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THE SAVIOUR AND THE LAW OF SALVATION

St: Matthew has recorded the birth of Jesus Christ like this, [Mat 1:20](#) While he was thinking about this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. [Mat 1:21](#) She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus—because he will save his people from their sins."

In Luke we read like this, [Luk 2:10](#) but the

angel said to them, "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. [Luk 2:11](#) This very day in David's town your Savior was born—Christ the Lord!

When Mary's time of purification has completed they took Him to the Jerusalem Temple for dedication and offering. That time Simeon prayed like this, [Luk 2:29](#) "Now, Lord, you have kept your promise, and you may let your servant go in peace. [Luk 2:30](#) With my own

eyes I have seen your salvation, [Luk 2:31](#) which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples: When sin entered to the world God promised a savior (Gen 3:15). Apostle Paul said that it is the Son of God Lord Jesus Christ (gal 4:4,5). Let us see the truths that the scripture reveals about that savior.

1. The need of the Saviour:

The punishment for the sin is death. [Rom 5:12](#) Sin came into the world through one man, and

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Gifts

How can we realize our gifts or how can we stir up our gifts?

D. The testimony of the local assembly in the matters of Spiritual things. The testimony of the local assembly is very important. It is the assembly life of a believer that influences most in the spiritual life of a believer. It is the participation of a believer in the local assembly enables him to understand his gifts. It will also help him to stir up his gifts. When a person is convinced of his gift then his fellow brothers will also be able to understand it and then they will testify it. Barnabas was able to understand the gifts of Apostle Paul (Acts 11: 23-25). The gifts of

Timothy were both understood by Paul and the elders. Moreover Timothy and Titus were given the responsibility of appointing those people with gifts to the responsible ministries of the assembly. If we do not accept and execute it properly then there will be disorder and indiscipline in the assembly. Moreover the assembly will miss the able guidance and leadership of saints with gifts. When the Lord gives gifts to a person to minister then definitely the believers will notice it and accept him. Others may not get this acceptance.

E. To stir up the gifts and to recognize the gifts.

The personal involvement in both these is very important (1Timothy 4:13). Try to cultivate a habit of good reading. Read the scripture daily and continuously. Read only those books which are written by people of sound doctrine and life. It is good to read the biographies who fought bravely for the extension of the kingdom of God. Whenever we get a chance to share gospel personally or to a group do it without any reluctance. Moreover submit ourselves for a blameless life a life which should not be looked down upon by anybody a life that maintains a good testimony and example. Then we will

Unbelief is Like a Drug

It has been recorded that Yuri Gagarin one of the first astronauts has said like this "I have not seen God then". In response to it a famous Evangelist in USA has said "If he has come out of the space craft without his special dress for that then would have definitely seen God there".

Unbelief is like a drug that can bring a complete change in the state of our mind. Unbelief usually becomes the cause to deny the existence of the Omnipotent creator and the righteous judge. God has created man to have a life the way he wanted to lead. Man is given the freedom by God to deny His existence, His works and His words. Many are following that path.

We see many who lead a life of pleasure and entertainment because unbelief had made their life senseless or without proper feeling. But as their days close by their feeling of safety will be reduced or will vanish away. When they realize the real fact that they have to pass to eternity without any of the support which they enjoyed earlier they will have fear and disappointment. The reason for the restless state of our mind is that God wants to draw us unto Him. He wanted us to understand very clearly that He lives and loves us and also he is our able provider and takes care of all our needs God has sent his only begotten son to the world to reveal Him and also to arrange the redemption of mankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus on the Calvary cross.

Are you under the influence of a drug which is known as unbelief? If so then take a step of belief and faith forward without wasting time. Trust and depend on the Lord and admit that you are a sinner. Lord will forgive your sins and give you eternal life.

THE TWO IMPORTANT CHANGES OF POSITION

The changes of position of two people are remarkable. They are the resignation of the cabinet minister Sasi Tharoor and the suspension of Tomin Thachenkiri. Sasi Tharoor is a world famous Malayalee who was a candidate for the position of U N Secretary General. There is no wonder that he became a cabinet minister. He lost his position because of the cricket scandal. Even before this he was involved in other scandals. He said some statements carelessly. All those statements became a matters of dispute. Lastly we heard about the problems of his family life. He had a good future in the politics with the experience of U N. But because of his inexperience and ignorance he spoiled it.

The foreign travel of Tomin Thachenkiri became an issue. As a high rank police officer he has to take prior permission from the government for his vacation tour to the foreign countries. He disregarded this rule. And finally the Chief Minister suspended him and then transferred to another place. Is there any lesson for the believers in this? Yes, there is. Both of them behaved against the status of their position. The words of Sasi Tharoor has made a problem for the ministry even before it. As a minister he should talk very carefully. Dr; Manmohan Singh is a good example. His words are made very carefully. He speaks little with much care. There is something in this incident that all the children of God have to bare in mind. God has lifted us to a higher position.

Eph 2:1-7 In the past you were spiritually dead because of your disobedience and sins.

At that time you followed the world's evil way; you obeyed the ruler of the spiritual powers in space, the spirit who now controls the people who disobey God.

Actually all of us were like them and lived according to our natural desires, doing whatever suited the wishes of our own bodies and minds. In our natural condition we, like everyone else, were destined to suffer God's anger.

But God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved.

In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world.

He did this to demonstrate for all time to come the extraordinary greatness of his grace in the love he showed us in Christ Jesus.

These are the highest rank of a child of God. We are the children of God. We are heavenly people. So we have the responsibilities as the heavenly people. When the children of God forget all these responsibilities, there arise problems in the local assemblies and the assembly members will face spiritual starvation. Many of our young people were destroyed their spiritual life due to this ignorance. Many of the young people spoiled their spiritual positions like Sasi Tharoor. God's word to David through Nathan is very important. **2Sa 12:8** I gave you his kingdom and his wives; I made you king over Israel and Judah. If this had not been enough, **I would have given you twice as much.** When God entrust some good ministries to the youth they become greedy for the positions. They forget all the previous positions and destroy everything. Those who think that he is standing should take care lest he fall.

The words in book of Ephesians is very important. **Eph 4:1** I urge you, then—I who am a prisoner because I serve the Lord: live a life that measures up to the standard God set when he called you.

Eph 4:2 Be always **humble, gentle, and patient.** Show your **love** by being tolerant with one another.

Eph 4:3 Do your best to preserve the **unity** which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together. When a child of God is called to a higher position he should act according to that. The government officials are bound to obey the Conduct Rules. If not they have to face the punishment. Do we have any Conduct Rules? Yes there is. Live a life according to the calling. There are 5 specific rules there. If we abide all these there will not be any problems.

Humanaos and Alexander lost there ship of faith because they denied their good conscience. The children of God are bound to keep the good conscience. If some is addicted to liquor and other illegal activities how can they keep the good conscience? We are not supposed make money by any means.

1Co 3:3 because you still live as the people of this world live. When there is jealousy among you and you quarrel with one another, doesn't this prove that you belong to this world, living by its standards?

Let God help us to walk according to our calling.

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his sin brought death with it. As a result, death has spread to the whole human race because everyone has sinned. **Gen2:17, Eze18:4&19, Rom 6:23.** We have to understand the real meaning of the word death. The separation of the life from the body is the death. But at the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit they died according to the word of God, at the same time their life was not separated from the body. But they lost the heavenly glory which covered them and they felt that they are naked. They experienced a

spiritual death and lost the connection with God. They feared the presence of God. In reality they faced a death of separation from God. And their body became the slaves of the phenomenon of perishing. Their spirit has not died but has become inactive. Adam and Eve lived like this and later on the life was separated from the body and then it merged to the soil. The life process is not ending up with the physical death. If the sins are not forgiven the soul and the spirit will be condemned for the second death (**Rev 20:14**). This eternal punishment is called

the "wages of sin". But in God's plan the perfect way of salvation was to sacrifice His only begotten Son as the sin offering (**Jn 3:16**). In Old Testament the shadow about this saviour is given through sacrifices, prophecy and feasts indifferent terms.

2. The God who became a saviour:- We see the deity and humanity at the same time in Lord Jesus Christ.

Deity:- Joh 1:3 Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him **Col 1:15** Christ is the visible likeness of the

invisible God. He is the first-born Son, superior to all created things.

Col 1:16 For through him God created everything in heaven and on earth, the seen and the unseen things, including spiritual powers, lords, rulers, and authorities. God created the whole universe through him and for him.

(**1Ti 6:15,16, Tit 2:12, He 1:1-3, Jn 5:20**).

The attributes of God is seen in Christ.

Eternity,(**Jn 1:1, 17:5, Ph 2:6, Col 1:17, Heb 1 : 8**) .

Omnipotence,(**Jn 1:3, Col 1:16, Heb 1:10, Mar 4:39, 5:8,41,**

Rom 1:5). **Omniscient,** (**Jn 16:30, 21:17, Mat 9:4, Jn 1:48**). Since He is God He is self sufficient for the redemption of the sin of the mankind. The propitiation for the man should be a man. He is born through Mary so He is a perfect man. When He is born through the Holy Spirit the Adamite sins have no dominion over Him. He has not done any sin (**1Pe 2:22**). He has not known sin (**2Cor 5:21**). There is no sin Him (**Jn 3:5**). **1Pe 2:24** Christ himself carried our sins in his body to the cross, so that we might die to

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Y M E F News

Let us pray to be victorious over the battles. The fundamentalists are gaining strength against gospel. But still we are sleeping. Let us listen to the words of our Lord. "You have sufferings in the world, but I have won and am victorious. "I am sending you to the midst of wolves like innocent sheeps. But the Lion of Jews is always with us. He will not stand away from us. So let us be steadfast and unmoveable and let us abound in the work of the Lord. Last month while our dear brothers were conducting open air meeting they were attacked and their vehcles were damaged. Before a few days while the Y M E F Thrissur unit was engaged in an outreach the team was attacked. Then again the Valakom unit was engaged in the outreach they were badly beaten and the two brothers were hospitalized. Twinkle Paul and Johnson Daniel were taken to hospital. They burned the leaflets and new Testaments. We have to consider the attack against the workers in Bhilai also.

Let us pray for the speedy recovery of these dear brethren and also for the repentance and conversion of those who attacked our fellow brethren. Let us go forth for Him and let us awake from our slumber because the sound of trumpet is in the horizon. Let us work for the extention of His kingdom

Gospel Meetings

Pattom (Trivandrum): If it be the will of the Lord the Pattom Brethren Assembly wish to conduct gospel meetings at Vazhappilleth Hall near Nalanchira from 12th May to 14th. Evening meetings are from 6.30 to 8.30pm. Brother Varghese Kurian is the main speaker. There will be Bible Classes in the assembly hall on all days from 8 to 9am.

Prayer Meetings of the Evangelists

Kottarakkara: If it be the will of the Lord prayer meeting of the evangelists in our midst will be held on May 4 at 10am in the Brethren Gospel Hall Pulamon. We solicit the prayerful presence of the evangelists. SAM Zachariah

Prayer Meeting

Pathanamthitta: A special Prayer Meeting will be held on 9.5.10 at the Mekhozhooor brethren Assembly in relation to the gospel meeting which may take place on January 28,29,30 of 2011. The meeting will start at 3.30pm. We request the presence of all saints.

Give Glory to the God

A believer is supposed to give glory to the Lord for all the blessings. But all the believers are not doing like this always. The Indian Express News Paper had given a report a few years before about Michael Chang who got a commendable victory in a tournaments. That statement is quoted below: "Michael Chang became the youngest winner of a grand slam tournament and then thanked God But I want to be honest with you. I have to give Jesus Christ the credit for all happens to me. Chang who became a born again Christian". Our kids usually gain high ranks in their annual exams. But many it see as the result of their hard work. Let all the saints give glory to the Lord in all their successes in every realm of their life.

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sin and live for righteousness. It is by his wounds that you have been healed.

The sacrificial death of this saviour is prophesied by Isaiah 7 centuries ago in Isa 53.

3. The saviour and the redeemer: - If an Israelite becomes poor and sells himself, his immediate relative has to redeem him. (Lev 25:25-28,47-49). We know the story of Ruth the Moabite, whom the rich Boas had redeemed. The important rule of the redemption is that the immediate relative should do it. He should be financially sound and willing for that. As a redeemer our Lord is our immediate relative. [Heb 2:14](#) Since the children, as he calls them, are people of flesh and blood, Jesus himself became like them and shared their human nature. He did this so that through his death he might destroy the devil, who has the power over death, [2Co 8:9](#) You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; rich as he was, he made himself poor for your sake, in order to make you rich by means of his poverty. He dedicated Himself. [Heb 10:4-14](#). [Mar 10:44](#). [Jn 10:11](#).

Another picture of the redemption is the Passover lamb. A redemption through the blood shed. [Ex 12:13](#). Now that Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. John the Baptist said that "Behold the Lamb which takes away the sin of the world". ([Jn 1:29](#), [36](#)) [1Pe 1:18](#). [1Ti 2:6](#), [Rev 5:9](#), [Eph 1:7](#).

4. The saviour who conquered the death: - It is true that through the sin of one man death began to rule. [Rom 5:17](#). This started from Adam. Death is the point where all the world power fails. But Lord defeated the death through His death. [Heb 2: 14, 15](#). [Col 2:15](#) And on that cross Christ freed himself from the power of the spiritual rulers and authorities; he made a public spectacle of them by leading them as captives in his victory procession. Even though the satan the authority of death is defeated, his power is still prevailing. The tomb of Palestine and the words of the angel confirm the resurrection of Jesus. [Rev 21:4](#) He will wipe away all tears from their eyes. **There will be no more death**, no more grief or crying or pain. The old things have disappeared." This is the message that the Scripture gives us. **5. The Unique Saviour;** - [Act 4:12](#) Salvation is to be found through him alone; in all the world there is no one else whom God has given who can save us." There are many leaders and scholars in the world, but nobody has offered redemption from death. There is only one man who is born out of Adamite sin. He conquered the death and resurrected on the third day and proved that He is the Son of God. He will come back to judge the world. He became the Saviour not by mere words but by the work. He became a sin offering on the cross. The statement given by Him is very important. [Joh 11:25](#) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die. He is not a guide or one of the ways. He is the only one way. See the words of Apostle Paul. [1Ti 1:15](#) This is a true saying, to be completely accepted and believed: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I am the worst of them.

Believer and Discipline

We have reached an age where discipline has no stand and it is gradually disappearing. We can see this indiscipline in the educational institutions, in the business fields and also among government employees. What is the situation of our assemblies now? Once a pastor was disciplined in an evangelical church in the capital city a few years before. It was heard that he had committed adultery. But later on a Sunday police was called to disperse the fighting group of believers. Then the hall was under lock and key for

a few days. The Lords name was "The locusts have no king yet go they forth all of them by bands (Proverbs 30:27). I in them and thou in me that they may be made perfect in one and that the world may know that thou has sent me and hast loved them as thou hast me John 17:23. All these statements are given by our Lord Jesus Christ and the God the father in relation to the saints. The words and phrases and the similies used to show the relation between the saints are better and it is beyond our imagina-

tion. It depicts such beautiful love. The believers are compared to the individuals of the body and Christ's is compared to the head of that body. Because of this relation no individual organ can deny another nor any individual can boast on another. All are inter related and inter linked. There cannot be any faction or schisms in it. Like the porcupine Groupism has become a curse in

the protestant group. When we have a caution study on it, the main reason for it can be seen as the lack of discipline among the assemblies and the believers. What great tragedy has come among us in the past because of divisions and groups. We may have to face certain difficulties when we bring into practice the divine truths in the scripture. Some may be victorious some others may fail in it. If one is asked about their failures many are like the porcupine. It is very sad. The children of God have to go together and should be harmonious. When someone is notified of their mistake it is not to discard them, but to correct and bring them along with us. But there may Diotroplus among us even today. We have to know and understand them. The aim of each and every individual should be the unity of the church the body- and also its healthy development.



That man loved the word of God to that extent

Till today nobody was able to find out the spiritual values of the word of God. The Psalmist said that it is sweeter than honey and honey comb. Peter revealed in his epistle that it is sincere milk. The desire to have this should be like the new born babes. When we have it like that we will be changed to those who lead their life very spiritually. That is a light for a way which is covered with darkness. Only those who value the word of God in its actual meaning and sense can bring it in their own experience.

A young believer who cracks rock near Kansas City met with an accident. He lost both his hands. His face was damaged. His eyes were lost even though the doctors tried very hard. He was very interested in reading Bible. As he was staying like this desperately, he came to know that a lady was reading the Bible with her lips by using Brailey text. He tried for that. That work

had become hopeless. His desire for that was also in vain because during that blast all his veins were also damaged. He becomes very sad. In that blast not only his veins got damaged but also his touching sense. He damped that book with the alphabets like nails with his tears. When he bowed down to kiss it, his tongue touched the letters. He called his master and started to read each letter with his tongue. He worked very hard for many days and finally he succeed. After that he said like this, "I read the Bible like this 4 times". That man loved the word of God to that extent.

See!! Here we see the thirst of a man who doesn't have the freedom of his organs just like an ordinary man. But what is our approach to the word of God who has got all the organs by the grace of God. God gave us eyed to read

the Bible. He gave us strength and intelligence. Still how great is the negligence that the God's Children shows to His word? John said, "In the beginning was the word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God". We don't remember that when we neglect these words and not giving the exact importance to these words we are showing this to the God. What a great mistake we are doing to the Lord who saved us? We are forgetting that since the Holy Spirit is living in us, He is also getting sad by our deeds. We don't have time for all these. We are always very busy. We may be permitted to take some rest by blocking the busy run in our life. Then we will see our weaknesses. Let us examine ourselves that whether we have the thirst for the word of God like that man who lost all his organs.

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