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SUCCESSFUL CHURCH LIFE

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A disciplined church is inevitable for a successful Christian life. Those who lead a successful church life can lead a successful Christian life. When our blessed Lord spoke in the beginning about the church to Peter, He revealed one truth that "the gates of Hades will not overcome it". The gates of Hades always struggle with church. Therefore those who are willing to lead a successful church life have to face the struggle of the gates

of Hades. We should be very careful about it. Just like Satan used trick and cheated Eve, he will use tricks to cheat us. One of his common tactics is that, as we see in Mark 4:15 he takes away words. We should be careful about him. If we are willing to lead a successful church life God will help us. Our God is gracious. (1Pet 2:3). So be prepared to receive from God according to the requirement.

Since the word of God is spotless and clear be prepared with a spotless heart

to receive it. Only a spotless heart can sustain the word of God. There are 5 reasons in 1Pet 2:1 which obstruct God's intervention and communication. Out of that the first one, malice is the greatest sin. Any sin against the brother and evil thought are malice. Even though we think it is insignificant but it is a grave sin. Those who conform with the clean heart. The messages in Revelation chapter 2&3 are the messages of our bridegroom to

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The Crown for the Victorious

"Be Faithful unto the end then you will get the crown of life" Rev 2:10. The word of God teaches us that we can win victory over the world, flesh and Satan by the blameless blood of Christ and trusting and depending on the exceeding greatness of the power of our Lord. If we remain faithful to our Lord and fight the good fight of faith, their definitely we will be awarded rewards due to our life is a certain thing according to the Word of God.

A big meeting was convened to honour the great men who fought bravely in the Creman War. Queen Victoria herself came there to distribute the golden medals to the soldiers. Some lost their limbs, some hands and some totally handicapped and bed-ridden. Everyone has some wound or anything of that like. The queen greeted every one with a smile and gave them awards and honoured them according to their service. Finally a soldier was brought to her on a stretcher. He had lost both his legs, hands and so crippled in the true sense of the term. It was clear that he suffered more than others and his sacrifice to the nation was much greater than others. The queen began to cry. Her cheeks were covered with her tears. She kissed on his forehead and said like this "Good, good and faithful servant, you did a great and wonderful work".

Dear brother, your sacrifice may not be much appreciated always by the world or your fellow brethren here. But our Father in heaven knows it and He will honour you by giving the crown of life. So no need to worry about the rewards of this world. Let us go forth to untold millions with this view. "..... who for the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" Heb 12:2. The victorious will be heir to all. "He who overcomes shall inherit all things and I will be his God and he shall be My Son" Rev 21:7. On the day of crowning the Master will say 'well done, good and faithful servant; you are were faithful You have well done. If you are faithful, you can hear it. What a great occasion can it be. May God bless us to attain it.

Obliged

Attention Readers

About some "catching news" published recently in some of the publications for self gains, vested interests and to build up personal kingdoms and auspices like the tower of Babel. People are forming ministries and are trying to establish their prominence on the local assemblies. By hiding behind these great towers they send letter of invitation to the assemblies to take part in their ministries and trying bring in their rule and lordship on the assemblies is a thing of grave concern and very dangerous. Those who know the importance of the Local assembly may rise up from their slumber and sleep.

Am I Infallible

Usually in many of our assemblies on the first day of the week we usually read a portion from the Epistle of Philippians. We even deliver a great message during the breaking of bread explaining and examining in detail about the seven step humility of Jesus Christ. Not only that from the pulpit we will teach and exhort that humility should be the mark of our life. But in the midst of the separated group, in me and you, it may not be traced even if we to look for it with a lamp. Every one thinks that I am infallible. There is nobody better than me. But the Lord our God call us Brethren, friends "We may have this attitude in our words and preachings. But as Apostle John proclaims that we have to bring our words in to practice. Are we stooping to the base level of the Nicolaitan doctrine ... think ... repent ... turn to the Lord and His word.

Y M E F (SD) Team in Tamilnadu

The gospel campaign under the auspices of the Y M E F (SD) was started 15 years ago. It was initially started from Muhamma a part of Alleppy district. From there the Lord enabled us to spread our wings to far and wide and we could cross the border to Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Lord has called many and saved them and were brought to the assemblies in Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh. One of the most remarkable instance is the case of Brother Narayanaswami who was once a Naxalite in Pawagada and Madaksira. Presently he is leading an assembly of more than one hundred believers. They worship the Lord in Spirit and Truth and observe breaking of bread on the first day of every week.

Let us praise and thank the Lord for that. We are happy that we were able to share the pure gospel to the thousands of the poor illiterate villagers of Karnataka who has never heard about Jesus Christ. They are so ignorant as the people of Nineveh who could not differentiate between their left and right hands. If one has to understand the real meaning of these words one should have the mind of Jesus Christ. This was made possible only by the grace of the Lord. The capital of this ministry is the fervent prayers of the

brethren all over the world and their limitless support and fellowship. Most of the funds came from the hands of those who continuously prayed for this ministry. To mention a couple. A widow from her meagre pension supports this ministry regularly (every month). A brother from abroad once gave the funds for our previous vehicle which is still used by an evangelist. So the Lord of Hosts has blessed this ministry by giving a lot of fruits.

The religious fanatics who attacked the christians did not spare

Editorial

CAN OBAMA BE THE MODERN REDEEMER ?

The world has seen the unity of the desire for a change in America and the political personality of Obama during the election. Due to the anger of the people of America because of the 8years rule of the Republican Party the race and colour became immaterial. As a land mark of modern America Obama a 47 year old black man is elected as the 44th president. The dream of the blacks is fulfilled. A black beauty for the white house.

All the News Papers and T V channels praised the victory of Obama as the seven fold victory and the person of radical change. Even Martin Luther who expected a change might have never dreamed one like this. Negroes were sold in America as slaves, but now America has got a negro president. It is a paradox. The people of America are expecting a new redeemer in Obama who had experienced the cruelty of whites. The societies around the world are against the policy of apartheid and fighter for the human rights can be happy. But the crisis for Obama as a president is too much. The richest country of the world has reached to a disastrous condition that the people have to borrow money for their daily expenses. America has become a debtor to a country like China. It is very shameful for America to bow before China. Many problems like finance, terrorism, energy, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan are

waiting for Obama. Is it possible for Obama to face all these problems and to become a historical man? Why did a country which started by declaring that they trust in God, fell down like this? There may be many physical reasons behind this, but the basic reason for the fall of America is sin. She has crossed all the borders of moral values and legalized all sins which supercede the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah. Even though America has become a world leader and a rich country after the cold war, America is the workshop of all immoralities of the world. Obama is the right person who can lead the Americans who are loosing their confidence. Obama is enriched with ability of leadership versatility of speech which is required for a politician. He is shrewd and sharp wisdom. Is this physical qualities are enough to lead a country which started with the slogan we trust in God. When his paternity was questioned he declared that he is a Christian. But some recently reported that the 'hanuman mark' (monkey emblem) is his raksha(luck). (This was reported in the Suvisheshadhvani before). Is it possible to find a new savior in Obama in a country where immorality, mistrust, darkness and eternal ruin are waiting? At this time of critical helplessness all the Americans should come to God with repentance. Otherwise America will have to face an irrevocable judgement from God. It is the requirement of time, that we should pray with tears for their repentance and for the rulers. Let us pray for the new President and for the people of America.

V S Mathew

(Successful Church Life ...contd from page 1)

the bride. For a profitable church life we should understand about the church. A local church is the base and the pillar of truth. A believer will get the wisdom of truth by the perpetual contact with the local church. It is the duty of the local church to proclaim the truth which Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore the church should be thorough in the doctrinal truths. A common usage we read in all messages in the book of Revelation is that "Those who overcome". That means that there are troubles and fight to be fought in the church life. But when we stand with our Lord THE WINNER our victory is sure and certain.

Places where success is required:- The messages to the 7 churches can be divided in to 2. The 5 churches those who failed in church life and two of those who succeeded. Our

bridegroom is careful about the love, doctrinal purity, sin, morality, spiritual death, spiritual pride etc. A life acceptable to our bridegroom is the successful church life. We should know the role of church in the successful church life. The history of Israelites confirm this truth. When ever the Israelites forsook God, then and there they failed. (Hag 1:1-5, 9). God destroyed their fruit of the labor because they used their time, money, and health for themselves instead of for the temple of God. The reason for the failure is that people are not giving importance to the things which are important in the sight of God. In due time God revealed His love towards men through His servants. When ever God's people are revived they repaired the temple of God and restarted the service with great enthusiasm.

The believers should give the same importance to the local churches as God gives. This is the first step of successful church or assembly life.

Let us think about the 3 important matters that apostle John saw in his revelation. (Rev 1:20) 1. Golden lamp stands:- Shows the value and position of the local church. The local church is very valuable for God and He has to do mighty works through her. 2. Lord among the golden lamp stands:- Lord knows clearly the state of every church and believers. He searches hearts and minds (Rev 2:23). All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him (Heb 4:13). 3. Stars held in the right hand:- The spiritual leadership of every local church is controlled by our lord. The spiritual status of every church is very important to the

Lord. We have to give the same importance to the local churches as our Lord gives. There are 3 basic ideas about it.

(A) T h e Importance of Ownership. (1Tim 1:15). Church is the property of the living God. Each believer is the member of that church. Therefore each member should know how he should walk in the church of God. Timothy was a man of good testimony and with the mind of Apostle Paul. Even then Paul wished how Timothy should walk in the temple of God. That is the reason why he wrote the epistle to Timothy. Today's conditions of the local churches are very regrettable. Many do not think that the church is the property of God. Nobody think and study about the walk in the church. It is very sad to say that our churches are in a disastrous

condition in which people can come or not come, come at any time, go at any time and free to speak any thing at any time. Our deeds should be according to the word of God (1Tim 4:16). Lord purchased the church by His own blood and made His own. All creations are owned by God. Our Lord had created every thing. Same manner of ownership He has towards the church also. According to the value of His blood and ownership we should reveal His love and ownership in the church. How we love our church where our Lord showed His love? We should exhibit our love through our service and work.

to be continued. . .

Change of Address

Moving from one to another is natural; nothing unnatural but let us be informed it. Dear overseas readers, What about your subscription? anything pending... will you be kind enough. May God bless you.

Gospel Meetings

Peringome: God willing a special programme is arranged by the Peringome Brethren Assembly and the Y M E F Unit of Kannur on December 11 and 12. House visiting in the morning from 10-1, Bible Class 3PM to 4.30PM and evening meeting in the Peringome town from 5.30-7.30PM. The special bi-monthly meeting of the Kannur assemblies will take place on 13th December, second Saturday. Prayers are solicited for the blessing of this ministry

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Thrissur: God willing a special programme in the name "Snehasandesam" will be held under the auspices of the Mannuthy Brethren Assembly and Zion Charitable Trust from January 23, 24, 25 of 2009 at Mannuthy. Brother Chandapilla Philip will deliver the message. Kindly pray for this ministry.

Punalur: The Punalur Brethren Assembly wish to conduct its 89th Gospel meeting from 24th December 2008 to 28th at the proposed site for the auditorium. Brother P G James, Varghese Kurian, Chandapilla Philip, George Chacko and M M Zachariah are the main speakers. There will be different programme along with this night meetings during day time. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessing of this meetings

V E Thomas

SBS General News

Prayer Meeting

Vennikulam: The monthly prayer meeting under the auspices of the SBS General will be held on 21st November at 6PM in the residence of SBS General Secretary Binu Samuel. All Balasangam workers are requested to attend this meeting.

C M Chacko

Assembly News

Kasargod: Almighty God enabled us to start an assembly at Chembraganam of Kasargod district in co operation with the Kinarmukku Brethren Assembly. Until now the meetings are held in the house of Brother N K Babu in the limited space available. But we wish to buy a plot and construct a hall for this assembly. So we request the prayerful support of the saints all over.

N K Babu

Change of Address

The new address of Brother P A Samuel: **P A Samuel, Flat No 306B, IRCON Employees, C J H S Plot, No.14, Sector 18A, Dwaraka, New Delhi 110075.**

For Special Prayer

Pathanamthitta: Kunjamma wife of Evg C C Varghese is admitted to the Pushpagiri Medical College in the intensive Care Unit in a critical condition. She is breathing with the support of the ventilator. Her son Shaji Varghese is an evangelist in Gujarat. Kindly pray for her recovery.

Update: Though the ventilator is removed still she is in the ICU in a serious condition. Kindly pray for her.

Brother Yohannan an evangelist of the Brethren Assembly is admitted to the general ward of Alleppy Medical College for an ear infection. Doctors are of the opinion that he may recover. Both of his legs are weak because of a fall and a snake bite attack in his early childhood. But he is an ardent worker of the Lord. He takes part in all the work in Alleppy and also the Gospel work under the auspices of the Y M E F (SD). Though he is weak in his legs, he trusts in the Lord and is active around actively in house visiting, open air meetings etc. Please pray for the speedy recovery of this dear brother.

Y M E F (SD) Team in Tamilnadu . . . Continued from Page 1

Karnataka. Many churches were attacked, field workers were beaten and threatened worship meetings were dismissed due to threatenings. Because of the prevailing situation team work was suspended by the advice of the Kollegal assembly. The sole source for us was to shift the work to a neighbouring state and we steadfastly prayed for it. Many doors were knocked and finally God opened the door in Erode where Brother Babu is working in the vineyard. With the support of that assembly God enabled us to start the work on 5th November 2008. Dear saints, we have started the work in a new place. We have to find a favourable circumstance for the work. Getting workers who are committed to the Lord and well versed in tamil, enough literature etc are of prime importance. Presently the immediate requirement is met by Brother Babu. We are staying close to the assembly, the oldest one in Erode.

A word about that assembly. Brother Joseph was an employee of the Madura coats. M. E. Cherian shared the gospel to him and he got saved by the grace of the Lord. He along with Brother P K Mathews and M. E. Cherian Sir went from village to village with the good news. He came down to Erode and settled down there. In those days Brother K V Samuel also reached and they worked together and thus this assembly was formed. About this assembly all believers are from Tamilnadu only. Brother J Babu is an ardent worker who takes responsibility of the evangelisation programme and the responsibility of the assembly matters. His family gives him all the support that he require. It can be compared to the church in the house of Philemon a model assembly. Brother Babu is a Mechanical Engineer and he was working in the Erode paper mill. Now he takes care of the assembly and its evangelisation programme and is in fellowship with many evangelists in and around Erode. the gospel campaign is coordinating by this dear brother.

About the team:- Brother N Bhaskaran an evangelist hailing from Kollam assembly was in charge of the team work for the last many years. But his wife a rheumatic patient is having some serious problems now and so totally bed ridden. So this brother was unable to join the team. kindly pray for this dear brother. Presently this responsibility of the work is taken by Brother C M varghese of the Ezhupunna brethren assembly. Along with brothers Praveen, Prabhakar, Pauline (all from Karnataka) are in the team. Brother Kuriakose of the Mannamangalam assembly will join the team soon.

I do remember the unforgettable occasion when we all gathered together at the Puthencavu Camp Centre to bid farewell to the Y M E F team to Karnataka. Brother K P George gave the Word and Brother K A Philip prayed for the team. We remember with gratitude all those who took part in the first trip and also all our dear brethren who joined the team later. So I request them to kindly to join the team to share the good news. In the beginning the Y M E F team joined hands with the K S S S and went ahead with the work. Later the work spread its wings to a number of districts in association with the local assemblies where ever there is an assembly. Many a time the team members were beaten brutally, I remember all my dear brethren who joined us to work in the battlefield to fight against the Arch rival and to spread the good news. Their tolerance are all remarkable, Thankyou for all those who took part in this ministry. Are you willing to commit yourself to your masters work then join the team before the doors are closed. Listen to the soft and loving voice of your master "Lift your head and look the field is large ... the untold millions Those who wish to join the team may kindly contact Mr A J Oommen, Ikareth, Pullad 0469 2660478. Those who wish to help financially may send the contribution to the Treasurer, George Samuel, Muttattu House, Omalloor P O, Pathanamthitta.

Follow Jesus Christ

Evg John Samuel Malappuram

It is the call of the saviour of the world to all the men to follow me (Luke 5:27,28). Then he started his travel to the places of Jerusalem. He saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the tax office. He said to him "Follow me". He left everything and followed Jesus Christ. When he saw James and John with their father Zebedee, he called both and they left their boat, net and their father and followed Him. A large crowd followed him. But we read in Mark 3:13,14 "And He went upon the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that might send out to preach".

Jesus Christ told those of His disciples whom He selected that He will make them fishers of men. The disciples left everything and followed Him. Total sepa-

ration and abandoning of everything for the Lord. As apostle Paul rightly said "Yet also indeed I Also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ and count them as rubbish that I may gain Christ".

An evangelist is a gift given by the Lord to the Local Church which He has purchased with His own blood. How many of the believers and evangelists do understand this great reality and truth. The resurrected Lord proclaimed that "All authority has been given to Me, in heaven and on the earth, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age". This same Lord has appointed and asked the evangelist is to get

save souls ? Even if he brings in a number of souls, it will not much or over and will not fulfill his responsibility. Though the number of Local assemblies increase in our midst, there is no equal increase in the number of believers. **Many "new assemblies" are formed for the sake of news and existance of the evangelist without even a single new believer.** (Many of the new assemblies of today are the families of them plus nobody). Without taking the hardships and sufferings some even enjoy the fruit of others hard labour.

It is the responsibility of the evangelist to get as many new souls as he could. The Lord has shown the simple method of gaining souls. "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say Mathew 4:17, and the disciples. "And they went out and preached everywhere the Lord working with them ..." Mark 16:20. If we go and share gospel from house to house definitely the Lord will give fruits. If one has decided to follow Christ then he has to forsake his self and take his own cross with him to spread and share gospel and follow the real leader and teacher. When we check our assem-

blies it is very much clear that many assemblies have never added any souls. It is to be doubted that there are many who put on the attire of evangelist just for the sake of fame and popularity. Today some conspire to buy with money the shepherd and the sheep. The local churches are disappearing. In the world there are millions of fishes to be caught. Let us go out with the Word of God as the net. The God of harvests will give fruits. Is there a blacksmith who has never made a tool or a weapon? Is there a fisherman who has never caught a fish? Let us examine ourselves? Let us try to fulfil the responsibility that the Lord has entrusted on us. May God help us to do it. May His name be glorified.



If So, Let Our Church Walk

Today each person desires the growth of their church in which they stand. Even the politicians also want the growth of their parties. Everybody will say that it is a good desire. But for its growth, all the essential elements should be put into practice. The riches, abilities and talents that God gave us should be used for the continuous growth of our church. Some will use those, while others may conceal it. As we read in the book of Nehemiah that some great people didn't do Lord's work. That is the reason why many churches remain without any progress.

Once a preacher was eagerly preaching about the growth of his church. The preacher said like this "our church should move forward". At that time a person said loudly, "Amen preacher, let our church move forward". The preacher didn't stop his message by hearing this. He continued his speech. Again he said like this, "Our church should run forward". Hearing this that person again said

loudly, "Halleluia! Let our church run forward". This preacher had preached and served the Lord in many places and therefore he didn't have any problem in the comment, He continued his preaching. So without stopping his message he said again, "Not that Brethren, our church should rise to the sky". Suddenly that person shouted, "Praise Ye the Lord! Yes preacher, let our church rise up to heaven". So the preacher said like this, "Good desire, but for that there is a need of some money". When that person heard this, he told, "Praise Ye The Lord! If that is the case preacher, then let our church walk without falling". Everybody might laugh when they hear this. What a nice opinion! No one has to spend a penny for their assembly.

Today many wants like this only. At a time when the life's burden is

increasing and our charge and taxes are increased many fold and when we have to pay for everything except the air we breathe, we are not ready to give financial support to our churches for its growth. We need a vision regarding our churches and her ministries. Then only our hearts will open to show fellowship in financial and social matters. God will give us His heavenly blessings by opening the heavenly windows only when we give heartily for the building up of God's kingdom. We are not giving like the way that God give us. Therefore let our churches may not walk but grow, increase and rise up. Do we get the privilege to see that? We cannot take the money with us to the heaven. But we can send the money to heaven before we reach there.

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