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WHEN BROTHERS LIVE IN UNITY

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Continuation ...

Unity is not only meant for learning and teaching but also for celebrating (practising). We should practise love in all our ways. (1Cor 14:1). Job's children are the perfect models for practising unity.

His sons used to take turns in holding feast in their homes and they would invite their sisters to eat and drink with them. (Job 1:4). Families which have this type of habit only can keep unity. We see practising of unity and its foundation together in Act 4:32. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own but they shared everything they had. If the children of God are willing, today also they can treat their possessions as if it belongs to others also.

Those who practise Holy Communion should have an obligation to keep the unity in every corner of like. (1Cor 10:17).

Let us learn this lesson by dividing in to two parts. 1. Dependence to practice, 2. Preparation to practice.

1. Dependence to practise: - The devil tries to convince us that it is impossible to stand in unity in church and in family. He will try to convince us even through the church history. He will point out the contemporary incidents in the church. We see the trials that the devil brings against the church in Acts chapter 6. Certain members murmured against the church but it is proved that the churches had power which can not be defeated by the gates of hell. Those who depend upon God can win over the devil and can stand

in unity. Apostle decided to concentrate only on prayer and ministry of the word. (Act 6:4). Our God is a God who makes impossibilities possible. (Luke 1:37, Mark 10:27). Only God can give unity. 2Chr 30:12 "Also in Judea, the hand of God was on the people to give them the unity of mind to carry out the orders of the King and the officials according to the word of God. When God's hand works for giving unity, those who put them in confusion will have to pay the penalty. (Gal 5:10). Church leaders have other responsibilities like punishing the persons who brings confusion. We see in Titus 3:10 "Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition. When we firmly depend upon our Lord for unity, His mighty hands

Spiritual Ministry

Mathew Philip Trivandrum

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Generally much importance is not given to the commandments of the Lord today. The Lord of the church declares that there are certain basic qualifications for the one who feed and shepherd the flock. He does not need anyone without that minimum eligibility. How many of our elders have these qualification. It is better for those without it to leave their office. The ministry of an assembly will not be a blessing to the flock if it is being ministered by those who are doing it against the will of God. From an external view everything seems to be good but in reality it is not so.

No ministry can be divine if it is not without the knowledge, prayer and support of the local assemblies. Whether those ministries are inside the assembly or outside the assembly. **Many full time evangelists are running behind**

many organisations. Some are publishing magazines and the amount of labour required for it is tremendous. There are so many ministries like CD ministry, publishing ministry, Cassette ministry etc. Some even start new assemblies just to attain popularity. Many spend a lot of money and many earn lot. What prompts people for it. Can we hide ourselves and our thought in the presence of the Lord who has firey eyes. Just examine whether these ministries are divine or earthly.

All spiritual ministries need preparation ie, spiritual preparation; it needs prayer, meditation and study. Spiritual leaders should understand that they are preaching the Word of God and they have to declare what has been given to them by the Lord. This should be done with fear and total faith that it is given by the Lord. Then only it will be a blessing to

the saints. Lords service should not be done for personal glory or ego but for His glory and His glory alone. It is the Lord who gives us reward for our service. Many get reward in this world itself. Very few will get reward in heaven. There are some ministries who even fight for the reward here and it won't reach their expectations they may even shout and speak out. These people should just examine themselves that why and for whom they are working.

Ministers should always talk the truth. They should only do trustworthy things. Partiality is forbidden to them and all christians. But very sad to say that there are many so called spiritual leaders remain as leader after committing many things against the Word of God. It is not enough to repeat on saying that there is weakness in me. Instead we have to

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General Y M E F Youth Camp 2009

If it be the will of the Lord a **youth camp** will be held under the auspices of the General Y M E F for the young men of our assemblies during the Christmas vacation (2009 December) at the Kozhikodu Brethren Assembly Hall. This camp is specially meant for the spiritual edification of the youth. We request the saints to pray for the spiritual blessings of this programme.

For more information:

Sabu Mathew Secretary

New Assembly Testimony in Shapur

God in His grace enabled us to start a new assembly testimony in the New Testament pattern in Shapur by the encouragement and financial aid of the Doha Brethren Assembly. According to the guidance of the Holy Spirit brother Gershom (Guruswamy) came forward to take up the work. With the co operation and assistance of the Y M E F (SD) the dear brother took a house on rent and continued the work with a fellow brother from the Y M E F Team. The Doha assembly supported this ministry, which started in 2006, to August 2008.

We remember with thanks the timely visit of brother Raju P Abraham one of the elders of the Doha Brethren Assembly. His visit to the place was for a direct understanding of the ministry. His encouragement and suggestion were of great value. We do remember it with a heart of gratefulness. Then six people witnessed the Lord in the waters of baptism and thus a small assembly was formed. In the first assembly meeting and the baptism ceremony brother Lesly John from Doha was present. We remember with thanks the timely presence and assistance given by the Doha assembly and also pray that the Lord may bless them abundantly from His infinite resources. Moreover let our Lord further strengthen them in the evangelisation programme of India in the days to come.

Evangelist Gershome live there with his wife to continue the ministry in the midst of so many oppositions. Kindly continue to uphold him and the small assembly there in your valuable prayers.

THE BANKRUPTING COUNTRIES

The desire for the luxury life of human beings pushed the world countries to bankruptcy. At the low bed seashore of icy mountains, there is a country called Iceland. The name of the country is based on its climate. This small country was a paradise on the earth because of the plentifulness and lack of unemployment. The people of Iceland went to the European countries under the shade of fog and darkness, killed and looted many of them. And that robbery led them to richness and pride. And they tried to capture the world market. As a result of this, the first grade country fell in to the financial crisis. Their richness and happiness were only the beginning of their disaster.

The Iceland was in the northern part of Atlantic Ocean with only 3 lakhs of population, so the above news was not in the front page of news paper. But the crises of America, England and other European countries became world news. Today the financial lethargy of these countries is the talk of the town. The time has proved once again that the people who live in luxury will fall down in to poverty in no time. All the civilization, financial dominance and township are in vain and without any hope. And as

it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the day of the Son of Man. They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. (Luke 17:26, 27) The words of Lord Jesus Christ twenty centuries ago are applicable even now. His powerful words will be fulfilled without any delay. For Kerala which was facing the unemployment problem, the America, European countries and Gulf countries were a great help. Many of our families made a good setup with the employment in these countries. The non-resident Indians were the financial fountain for the Gospel work in India. If the crisis continue, the people of Kerala who eat the product of other states will face the greatest problem. So we have to pray earnestly for our fellow believers for their stability in job and for the financial stability of the world. At the same time we should be aware that money will not give us peace, satisfaction or protection. Money will drag us to greediness and finally to great sorrow. So dear one let us work for the stable wealth of Heaven.

Jose Philip

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will take control of every thing. (Rev 2:13). God could not deny Moses, when he depend fully upon the Lord for the unity of the people (Duet 9:13, 14). Let us try to be "the man" whom we see in Ezek 22:30). When two people unite in prayer that prayer request will be answered. This is the promise that we see in Mat 18:19. God is faithful in His promises.

2. Readiness to practice/celebrate

Those who wish to practice unity should have a readiness to do so. Usually we try to accuse others for disunity. In Eph 4:1, 2, 3 we see how we should walk in order to keep the unity of spirit in a peaceful way. "Therefore, the prisoners of Lord, I beseech you to have a walk worthy of the calling with which you are called, with all lowliness and

gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of Spirit in the bond of peace. We should know three basic principles that work behind these qualities. (a) This quality is seen in Heavenly Father. (Mat5:48). (b) It can be seen in the Lord and it is ordered by our Lord to obey and practice in the life. (c) This is the fruit of the Spirit Gal 5:22. The children of God should live according to the nature of God. The Holy Spirit reveals the truth in Mat 5; 43 & 48. God wants his children to be more perfect in life than the law demands. In order to be God's children, we should do several things. (Mat 5:44). You should love your enemies and pray for those who persecute. It is not against the verse in Jn 1:12." Yet all who received Him, to those who believed in his name He gave the right to become the children

of God. Those who live with godly characters should be called as His children. Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called as the sons of God. Mat 5:9. If so those make quarrels and confusion will be called the sons of devil. The real beauty of our life is that when the God's character reflects through us.

The relation between the unity and the good qualities.

1. Complete holiness: - We see this quality in Paul. Paul saw others greater than him and he had no difficulty for that. We see the glory of his humility in 1 Cor 15:8. He says "Then last of all He was seen by me also as by one born out of due time and least of all apostles". Those who have complete humbleness will have the mind to respect others too. We see another thing Paul had done in

order to stick firmly to humbleness in Rom 16:7.

"Greet Andronicus and Junia My kinsmen who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among apostles and they were in Christ before I was". Paul tried to see two qualities, though it is not so great, and respect them. Here we can see a believer who recognizes others as Christ's possession and co-partners of eternal life will surely give respect to others. Jesus has taught the principles of humbleness by calling a child before his disciples in Matt 18:1-3. A child who is having discord never keeps it all through the day or even a minute. Those who live in complete humbleness can keep unity between others.

2. Gentleness: We see in Numbers 12:13 that Moses was a very

humble men rather than anyone else in the face of the earth. His elder brother and sister talked against Moses. God has given these children to his people as leaders. But the disunity among them is revealed. It may be happened in any home. The issues in which Moses was questioned will provoke anyone. Both his brother and his sister questioned him about his wife and also about his ministry. But Moses remained silent. He didn't give his ears to take it serious. But God responds against these. We see Moses was crying to God for Miriam (Num 12:13). It is not possible to make riots with those who live in humbleness. Moses was a short tempered man earlier. But he learned to be humble in God's school. The history of Moses illustrates that anybody can learn humbleness and lives so.

Y M E F News

Kannur: God willing the Malabar division Bible camp will be held on 2009 April 29, 30 and May 1, in co operation with the Thamarasserry Brethren Assembly at the Royal Tourist Home, Chungam junction. Brother Varghese Kurian and V J Mathew will take the main classes. Kindly pray for spiritual blessings of this camp.

S K David President

SBS News

Punalur: The annual general body meeting of the SBS Centre Punalur on January 25th 2009 at the Kalanjoor Brethren Assembly Hall under the chairmanship of brother P P Mathew. The report of the 2008 -09 and the financial statement were presented. New office bearers were elected for the period of 2009 -2011. Patron-P P Mathew, President-John Abraham, Vice President-M P Philip, Secretary-Jose P Mathew, Joint Secretary-P G Joseph and Johns Jacob, Treasurer-Raju V Johnson, Organiser-C C Thomas and Daniel Varghese. Kindly pray for this centre

P P Mathew

Gospel Meetings

Venue: In the courtyard of the house of brother M P Gangadharan near Ambedkar Junction, Varenickkal

Date: 2009 April 4 Saturday and Sunday

Time: Evening 6.30 -9PM

Speakers: Chandapilla Philip, P M Mathukutty, Wilson K Thomas, K C Johnson

Chooranallur:

Venue: Near Chooranallur LAC Colony Panchayat Community Hall

Date: April 1, 2009 to 3. Time: Evening 6.30 to 9PM

Speakers: Chandapilla Philip, K C Johnson, George Chacko, Jacob Thomas, G Dharmaraj

Panaveli: Gospel meetings under the auspices of the panaveli Brethren Assembly was conducted from February 19,2009 to 21 at Panaveli near Kottarakkara. Brothers Daniel Varghese, P G James and Itty Varghese spoke the messages.

Majavilakom Trivandrum: Venue: The ground in front of the Majavilakom Brethren Assembly Hall near the school, Date: 2009 April 2, 3, 4, 5. Time: Evening 6.30 to 9.30. Speakers: Thiruvattar Krishnankutty and P V Benjamin

Prayer Meeting of the Evangelists

Pathanapuram: If it be the will of the Lord the monthly prayer meeting held among us for our evangelists will be held on March 3, 2009 at 10AM at the Kottarakkara Pulamon Brethren Gospel Hall. All evangelists are kindly requested to attend this meeting with prayer

K V John

Sisters Meeting

Kallisserry: If it be the will of the Lord the sisters meeting of the Kallisserry centre will be held on March 6, 2009 at 10AM to 1PM at the Melppadam Brethren Assembly Hall. All sisters are requested to attend the meeting with prayer.

Molly Babu Secretary

Child Evangelism Capsule Training

Venue: Chumathara Brethren Assembly Hall, Date: February 21, 2009 at 10Am to 23rd Mon-

day 3PM. This is a special training programme for those who are interested in evangelisation programme under the auspices of the child evangelism ministry.

Thomas K Mathew

Fiba Conference 2009

Texas: If it be the will of the Lord the Fiba conference 2009 will be held from July 30 -August 2 at Dallas in Texas. Saints from all over the world is expected to take part in this programme. Joseph Michael and George Dozen are the proposed main speakers. Others are also expected For more details please contact Jose Cherian 001 972 731 7434

GOD WANTED THEM THERE

Joseph was a stranger in the vile land of Egypt, but God wanted him there to save His people.

Esther was a queen in the land that hated the Jews, but God wanted her there to save her people.

Daniel was jailed in a den of vicious lions, but God wanted him there for a testimony.

Jonah granded in a watery grave inside a great fish, but God wanted him there to learn a lesson.

Paul and Silas lay in prison, but God wanted them there to lead a soul to Christ.

Why does God have YOU where you are at the moment.

Names of Evangelists and their Addresses

1. Jose Thadathil, Thadathil House, Chakkittampoika, Chellakad, Ranni 689 677.
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10. Joseph Punnose, Valiaveettil, Vattakunnu P O, Meedadam, 686 516
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14. Joy P D, Podippara, Chellakkad, Chakkittampoika, Ranni 689 677.

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Coconfess and get transformed.

We are supposed to utilize the talents given to us. If we do it for our sake there we will not get any reward. If we utilize it for our sake then it will be just like that of the one talent hidden by the servant who got one talent. When we are in the business of the Lord, then it should be done zealously and happily. Then the Lord will honour it and give us the reward. Those leaders who are acting against the statues of the Lord cannot control the assembly. They cannot take any disciplinary action against those who commit wicked things in the assembly, if we have such people in our assemblies. Some of these wicked people are controlling the leadership of certain assemblies what is worse to the assemblies is the lack of spiritual people to deal with such things or even if some one there they won't dare to open their mouth. The elders of the assembly should do only those things which have been ordained to them by the Lord. They should not do anything more than that. What is given should be done faithfully. Thus God's name will be glorified.

Let us pray for a spiritual revival. Let us pray that there should be spiritual leadership in the assemblies. Let us pray that our assemblies may grow and revive in His will alone. May His name be glorified.

Why Do You Look at Each Other?

People generally call and consider some as good preachers. It may be because of the fact that apostles should not continue in prayer and meditation of the word that we look for. Teachers who are rich and one rich in resources. Rest of the teachers are enough for the people. There should be change in this state. We need teachers and preachers who can go in to the midst of the assemblies and common believers to work for their improvement and spiritual edification. New assemblies are formed in certain places. It is an encouraging news. But the conditions some of the earlier assemblies is pathetic and deplorable. They are not growing but declining and falling. Many are the leaders who really do not know the need of the assembly and so they cannot cater to the need of the assembly. It is better that leader either change themselves or absolve themselves of their position of



This world loves and entertains sin. The Lord of this earth guides sin in his way and desires. Though many wish to escape from its claws it is not easy for those who are once entangled in it. Death is the end of it. Many of the attacks, oppression and injustice are his and his own handiworks. Sin is so dreadful. Generally man enjoys the momentary honey of sin slowly and eventually they become addicted to it. Ultimately they fail to escape from it. Sin drags man to the bottomless pit.

The Eschimos who live in the polar regions earn their livelihood by hunting animals. The white bear (Polar Bear) is very strong and powerful. So it is not easy to hunt them. The eschimos are experts in killing with the help of their hunting dogs and also by throwing spears at them. But it will spoil the skin of the bear which used to fetch good amount for them. Once torn the skin will not get the actual price. So the Eschimos invented a novel method to kill their Polar Bear. They

leadership.

We know the tragic consequences faced by those who came forward to do the service of the Lord on their own. We learn about it from the scripture. King Hezekiah became a leper as he was holding the censor in his hand. He was prevented by the priest. But as the king he went ahead and suffered its tragic result. Many even today had to face the same when they do the ministries which the Lord has not asked them to do. Sometimes you may think I am using hard language. But I am confident that the spiritual men will get a chance to examine themselves and correct them. If it is done then I am happy. God has appointed teachers and elders to divide the word and to teach so that even the layman can understand it. The teachers and preachers who are supposed to be in the assemblies are not there. It is a sad situation. They claim

that they have other official programme and so they go from place to place. It should change or should be changed. They should come back to their own assemblies. They try to learn the word personally and in groups. If they need help teachers are to be invited. Talented people with gifts should be given chance to teach the word of GOD in the assemblies. They feeling that their responsibility is over after the preaching of an hour should change. Church is a living organism it has life it moves and so it needs food everyday. So it is better that elders come together and learn the Word of

K V Isaac

The Accidental Death Hid in Sin

will hide a two edged sharp knife in the snow with blood on it. When the polar bear comes by it gets the smell of the blood and is attracted to it. They get the smell of the blood and reach the place where the knife. Without knowing the hidden death they start to lick the knife. Since the knife is too sharp it will cut the tongue of these bears and there will be more and more blood on the knife. They will enjoy it and continue to lick this without knowing that this is their own blood and their life. They do not have the wisdom to discern this great danger. Finally their blood from their body will be oozed out and they will fall down. Then the hunters will come and take their capture. Moreover they will get the skin of the bear without any damage.

Sin is exactly like this. The temptation that hunts us seems to be interesting for a while. It may become sweet and then ulto the bottomless pit -the second death. As they enjoy the fruit of sin they may think that they could escape from the fatal end by break-

ing this shackles of sin earlier or later. But they will be helplessly trapped to a state where even if they wanted to. The state of that polar bear which falls down helplessly. It is exactly like this happening to our young generation. All their wealth and health time and talent is spent to follow the path of sin. The young and the energetic blood that flows through their brain do not give them sense to think about the fatality of their journey. Physical and spiritual death is waiting for them. Dear brethren just let us have a self examination whether our children are passing through the same road. It is time for us to cry for them. Let such a tragedy may never happen to our children. There is one sole means to escape from it. Let us submit ourselves as a holy living sacrifice to the Lord with total commitment. Only one who has Christ in him can lead a christian life. Thus let one may escape from the great danger which is hid in sin.

TVS

In TV Channels

Sathgamaya TV Talk Show Programme

People channel of Kairali's News Channel

All Fridays (Malayalam) 4.30-5.00 p.m.

Monday 6.00-6.30 a.m. Zee TV (Hindi)

Jeevamritham Television Program

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

God. Then they should apply the principles that they learned in their life. Then they should teach them in their assemblies. Our assemblies have had a steep fall. The spiritual condition of some of the assemblies are worse than other denominations. Other denomination celebrate festivals in their church and after these celebrations offer end with fire display. I was shocked and felt very sad when I heard that one of the assemblies has the same fire display on the eve of New Year. What a sad state. Are we not ashamed of ourselves. We must repent and come back to the Lord. There are satanic assemblies too in our midst today. It is learnt that drinking is also slowly creeping in to us. Let us

pray for those assemblies which are in such a bad state.

Divorce and remarriage which is totally unscriptural is seen so lightly and is becoming the norm of the day. Why do we stand and look at each other still? Do we need more famine to react? The sons of Jacob went to Joseph for grain and if we go to our good Joseph. He will forgive all our sins and will bless us. Even when the church of God has such a great decline and fall why we still stand and look at each other.

Attention !

This year if one assembly celebrated New Year with fire crackers next year there can be at least ten. All kinds of rituals and days and celebrations are on the increase. Divorce and Remarriage is on the increase. Those who conduct remarriages are the main speakers of even family conferences. With millions in the pocket even if one lead a quite immoral life, he can be a preacher of a big family conference. What a great tragedy !

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