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BELIEVERS AND COURT CASES

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Cases between a believer and an unbeliever

What should be the mentality of a believer towards the unbeliever when a problem arises? Shall we not claim our rights? It is a time when the child of God can show his Christian attitude to the world. This attitude will come to us through Christ only. It is very easy to arrest and question a criminal. For that heavenly qualities are not required. But a child of God who submits his problems at the hand of God with heavenly character can not do that.

Rom 12:17, 18 "Repay no one evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as far as is in you, being in peace with all men".

Children should not be provocative. God's jurisdiction will not work at enmity, fight and anger. We

should be seekers and makers of peace. If we or others make an obstacle on the way we should earnestly work to solve it.

Bro E. Stanly Johns who is famous in the Lord once pointed out one brother whose behavior was very acceptable. He purchased a new farm land and started to fence it. But the neighbor came and told, do you know that you bought this land along with a court case because my five square feet land is also inside that farm. Immediately that brother replied, when I bought this land I expected a very good neighbor, so you do the fencing and I will pay all the expenses. In that way the dispute was over. And a fence was not at all required there. In Canada and America fencing for the farms are very rare. But what about our country? For very small reasons people

are fighting each other. People are not ready for minute forgiveness. Some people are leaving their mother assemblies. The outside appearance is like Esau but inside is like Jacob. We should have a change in this character. Our words and works should be the same. Our deeds should prove our words.

The good example of Joseph

We can see the character of our blessed Lord in Joseph. What is that character? It is the forgiveness. Gen 45:1. *Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. And he cried, Cause every man to go out from me! And no man stood before him while Joseph made himself known to his brother.* When he said that he is Joseph, he wished nobody should be there. Because there was a

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From the Villages of Erode

Our God who is so gracious and kind enabled us to start the gospel campaign on 29 August 2009 which was temporarily suspended on July 23rd because of the cruel and brutal attack on the team by religious zealots. The prayer, encouragement and support of the saints enabled us to begin the campaign. This was the cruellest attack that the team had to bear in its history of ten years. It is real that the dear brothers were happy because they were allowed to suffer pain for their Lord. For some it was a new experience so it shocked them. Moreover they had to spend long hours in the police station. All of them were of empty

stomach and barefooted. Some have even lost their shirts. It has increased their mental pain and agony in addition to their physical pain.

But Brother J Babu and His father from Erode Assembly along with others rushed to the police station. By this time Methodist and CSI people also reached the police station. God sent the crowd feed and nourish Elijah. Likewise He sent His people to help the team. Brother Jacob P Mathew and N Bhaskaran reached Erode from Kerala in the night itself and took the responsibility of the things to be taken care of and consoled the dear brethren. We were able to restart the work so early because of the

fervent and continuous prayers of the saints. Thanks to the Lord.

Those who were in the team: C M Varghese, Kuriakose, Kuriachen, Nisson, Ebin, Stanly, Praveen Prabhakar, Saravan, Karunakaran. Brother Bhaskaran remains to continue in the team, Brother Stanly is expected to be back in the 6th August. We thank you for your fervent and incessant prayer. Continue to pray for this ministry. Let us work for our Master according to the grace that we get from Him before the doors of evangelization is closed. May His name be glorified.

V S Mathew

News

Christians Stand Vindicated

The gruesome heinous murder of Swami Lakshmananda Sarswathi took place on August 23, 2008 at Kandamal in Orissa. The crime was then alleged on the Christians. The aftermath of that allegation was cruel and brutal. Many were killed in Orissa and lot of brutal attacks were carried on the Christians in Orissa and Karnataka. Thousands of houses were burnt down. Christian worship centers and assemblies were brought to ashes by fire. Even the authorities failed to give proper protection to the refugees in the refugee camps. Even though the responsibility of the killing was claimed by the Maoist group then the armless and helpless Christians were attacked mercilessly and ruthlessly by the religious fanatics.

But by the arrest of Ram Rao on April 21, 2009 the Christians innocence was totally proved. It would have been good, if the religious fanatics had a self examination of the wicked deeds and atrocities they committed on the Christians on the pretext the Christian involvement in the death of the Swami. India, our motherland is a holy land which keeps a harmonious relationship with all religions and castes. She used to sing lullaby to all irrespective of their creed, caste, colour or religion. That is why in our early school days we repeat the pledge "India is my country. All the Indians are my brothers and sisters". If the people of other religions realized this great truth then India, not only Kerala would have become God's own country. Let us pray for that.

Obliged

Nagapur: The religious fanatics attacked Christian church which is older than one hundred years near Nagapur. The attackers attacked the service was going on. They intimidated everyone including women and children. They destroyed Bibles, Books and other things of the church. The attacks against the minority Christian is on the increase all over India.

Hatred against Christians is growing in Pakistan

One may have this idea when he reads the news published in Hindu an English daily on 14th August. The majority along with the religious zealots attacked the Christians alleging the desecration of Quran by some Christians. Though the police personnel from the Pakistan rangers came to the scene the atmosphere still remains tense. A government official said that it was a heinous crime against the humanity. The attack against Christianity all over the world is steadily increasing. It is a clear pointer to make us know that we are living in the end times. Dear saints let us awake from our slumber. Let us fall at the feet of our Master. Let us join our hands together to work for the extension of His kingdom and His glory.

THE FORMATION OF NEW ASSEMBLY

The local assembly is the perfect plan of the Almighty God for this planet earth. A person who knows the importance of local assembly can only say thus.

In Mat 18:20 we can see the command of the formation of the church. But it is very sad that many do not understand the importance of a local assembly. Very often we read the news of the establishment of new assemblies in our media. May God help us to establish more assemblies. But many of these assemblies around the world are not established according to the word of God. Recently one new assembly was formed. The members of that assembly is the family of the evangelist. Some assemblies are formed because of the personal interests of some particular persons by splitting the parent assembly and they become new leaders and ministers. And this tendency is increasing. It is very dangerous that when new disciples come to the leadership without any practical experience. By the personal interest a new local independent church is formed. They will say that their church is independent and is without any relation with the parent assembly.

Some people for their existence depend on foreign aids and they start a new independent assembly. They ignore the parent assembly and stick to the foreign agency or church which supports them. In the practical life and in doctrines they depart from the scripture which the Brethren follow and accept as their ministers those who are removed from the assembly fellowship due to some reasons.

Under the control of the parent assembly when children of God work together in places and when people come to the LORD by the work of Holy Spirit and baptize them in those places then new assemblies are formed under complete responsibility of the parent assembly. The new assemblies should submit to their parent church. The mother assembly is responsible for their ministry until Holy Spirit brings up gifted people in the new assembly.

This should be the pattern for the formation of the new assemblies. But many of the assemblies are started against the word of God. The relation between the mother assembly and new assemblies are totally spoiled. Their eyes go after the money source. Many leaders supports this also. Remember Saul who forgot Samuel when got the power.

The elders, teachers and evangelists are the gift of our blessed Lord for the edification of the assembly. Holy Spirit appointed them for the spiritual growth of the assembly according to the heavenly gift given to them. But some people think that elders are inside and evangelist are outside and teachers at the corner. But it is a collective responsibility which the ministers can share within each other. The spiritual gifts are shared for the growth of the assembly. The instructions for the elders are very clear. "Pastor the church of God which is gained by His own blood. For evangelist also there is clear instruction. The three tier ministry is not seen in our assemblies in the present. In the first century Apostles pastured, then Timothy and Titus and elders for the third generations. Now the vision of Elijah is not seen. They think that the future is if they are not there.

The reasons for the problems are that the children of God are not faithful towards their entrusted duties. The ministers are limited to breaking of bread, wedding and funeral services and giving benediction. The full time elders have disappeared. If we follow the life of Apostle Paul, Timothy and Titus with the holiness in life our church which is the perfect plan of the Lord on the earth will progress. New assemblies will come up according to the will of God.

V.S.Mathew

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possibility for Egyptians to know the previous history. Joseph wanted to keep the crimes of his brothers away from others. When the forgiveness is complete, the desire of exposing the crime of others will go from us. Joseph wanted to keep the dignity of his brothers. But what is our attitude? We are always trying to publish others mistakes through all available media. Some times people will add more allegations to the mistakes. Some times some people will make a public prayer for others mistakes. But the character of our Lord was to forgive. Are we not facing a failure in the field of forgiveness?

When Joseph told his brothers to come near (Gen 45:4) and revealed himself, we can imagine the fear of his brothers. What is our attitude towards our enemies? Is it for insult or comfort? We may think like this, "let him suffer, I will not leave him alone".

How we can forgive?

Call the enemy closer and give him a hug. This is the real forgiveness. Let us sing like Bro. V. Nagal from our heart. "To be like Jesus, to keep the words of Jesus and to live by looking unto Jesus. This is my desire....." At least we should be prepared to smile at brothers and give a shake hand. But if there is bitterness in the mind, it is not possible.

Sincerity is inevitable

In the scripture we can see another incident. 2K 10:15...*And he left there and found Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him. And he greeted him and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it is, give your hand. And he gave his hand. And he took him up to him into the chariot.* For this type of act we need sincerity in the heart. Some people shake hand with a finger without looking at the

face. This is not sincere.

We have to stop this and do it with sincerity. Our face is the reflector of our heart. If we have the attitude of Joseph and Jehu, others will see our happiness. And they will enquire about it. Others called us BRETHREN because of our mutual love and happiness.

Re-repentance is a must

This is according to the scripture. You may ask like this 'I am a child of God, then why should I repent? But it is a must. Lord's servant William Mc Donald quoted the words of Archbishop Beviridge like this, "I can not pray but I sin. My repentance needs to be repented and my tears need to be washed with the blood of my redeemer".

All our cases are to be brought to the Supreme Court of our Holy God for jurisdiction. The potter can not make a pot if the clay is not in his hand. Let us surrender ourselves at the feet of God. May God help us for the same?

Y M E F News

Kasargod: The work of the Kasargod Y M E F unit is going smoothly and in a blessed way. The Lord enabled us to conduct the Bible Camp of this year on 14, 15, 16 of July 2009 at the Casino Auditorium in Vellarikundu. We had Bible classes group prayer music training and even the general body of the unit. Brother P. S. Thampan and Biju Alady took the classes. Number of brothers and sisters took part in the camp. New office bearers for the next two years were elected in the general body. K. V. Thomas President, N. K. Babu Secretary, P. A. Raju Treasurer, Sajo Varghese Joint Secretary. Kindly pray for the units work in general and especially for the three days gospel campaign that takes place every month.

Wayanadu: One day outreach of the Wayanadu unit Y M E F took place on 25 July 2009 in association with the Cherramal Brethren Assembly even in the midst of heavy down pour. House visiting and Bible classes were held. Brother Anil S took classes on the subject of the work that God honours and the Attitude of the evangelists in it. Many other brethren took part in it. Many evangelist and elders participated in the outreach. Continue to pray for this unit of the Y M E F.

SBS News

General Prayer

The monthly prayer meeting under the auspices of the SBS general will be held on 19th August at BCCC Ranni. All the SBS workers are requested to attend this prayer meeting.

C. M. Chacko

Gospel Meeting Abudhabi

If it be the will of the Lord the Brethren Assembly Abudhabi wish to conduct gospel meetings on 14 to 16 of September 2009 at the evangelical church centre and on 17th at Masaffah. Brother Sunny Thomas will deliver the message. Kindly pray for the redemption of many souls through these meetings. For more information Rajan Thomas 009715506619306

Assembly News

Raichur: Brother T J Mathew who was working in Kodaku moved to Raichur in Karnataka. He took up an evangelization programmers near the Navodhaya Medical College. Assemblies are formed through his work. Many brethren from Kerala cooperate with him in this place.

T. J. Mathew

PS. This is one of the districts in the North Eastern part of Karnataka. Its eastern side boarding A P northern side is Gulberga another district of Karnataka. All these districts were covered by the Y M E F (SD) in its Gospel Campaign in Karnataka. Brother A Joseph conducted the follow up and has been blessed with three assemblies. Kindly pray for him too

T.E. McCully was the father of Ed McCully, one of the five young missionaries slain by Auca Indians in Ecuador. One night as we were on our knees together, he prayed, "Lord, let me live long enough to see those fellows saved who killed our boys ... and I tell them I love them, because they love my Christ".

Church and Worship

"... let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name" Heb 13:15.

To do good to help those who are in need especially our fellow brethren.

Share and show fellowship. Heb 13:16 and Gala 6:6 separate a portion of our income regularly to those who are in the vineyard.

Be steadfast in faith and be ready to pour out as a sacrifice and live for the Lord.

Submit and surrender our bodies completely to Him.

We do it by submitting ourselves for the total will of the Lord as we live on this earth.

But assembly worship can be explained in the following words. When we gather together we offer praises and thanks to Him by reckoning His glory, His agape, His suffering on the cross etc. This can be

considered as assembly worship

How do we worship?

Though the assembly has many meetings the scripture does not teach us to worship in all those meetings.

In the prayer meeting there is no worship Acts 4:24-31. In the epistles we can see number of prayer. But the teaching of worship in prayer meeting is not seen in it. But at the same time there is praises and thanks giving.

There is no worship in gospel meetings Acts 2:4-36

No worship is seen in missionary meetings Acts 14: 26-27

No worship is seen during the ceremony of baptism

Nor worship in marriage. Though Jesus and His disciples took part in the marriage at Galilee no note of worship is seen there.

Varghese Kurian

In Genesis 24, 67 verses are used to present a marriage. But no evidence of worship is seen there. Eliazar who went with the proposal blessed and praised the Lord. He bowed and worshiped the Lord. Then the marriage took place. But no worship took place there.

There is no worship with funeral service Acts 8:2. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial and made great lamentation over him. It is not mentioned that they held a worship meeting and then buried.

Job worshipped the Lord at the death of his children. If it is worship then Abraham bowed before the Hittites will also become worship. In all the above ministries we have praises and thanksgiving but no worship at all.

In TV Channels

Sathgamaya TV Talk Show Programme

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

In the Old Testament all the worship are seen with sacrifices. The New Testament believers gather and worship the Lord as the crucifixion of Christ as the centre point. Breaking of the bread is another term used for worship. It denotes the sufferings and crucifixion of our Lord. It is the main point of our worship.

We read about Lord's supper in 1Cor 11:18 -26. There is no need to mention that it is the worship meeting to remember the death of Christ. It is to remember His suffering, His death, His resurrection and His second coming in the clouds. This is also to remember His magnificent personality. It is on the first day of the week that the

whole assembly comes together for the worship meeting. There it becomes supreme point of worship. (Y. Ezekiel - The truth of the Church). Breaking of the bread is an inevitable part of worship. This is done in the first day of the week. Paul stayed back in Troas for seven days to take part in the breaking of bread. (Acts 20:6,7). We can see about the gathering of the first day of the week in 1Cor 16:2 too. The worship meeting and breaking of bread should take place in the local assembly.

Truths about the New Testament pattern worship is given above. The Brethren assemblies follow this pattern. Anyone who study our history will be aware of it. If mistakes had happened then we have to correct it. Let us hold on to the sound doctrine. Nominal Christians conduct mass along with rituals. Some Christian organizations are teaching that we can worship the Lord any where at any time. Let us hold on to the truth and fight against false doctrines

Meditate on.

The Ministry of Love

The ministry of love may not remain as it is for ever. Sometimes it will burn with flames but sometimes it may seem that it is not burning at all or it will be quenched. The ministry of love requires sacrifice and expenditure. They are inevitable. So when we continue it for a long time sometime we may be depressed or may not be encouraged to continue it. That can break our relationship and also can drag one to enmity. If one can ignore all its shortcomings and if he can further go ahead in love then that love is the real love. It needs a lot of grace for that.

Once a nun used to collect gifts and contributions from houses. She did it to cater the need of the orphanage which she was running. It was an indispensable requirement on the part of the orphanage to collect such gifts for the day to day running of the orphanage.

Thus she reached the house of a very wealthy man. He was a cruel and hard hearted man. Though his neighbors knew of his cruelty our nun did not know about it. She requested him help by holding out her hand. He spat to her arm. She looked at her arms without any hatred rage or anger. She told him smilingly that you gave my share in my arms will you not give for the needs of the orphans in the orphanage. Her reply was quite unexpected for this man. Her soft and loving words melted his stone like heart like the melting of snow in bright sun light.

His merciless heart became merciful. He asked pardon for his rude and indecent behavior. He continued to help the poor orphans of the orphanage. The nuns loving and humble

approach and loving and sweet words touched the heart of this man and kindled it to burn with flames. She waited there patiently. The coal of love which was without bright light. But she winnowed it with love and the coal began to burn in flames. We may think that we cannot win everything through love. But if love can be presented in its natural form then even our enemies will become our friends. But most of us fail in this court. If we look to the life of Christ who is the embodiment of love, then we can understand it. Since the same love has been imparted to us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Let us also follow the same example. Love ...

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