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SUCCESSFUL CHURCH LIFE

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Continued ...

II. Importance of usage

God's use of church is of great importance. There is no substitute for church to do what all things God wanted it to do. God establishes churches to give light to this darkened world. Church should give light to two fields.

Church should give this light of Gospel to the people in darkness. There is nothing else other

this gospel remove their darkness and blindness. Church should give the light so that God's people should be benefitted. Church should enjoy the qualities of Christ like love, patience and mercy with each other. We should be filled with the love of Christ and there by love each other. Forgiveness reveals in relation with a person who has done a mistake and mercy reveals in relation with persons who are

suffering with so many difficulties. When a church leads a successful Christian life, the outside people in the area can enjoy all the good qualities of Christ through them. All God's work is revealed through the body of Christ in this world. Only the church can advise all things which are ordered by Christ. There is no other means for it. So we should come back to the true church life by repenting our sins

Richness and Proverty - Temptations of Faith ?

Mathew Paul

Temptations and testings have a very important role in christian life. If there is no trials, then there is no success. If one has to enjoy the abundance of life (John 10:10) then he has to succeed in the trials and temptations that he may have to face in life. As we read in James 1:12 "Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for which he has been approved he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him". The crown of pure gold means that a crown made of it - pure gold. Just like that the crown of life, means abundance of life. It is not only an honour that we shall get after our death in our resurrected life, it should be an experience when we live here. We know and feel that it is a reality in our day to day life.

The first chapter of the Epistle James is

one that teaches us of temptations and tests. Temptations are really tests. When we are tempted to do mistakes or commit sins it is a test in the real sense; it can be just the opposite way too. When there is a temptation to commit a sin then I am tested of my faith. It is clear from the first two verses of James. "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produce patience" (James 1:2,3). Believers should not forget this very important matter. We can see the words temptation, trials and tested many times in the 1st chapter of James. The centre of that chapter is from verses 12-18. The second verse of this chapter deals with many trials.

In between these verses we get the reference about the rich and poor in verses 9-11. "Let the lowly brother exalt in

his exaltation. But the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away ... so the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits. The lowly brother has to exalt in the spiritual vision and strength. The lowly should exalt him in his lowliness. When we look James 2:5 "Listen my beloved brethren, had God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? The poor are to be rich in faith and they are selected for that. But the rich has to be proud of his lowliness. It means that wealth is temporal and momentary. So one should not feel proud of this wealth. The rich has to understand that the rich has to lead a lowly and humble life. Jesus in His wordly life said "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an ever-

Y M E F (SD) from Erode

The Lord has enabled us to start the gospel campaign in Erode, Tamilnadu which was suspended earlier because of the attacks by fundamentalist against christians and christian institutions. For the last nine years we have been sharing gospel in the villagers of Karnataka. In the same pattern we have started in Tamilnadu. We visit the villagers, share gospel, distribute New Testaments, booklets and leaflets. Along with the team members the servants of God from nearby assemblies and brothers join the campaign. This is a great thing for joy. Presently the team resides in a rented house near to the railway station.

These days the team visited many houses in the following villages. Anadanapetty, Sadthanandanagaram, Amnrannagaram and Bhavani. The team was sent from Kollegal by the assembly there. The elders came together and prayed and the team left to Erode. The love and co operation of the Kollegal Brethren Assembly is remarkable.

In the village of Anadanapatty, the team met a women with evil nature. They prayed for her and got healed and she later joined her husband to lead a family life. Many of this same problem can be seen in other villagers also. They all need prayer and are requesting to pray for them. Those who know that they have the real peace only through Jesus Christ shows great interest to listen to the word. Those who view this campaign with a negative eye is very few. Kindly pray for the local assemblies and the gospel campaign here.

For more information: Jacob P Mathew (Secretary), 09847000691. Those who wish to send gifts may send to the Treasurer. Cheques and drafts may be drawn in favour of Y M E F (SD) which can be cashed in Catholic Syrian Bank.

Gospel Meeting

Kottayam: God willing a big gospel meeting will be conducted at Thirunakkara Stadium (Maidan) from December 1, 2008 to 7th in the evening from 6PM to 8PM under the auspices of the local Brethren Assemblies in and around Kottayam. The main speakers are **Brothers M M Zachariah, John Kurian, Joy John, Jose Mankudy, Chandapilla Philip, Dr. Koshy Mathew** etc. Kindly pray for the blessing of this great convention.

Editorial A HUMAN LEADERSHIP FOR BRETHREN ASSEMBLIES...?

The idea of centralization came out of the desire of association and greed of power. This idea was introduced in a trust meeting which was for helping the evangelist. When the persecution and torturing increased people thought of human intervention towards it. Even though this idea of central governing body and unification came suddenly due to the new trend of the world, there are some believers who are ready to encourage this with their full support. Suvishadhvani reported this problem years before when some of the leaders planned for it. Our respected **elder brother Ittysir** warned about the dangers in his books. That warnings helped to some extent to stop their activity through the website and publications. When this type of unscriptural attitudes and teachings against the doctrinal truths starts, the Bible scholars should react against it. They should not waste their time for mere debates. The church of Christ has got a history of martyrs. The church of God stands on a place where millions of believers poured out their warm blood. Many were slaughtered, many were burned alive, many were crucified, many were skinned off, many were stoned to death, many died due to starvation and cold and many were tortured and killed. But the early believers prayed for their enemies and suffered every thing without any retaliation. The early believers had the faith and courage for that. Last 20 centuries, the world, flesh and devil were jointly trying their

level best to destroy the church of God from the earth but she is still strong and growing. The power of darkness cannot wipe out the church. Around the world we see the power of unity. But the church of God stands with out any written constitution or group leaders. The freedom of the church reveals the power, glory and originality as we see in the book of Revelation. It is not a lamp stand with seven branches for a place but it is like seven lamp stands for seven places. The churches are not the branches of a single lamp stand, but it is the independent Golden lamp stands. Since Christ is the bridegroom of the church, she is still going on by overcoming the gates of Hades and ages. The idea of unification and united leadership for the Brethren Assemblies is against the word of God and it is rebellious to our Lord. Even if the persecution and torturing increases we are not supposed to retaliate. The word of God never encourages the believer for that. Christ, apostles and early believers never did it. Not only that our history speaks that many had surrendered themselves at the stone of sacrifice by faith.

Some people tried to change the pattern of worship by introducing over enthusiasm as the movement of God among the God's people. But this inclination never succeeded. Like wise this idea of human leadership will not flourish. At this time the local church should be very cautious. The unspiritual attitudes and false doctrines should be checked by disciplinary action. Then only the Brethren Assembly will exist in her originality and purity.

Jose Philip

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

and short comings. How serious a matter is this!

III. Importance of eternity

Church is a temporary one on the earth. It is an institution which is meant to be taken away from this earth to heaven by stopping all its activities as soon as possible. The most important thing about church is not how far its foundations are strong but how far we obey the word of God. The activities of the church are not like the activities of another moral institution. Church should do activities which relate to eternity, and its reward. The true successful Christian life depends on the successful church life. That is why in the messages to the churches **"He who overcomes"**. The reward to the victorious person is not worldly things but it is spiritual and related with eternity.

That will remain for the whole eternity.

The Mystery behind the victory (Rev 3:8)

Smyrna and **Philadelphia** were the churches which lead a successful church life. They have a best position in God's eye since they did everything which pleases God. God appreciates the church of Philadelphia in two things. That is the very truth of their success too.

They kept the word.

It is dangerous to teach the word of God by adding wrong teachings to it. But today people think that this is necessary to get more people to the church and its strong foundation. But this is absolutely wrong according to the word of God. It r e v e a l s unfaithfulness. Church should stand for teaching the sound doctrine. In order to lead a successful life in

personal, family and church life we have to keep the word of God. If we keep the word of God we will be successful where ever we go. (Joshua 1:7,8). If we deny the word of God, it will cause failure in our life.

They did not deny My name.

The faithfulness we keep towards the Name of God is another secret of successful life. Today people associate different names to the name of God. We should be very careful to this situation and stick to the Lord who is the head of church. There is no other name equal to His name. He is the one and only victorious person. We have the victory in Him alone. We will have proper relation with our church when we have proper relation with Christ. If we have no unity with church members, we can not lead a successful church life. We see that Moses held fast God. God said to

Moses "Let me go". To hold fast the head means that we are also doing the same ministry that Moses did. We should deny our honor and positions in order to gain many people to Christ. We serve others through holding fast to God. A successful Christian life totally depends upon holding our God.

Perseverance (Rev 3:10, 11)

Another secret of successful Christian life is perseverance or endurance. The church of Smyrna became victorious t h r o u g h perseverance. The tribulation due to the gospel and word of God are essential for leading a successful life. We can lead a successful church life through proper way. Successful church life is the foundation of Christian life. Our church life depends upon our obligation and love towards lord and his word.

Let us lead a life which upholds our savior and master JESUS CHRIST. May God help us for that. Amen.

YMEF NEWS

North Division -Bible Camp

Alwaye: If it be the will of the Lord, a Bible Camp will be held under the auspices of the Y M E F (ND) and in co operation with the local assemblies. Since the camp is mainly meant for the youth, all the young brothers are kindly requested to attend this camp with prayer. The proposed age group is between 15-35.

Venue: Athmadarshan Auditorium near the Periyar river bank. Date: 24-12-08 every 6PM to 27-12-08 Saturday 1PM. Main Speakers Jose Mankudy, Joseph Rajan and V P Paulose.

For more information: A D James, Areekal House, Angamaly Telephone: 09446814115

Gospel Camp

Thrissur: God willing a gospel camp will be conducted under the auspices of the Thrissur unit Y M E F and Marottichal Rehaboth Brethren Assembly on December 20,21,22. The Bible classes will be taken by Brother Monson Isaac. Brother Babu Varghese and M C George will deliver the messages. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings of this ministry and we request all the brothers who wish to share the gospel may kindly join it.

Regi P C Phone: 04842456097

Gospel Meetings

Adoor: If it is the will of the Lord a gospel meeting will be held under the auspices of the Kilivayal Rehaboth Brethren Assembly at the Kilivayal Junction from December 25-28. **Brothers Chandapilla Philip, Sunny Thomas, Sam Zachariah and James Thomas are the main speakers.**

Evg M V Thomas

Mekhozhoor: God willing a gospel meeting will be held from 2009 January 8 to 11 under the auspices of the Mekhozhoor Brethren Assembly. **Chandapilla Philip and Binu Samuel are the speakers of the meeting. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings**

K C George and E T Yohannan

Kottarakkara: God willing a gospel meeting will be held from 2009 January 12-18 at the Pulamon Brethren Gospel Hall under the auspices of the local assemblies in and around Kottarakkara. Main Speakers are **P V Benjamin, V P Poulouse, George Chacko, Sunny Thomas, P S Thampan, Varghese K Kurian.** Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Pathanamthitta: If it be the will of the Lord the monthly prayer meeting of the Brethren Assemblies in and around Pathanamthitta will be held on 29th Saturday from 10AM at the Mundukottakal Brethren Assembly. All brothers and sisters are kindly requested to attend it with prayer

C C Varghese

Sisters Meeting

Kallissery: God willing the sisters meeting of this will be held on 5-12-08 at 10AM in the ...adu Brethren Assembly Hall. All sisters are requested to attend it with prayer

Sis. Kunjamma Varghese Secretary

Kottarakkara: God willing the sisters meeting of ...ntre will be held on December 13 at 10AM in ...azhi Brethren Assembly. Bible Quiz: Epistles ... 2 & 3 and Jude.

Chinnamma Varghese Secretary 0474 2454181

Namakkal: An assembly testimony was started here some nine years before. There are so many engineering colleges here and more than 2000 Malayalee students study here. Brother Rajesh work among the students. Almost ten Malayalee Brethren Students attend this fellowship. We started a Malayalee worship also (Every Sunday morning 8-9.40). We gather in a rented room. We wish to have our own space and hall. Believers across the world is requested to pray and support this ministry.

T Rajesh, Christian Brethren Assembly, Paramathy Road, Near Royal Bakery, Namakkal Phone: 09965259686

Book Review

The Book of Exodus - A meditative study. Brother M V Thomas is a famous literary figure in the field of christian literature. He has written many books. Through this book he the hope to give solace and comfort to the weak and thundering voice aganist unrighteousness an attack aganist false doctrine and he has stood for sound doctrine. This is a good book and hope that it will be benevelont for the readers. Those who wish to get a copy may write to Freedom Publications, Kilivayal, Vadakkedathukavu, Adoor, 691529 Phone: 09447555812 Price Rs 300/-.

Kids Corner

The Despised Blood

Once there lived a wealthy man. His son Raju was very clever and smart. His father appreciated his friends because they too were very rich. Later Raju got in friendship with a very good boy who was very quiet and a good character. But he is very poor. Raju invited all his friends for his birthday party. As they were enjoying and entertaining themselves, his father came in. Raju introduced his friends one by one to his father. Where this poor boy was introduced his father became mad and shouted at the poor boy. The poor boy told him quietly "Why do you get mad at me?". I am here because I am being invited by your son. We are all created by great God. The blood that circulates in your head is the same that runs in me. When Raju's father heard it he become more angry and asked the poor boy to leave immediately.

After some years the rich man met with an accident. He was profusely bleeding. This poor boy now and young man saw it ...ed the rich man to the nearby ... Moreover he gave his blood that ... required. After recovery the rich ... ised his folly and he corrected his ... take.

...ar friends it is the precious blood ...st which was once scorned and ... that has saved you and me. And ...s precious blood can save others ...ir sins. So it is our responsibility to ...e our saviour to our friends and ...rs. May God help us to do it.

Obliged

Monthly Meeting and Outreach

By the grace of the Lord the monthly meeting and outreach of the month of November took place in co operation with the Paingottoor Brethren Assembly. Around 67 brothers took part in the work. House visiting, Open air meetings, Bible classes, Night meetings etc took place. Evangelist Benny took the classes and two youngsters were baptized. Brother O S Chandran conducted the baptism. At this time when opposition is on increase let us join together and continue this great ministry. In the meeting that took place on Saturday Evangelist M A Paulose gave the message. The work and meeting in the month of December will be held from December 9-13 at the Thesserry Brethren Assembly. Kindly pray for this ministry

K C Simon

Kulamavu:

The programme of this assembly is going smoothly. This is a place in Idukki district. Work is taking place in the tribal areas also. The assembly wishes to conduct work in the following places. Kozhypilli, V a l i y a m a v u , K a r i p p a l a n g a d u , N a d u k a n i , P o t t a p p a n p a d i . But the assembly has financial problems. So the assembly requests the saints to pray and support this assembly.

Evg Johnson C S

Pathanapuram: The monthly prayer meeting of the evangelist will be held on 2nd December 2008 at the Kottayam Brethren Assembly Hall. This programme is arranged along with the Kottayam Convention. All evangelist are requested to attend it with prayer

Evg K V John Pathanapuram

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lasting home "Luk 16:9.

Both richness and poverty are the trials and temptations of real faith. Many fall in to sin through their poverty. Yet some others live in sin because of their wealth. Understanding both these, the believers have to lead such a life lest they fall in sin.

A poor believer should understand and accept the fact that Lord who is without partiality has given him something other than wealth. He has to realise it and utilize that gift given to him by the Lord for His glory. If he has given our basic needs then it is our responsibility to lead a beneficial life for Him. "Do not trust in oppression nor vainly hope in robbery, if riches increase do not set your heart on them. The rich man should not depend on his wealth. One has to give keen attention and importance to godly matters. "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the

word, and the care of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke and he becomes unfruitful. Luke 13:22. The rich should understand that it is Lord who has given strength to amass wealth and he should spend it accordingly. "But thou shall remember the Lord thy God for it is He that giveth the power to get wealth that He may establish His covenant Deu 8:18. Using this unrighteousness mammon we should try to gain eternal friends Luk 16:9

If we look around we can see that it is wealth not poverty that has kept people away from the true living God. How many families had gone astray because of their modern wealth. Once those families stood for their saviour and His testimony. Then they were poor but rich in faith. The following verse should be the real prayer of a true believer. "Remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food convenient for me"

Proverbs 30:8.

Those who invest their wealth on earth should understand they live on this earth against the commandment of the Lord. As we read "But lay up yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break and steal for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" Matt 6:20,21. Our heart should not crave for wealth and our wealth should not find a place in our heart. Godliness with contentment is the mark of Christian life. 1John 6:6 and is ideal in our life. Both wealth and poverty can carry a believer to sin and this we can be lead to backsliding or even to the loss of fellowship with the Lord. Remember the case of King David and his prayer to the God to bring him back to Gods happiness where he can enjoy the bliss of salvation. Let the Lord give us grace to lead such a life.



Are there any short cut to heights?

Men always used to keep many desires, ambitions and opinions in mind. He tries to grasp some of them. He works hard to get some of that in his hands. Later he realizes that many were foolish things. Then he tells in his mind why he has desired for that useless thing. That thought may lead him to the same old thing. There is a story that highlights this point.

Once a very poor stone cutter prayed like this when he was working hard. "Lord, if I were a great man, then I would have left this tiring work and would have taken rest". The angel who heard this prayer granted his desire. Suddenly our stonecutter became a rich man and started living in a bungalow just like a palace. There were lots of servants and no works to be done by him. The body that got bend because of the tiring stone cutting becomes straight. One day he looked into the sky. When he saw the shining

sun, he thought that if he was like the sun he could have reigned alone like the sun in the sky without any disturbance of the servants. Suddenly the angel changed him into the sun. At once the clouds came and covered the sun. Now the clouds are bigger and powerful than the sun. Then he thought that it is good if he becomes to clouds. Angel changed him into clouds. Here comes a heavy wind and it tears the clouds into pieces. Now to him the wind is greater than clouds. He wants to be the wind. But his heart got disturbed when he saw huge mountains that stop the wind. He said he wants to be like a mountain. The angel made him as a huge mountain. Then he looked downwards. He saw a man who cuts the stones at the bottom of the mountain. Wow! It is better to be like a man who cuts a huge mountain. So then the angel changed him into his old work. Again he started to cut stones in a

very humble manner. Later he decided that there should not be any changes.

See! How pathetic is the state that the man's desire brought him in the last. Are there any limits in his desires? His desire is to become a rich man without any pain or trouble. Human life comes to its perfection only by sufferings. Cyclones and tempests make the trees stronger. During this time the roots penetrates deeper into the ground. There is a saying, "A silent sea cannot create good sailor". To get a pleasing odor of the spices it has to pass through deep pressures. Dear Brethren, our Christian life becomes fruitful and shining only if we pass through tough situations the way that our saviour has passed. Those who go through the burning furnace can come out like gold. So let us be glad in pains. Pain is a part of the life. Sufferings convert us to be the inheritors of crowns.

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

From Karnataka

Raichur: Raichur is one of the districts of the North East part of Karnataka state. This district borders Andhra Pradesh, Bellary, Bagalcot, Koppal, Gulbarga and Bijapur. Since it borders Andhra, many or even most people of that area speak Telugu. A few years back the Y M E F (SD) team stayed at the district head quarters and at Lingsur of this district and shared gospel to all the villagers of this place. The team worked in this district for mere than one year. The team was in Raichur 2004 and 2005. Then there was two small assemblies one in Telugu and another one in Kannada in Raichur. But evangelist A Joseph continued the follow up and now he conducts Bible Classes in five villages. There is a good assembly in the village Gujanahally. More than 50 people gather there and more than 25 people take part in the breaking of bread. The villagers are illiterate but not having the smell of rotten city culture. They are innocent poor and often exploited by the feudal system but fervent in faith and honest in their love to their God and Lord. They are absolutely in need of an assembly hall and are looking to the Lord for it. This poor believers has already collected some materials purchased a piece of land for it. There is a group of young believers and they are very active and energetic. Brother Joseph with his meagre resources and provisions go to the villages all the five days of a week. In a village in Andhra Pradesh nearly twenty people attend the Bible class. Kindly pray for this assembly and the works here.

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