehovah has given me the instructed tongue to know the word that sustains the weary (Isa 50:4). God has given a blessed organ to preach good news to the poor, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and to release from darkness for the prisoners (Isa 61). How this can change into a fire. The things that come out of mouth come from the heart, false testimony, slander and so on..(Matt 15:18, 19). Evil talks corrupts good character (1Cori 15:33). Even Apostle John was a victim

for the fire of tongue. Diotrophes who loves to be in charge had nothing to do with him but he gossiped maliciously about him. John wanted to call attention for his deeds (3 Jn 9, 10).

Some other types of fire in the body which burns are lust, pride and anger.

Lust: - Capturing of things which attract us by any means is lust. When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom. She took some and ate it (Gen 3:6). God's command was burned in the fire of lust which was in Eve. What were the consequences? In the same chapter we see

some of them, deceive Vs13, Curse Vs14, enmity Vs15, pains Vs16, curse of the ground Vs17, thorns and thistles Vs18, sweat of the brow and returning to the ground. The next generations are facing all these bitterness. Above all, the calamities yet to come are described in Revelation chapters 6&7. Great famine, killing each other, murder by wild animals, the darkening of the sun and fading of moon etc: are yet to come. Many punishments will come to all inhabitants and even to the earth (6:12). The wind will stop (7:1). The aftermath of the fire of lust is too much.

THE LAMB

"And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne, and....in the midst of elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth."(Rev.5:6)

The Lamb of God is the central figure in this scene in heaven, for "the Lamb is all the glory of Immanuel's land."

No figure could better express the love of our Lord Jesus Christ than this one: a little lamb. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, yet no one took His life from Him, but in His condescending love He gave Himself a ransom for us all "seven horns," which speaks to us of the plenitude of His power. He was not slain because He had no power to resist, but because He had no desire to resist. No one had the power to take His life; He gave it freely.

This Lamb had seven eyes, perfect wisdom, or intelligence. Nothing escapes His notice. This Lamb had perfect wisdom, power and love; and all combined to meet the needs of those for whom He died.

Elliot Ryn

PUNJAB AND KARNATAKA

It pleased the Lord to send a group of youngmen who were interested in evangelisation to North India in 1980 under the auspices of the Y M E F (ND). Then they went to the North Eastern states and shared the gospel there in co operation with the local assemblies and saints. The second stage which is more planned and covers more villages is continuing in North India. After 19 years of the commencement of the North Division's work in North India the Y M E F (SD) set out to Karnataka in March 1999. Karnataka in 13 districts are covered by this time. Millions of untold were told about the saviour Jesus Christ. Karnataka is spiritually known as the North India in the South. Is it not a sad thing that these illiterate people know of the Ayyappaswami of Sabarimala but do not know who Jesus Christ is?. The team members faced persecutions several times as they were sharing the message of love to our 'kinsmen' travelling through the unhygienic and dirty places. Even when the threatnings from the fundamentalists the team members continued to obey the command of the one who has authority. It was only because of the prayer of the dear saints around the world that we were able to continue these ministries until now.

On the basis of the above said facts we have to evaluate the news, around that Punjab campaign suspended temporarily and is the door of evangelism closed in Karnataka? There is no doubt of the fact that our work knew about the circumstances that led to suspension of these campaigns. "A hair from our head will not fall without His knowledge if so" Even many of our assemblies including the one in Ludhiana conducts its meeting under the protection of the police men. In Karnataka almost all the assemblies which gathered in homes and which are not registered are not able to conduct even the worship services. All the registered church buildings are offered police protection. At the outbreak of attack and violence in Karnataka the Y M E F Team was in Kollegal a part of Chamrajnagar district. This is a christian belt so no untoward incident happened there and the team members were safe. The Lord is so gracious to keep His children safe. Even in those villages we are not able to share the gospel. So most of the team members left, only three members remain there.

These fundamentalists are active not only in Punjab, Orissa and Karnataka. They have started to raise their ugly head even in Kerala. Last week a group of our evangelists were prevented from house visits and all the literature and other books were destroyed This cannot be a mere accident.

In this particular situation both the Y M E F (ND) and (SD) are looking for alternative places. We may not get a favourable circumstance in India in the days to come for evangelisation. The general election in India is fast approaching. The political parties are with their eagles eye on the vote bank. They may have their political strategies.

Dear saints what is our responsibility at this critical juncture. Are we not still in a mood of sleeping without any feeling. Does the state of irresponsibility will continue unto eternity. As the city of Rome was burning Emperor Nero was enjoying it and so he is considered as a notorious sadist. But are we different? Are we not interested in our positions and comfort rather than to think about the violence and attacks against Christianity in India. When we are supposed to wear sack and sit and cry and pray, are we not trying to promote ourselves and our factions and groups in the assemblies.

How many of us are interested in evangelism? What is our priority? Do we give priority for evangelisation or for our personal affairs? Just think of the number of our believers who are interested in personal evangelism. All the programmes except evangelisation takes part in our midst. This is highly appreciable. But our irresponsible attitude towards the most important field of evangelisation and the problems faced by the field workers is quite deplorable. This is the great command that the Lord has given to us just before His ascension to heaven. So let us submit ourselves to this and commit ourselves as His witnesses. May the Lord help us to do it.

Let us pray that the Karnataka and Punjab campaign may start at the earliest. Shall we join together to sing "We are the brave soldiers of the Lord ... We will be victorious ... We will be victorious
V S Mathew

(Relation Between Brother ...contd from page 1)

their positions. Likewise those elected by God and to those who have been given gifts are to shepherd the flock and they have to carry out the responsibilities. Self styled committees are not supposed to do it. The head is the one to give advice and orders. The duty of hands cannot be given to the legs and the responsibility of the heart cannot be given to the head. But in many assemblies the head is not dictating the orders but the committees are. Since the advice and control does not come from the head; The body often becomes too large (Obesity) It is a mere growth in the physical level not a healthy one. Many assemblies have grown large but not from the head. Today we listen to Yithros advice which can be seen through the rule of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, General body, speaking in loud voice factions, favouratism etc. They are of Yithro not of the spirit. There is order but without the guidance of Spirit. Again

Moses wept in the presence of the Lord and He asked Moses to appoint seventy elders and the Lord took a portion of spirit from Moses and gave them. They were never replaced. When the brain has to undergo a surgery never ever a nerve is replaced and it cannot be done. Once they fall paralysed then they have to be pused in wheel chairs. We have many assemblies pushed in wheel chairs like this.

Today many assemblies have lost their spiritual standard. They have become mere pulpits for the livelihood of preachers and for many evangelist it is the sole means to sustain their name. For some it is a mere place for worship. Many have forgotten the great fact that the church is the bride of the groom Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ did not accept many who came to Him claiming that they will follow Him. We do not read any more about the scribe

who expressed his willingness to follow Jesus or the one who sought permission to bury his father or the other one who sought permission to go and bid farewell to the next of kin. Since the Lord knew the heart did not want people like them to follow Him.

We see another man who wanted Jesus to conduct the partition of his property (Luk 12:13). Jesus calls him Man. The way that Jesus addresses him is very important. Many use the body of Christ, the Church for their purposes. But the need of today is men like Paul who are ready to suffer for her. She needs people who keeps their chastity and it can be tortures, sufferings famine or anything of that sort. But today we have functions and competitions and festivals, celebrations and different arguments, mocking and fightings and infights etc. Many believers do not know the meaning of church as a body has the body of Christ. The deplorable condition of

many assemblies can be compared to the man from Gedar. My opinion that the great God of unsearchable greatness has created this earth for church may be scoffed and laughed at by our scholars. Eph 1:21-23; Rom 11: 33-36.

If so, if the Lord has so loved the church one who does not love the chure cannot be a born again child of God. Can he be an evangelist? An elder? God gave His only begotten son for the church. Thousands including the first martyr Stephen gave their life for church because they all knew that Jesus loved the church so much. (Eph 5:26). What a great and beautifully relation is this. Dear brothers and sisters one cannot love or serve christ without the Church. With this knowledge in our heart, let us love our own body and the members of our body. Brotherly relations will vanish but members cannot separate

themselves. The burden for this church should develop and grow in every believer. Jesus Christ is going to appear to take the church, the bride with Him. So we have to love the Church.

The relations that we have today personal and social but the relation in the assembly is more important. If so our love to the saints in the assembly is to be increased. Once we do that we can know that we obey this commandment of the Lord 1John 5:1-4. Lord will be happy with us because we obey His commandment. He will do His promise. If we obey His commandments then God will abide in us. The lovebetween the members or organs of the body is much greater than blood relation. This the brotherly love of the church. If we love Christ, then we love the members of the same body. Let these words bring in a revival in our assemblies and let the name of the Lord be glorified.



SBS NEWS

Trissur: By the grace of God the 2008 Trissur Centre Camp was held at Nellikunnu Zion Brethren Church from 9th to 13th Sept. It was a great blessing. 'Fear the God always' was the camp theme. Bro. Reji K. Thomas inaugurated the camp. The strength was 730 including the leaders. Bros. K.V Mathew, Reji K Thomas, Dr. John Abraham, Abraham Thomas and many other Balasangham workers took part in the leadership in different ministries. Many children accepted the Lord as personal savior. Award was given to the students, who scored high marks in S.S.L.C and prize for competition winners, at the closing meeting on Friday. Please continue to pray for the new believers. We are very thankful to those who financially helped and prayed for us.

The new office bearers are:-

- Bro. David Isaac (President)
- Bro. Timmy Adams (Vice President)
- Bro. Prasad David (Secretary)
- Bro. Gladson Manoj (Treasurer)
- Bro. Joshi John (Organizer)

(Prasad David, [Secretary])

Bedhalpur:- By God's grace works are progressing. Bro. Gilbert took Bible classes from 12th-14th Sept 2008, who actively worked to start this assembly here. Three people testified the Lord in waters of Baptism. Please continue to pray for this assembly and works. This is an easy approach from Apollo and Escotel Hospital Delhi.

Our address: Bro. Joys, Hebron Brethren Assembly, Flat No.303-B, Pocket, N.Sarita Vihar, New Delhi - 110076.

In the Vineyard:

Mothiravayal (Ranny): The assembly has commended Bro. Anish Thomas for a full time gospel work. His address is given below. Bro. Anish Thomas, Pulloor Veedu, Pazhavangadi P.O, Ranni, Pathanamthitta.

(Evg.K.R. Kunjunju)

Malabar Workers Conference:

God enabled to conduct a conference of the workers of Malabar from 6th to 9th of Oct 2008 at the Sulthanbetheri Brethren Assembly Hall. Bro. M.A Joy, and Jose Mankudy were the main speakers. The main theme was 'Love His appearing'.

(T.M George)

Gospel Meetings

Elanthoor: If God allows we are planning to conduct special gospel meetings from Nov 21st to 23rd 2008 at the Panchayat Stadium. (Elanthoor Neduveli Jn) under the auspicious of Elanthoor Pariyaram Brethren Assembly. Speakers are Bro.R. Krishnankutty Thiruvattar and .P.S. Thampan. All are invited.

(K.A George ,T.J Thomas)

Kallisserry: If God willing Rehoboth Brethren Assembly is planning to have a Bible Study and word ministry on 29th Oct to 2nd Nov 2008 at the Kallissery B.B.C Auditorium. Lord's servants Bro. J.B.Nicholson (Jr) USA and Bro. Kurien Parayil will be the speakers. Time: 6.30 pm to 9pm. Bible Classes on 30,31st Oct and 1st Nov. at 9.30am to 12noon. Please pray for the above meetings to have a revival among the brethren.

(Prof. Jacob Thomas)

Youth Camp-2008

Angamaly: If God allows the YMEF Northern Division is planning for a camp at Aluva Athmasadanam Camp Centre which is at the beautiful shore of Periyar(the big river) on Dec 24th Wednesday 6 pm to 27th Saturday 1 pm 2008. This camp is for the age group of 15 to 35. Please encourage the youths and pray for the blessings

A D James (Secretary)

Monthly Prayer, Pathanamthitta.

The monthly prayer meeting of Pathanamthitta and near by assemblies will be conducted on 25-10-2008 at 10 am at Chengra Brethren Hall. Brothers and sisters are requested to come prayerfully.

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Introduction of CD

A CD by name Aaswasaganangal containing 78 songs and 5 poems composed by Bro: George Peter in MP3 format is available for Rs 50 plus Rs20 postal charge. Please contact Bro; George Peter, Evangelist, Chitoor, Palakad-678 101. Kerala. Tel 0492 322 2187. Mob 944 731 1628.

Special Prayer Requests

Bhopal: Please pray for Bro: Georgekutty he hails from Elanthoor Plavunilkunnathil family and an elder of Bhopal Brethren assembly since he is very sick due to some ailments.

Thiruvananthapuram: Bro Thomas Mathew (Ganneserath) of Pattom Brethren Assembly is very sick. Please pray for his recovery.

Trissur: Bro. Rodney Paul is transferred to C M C Velloor for a bone marrow transplant from R C C Tvm. Prayer and support requested.

Theliiyur: Evg. E M Thomas is suffering from heart disease. His operation is suggested for 2nd week of Jan 2009. Please pray and support.

Koyipuram: Mrs. and Mr. P.V Varghese of mattackal house are sick. Your fervent prayer is requested.

Ranni: Evg. Jose Daniel, ministering in Thombil Kandam Brethren Assembly, who is from Chakkittampoika Assembly need an emergency by-pass surgery. Please pray and support for this need.

New Jersey: Bro.P.M Johnykutty, Panackal, Tadiyur is admitted in the hospital in a serious condition due to cerebral hemorrhage. Please pray for him.

Bahrain: Jamema daughter of Bro.Paulson Varghese is recovering after the surgery. Please pray for her complete recovery.

Ooramana: Bro.Robin Mathew of Sharjah Brethren Assembly is at Kolenchery Medical College due to meningitis. Please remember this young brother in your prayers.

Jaipur,Rajasthan: Bro.T.S David is in the hospital due to an accident. He has undergone a surgery. Please remember him in your valuable prayer.

Vadakanchery, Palaghat: Evg.Peter Philip is suffering from rheumatism for a long time. The treatments are not responding. At present he is under the treatment of CMC Velloor. He needs your prayer support.

Dubai: Please continue to pray for Bro.Anish.



Let that picture be not covered in your heart

In Christian life, we should always see our lord in front of us. Amidst of various circumstances in the life, we should observe our Jesus who laid down His life for us. At some point of time in our life, we didn't try to see our Lord or hear his suggestion. In those times, do we give importance to our own thoughts and other revelation? If we follow Jesus with great distance like Peter, we wont be able to see our Lord in the way we should see Him. Peter was not able to see the appearance and pain of Jesus when he was in front of the chief priest.

During the Second World War, Hitler had killed lots of jews. There was great hatred between Nazis and Jews. At this time a German lady who was having the Nazi views was admitted in a hospital for delivery. The room which she got had a picture of crucified Christ, hanged on the wall of the room. Seeing that picture she told the nurse, "Remove the picture of the Jew from her room". The nurse

replied "I don't have the authority to do that". She asked the nurse to call the superintendent. She made the same request to the superintendent also. He also told that he did not have the authority to do that. She told these things to her husband. He told the hospital authorities, "The picture should be removed. We don't want my child to see that jew's picture". They removed the picture because of their compulsion. After one or two days the lady got delivered. The doctor gave the baby to the parents and relatives and said that, "This child wont see the face of that Jew anymore". The reason was that the child did not have right. Thus the hatred towards the jew came to an end.

Now also many people do not like to see or hear anything about the redeemer, Jesus Christ. That is because the leader of this world had made their eyes blind. But that Jew is still giving vision to the people who are spiritually blind by birth. But that

vision is leading many of the religious people to more hatred. But what great luck was given to us by the God so that our spiritual eyes are opened to see our redeemer and the one who opens our spiritual eyes. Since many years have passed by, instead of adding many things to our faith, due to the lack of our enthusiasm lost many things. Our real christian faith and life is shattered and deteri orated. As a result we are becoming like short sighted people and those who forget the purifi- cation of our previous sins. This helps to spread the darkness more in our life. Let that not happen in us. Let the interest of Zaccheus to see Jesus be in us. We are living at a time in when the believers are having deisre to see the pleasures of worldly things. So let us focus our eyes and minds to Jesus in all circum- stances. So that our future generation will also see Him.

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