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## THE FAITHFUL GOD

Faithfulness is a special attribute of our blessed God. We can see the faithfulness of God from Genesis to Revelation. The remark of Moses who had a close relation with the eternal God is admirable. **Deu 32:4** He is a rock. What he does is perfect. All his ways are fair. **He is a faithful God**, who does no wrong. He is honorable and reliable. All the other attributes comes in connection with the faithfulness. God's faithfulness is full of specialties.

The aim of this article is to expose some of them.

### 1. He is faithful from creation.

**Rev 3:14** "To the messenger of the church in Laodicea, write: The amen, the witness who is faithful and true, the source of God's creation, says: God was faithful in eternity and that faithfulness and truth was revealed to man at the time of creation. There is a beginning for this universe, but the faithfulness and the truthfulness of God is eternal like Him.

Men's faithfulness has a beginning so there can be an end for it. But God's faithfulness is from eternity to eternity. **2Ti 2:13** Even if we are unfaithful, he remains faithful because he cannot be untrue to himself.

**2. Faithful witness.** **Rev 1:5** and from Jesus Christ, the witness, the trustworthy one, the first to come back to life, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. Glory and power forever and

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## The Fish in the Midst of Rocks

Benny and Johny are brothers. Sunday is a day when Benny experienced lot of happiness and joy. He could learn new songs and stories in the Sunday School. His heart always craved for this day the first day of the week. But his brother Johny is exactly the opposite. He is famous for fishing. He is an expert in using the fishing hook. He was not concerned about Sunday School or Balasangam. Neither did songs and stories attract him. He always dream about the brimming rivers the rocky region in the river and also the big fishes in it.

Their parents were not much interested in the spiritual edification and growth of their children. They had given a free choice to their kids in it. Their father used to go to assembly meetings on every Sunday. He usually used to take Benny the younger son with him on Sunday. Johny goes for fishing and his mother usually waits for him at home and she has more interest to cook the fish rather than to go to the church.

Thus came that particular Sunday. The children were engaged in their own world. But their father made an announcement which stunned both the boys because it was against their will. He asked Benny to go for the fishing and Johny who was ready for fishing, to go with him to the church. Thus both of them went to two places which were quite strange and unfamiliar to them. Johny's mind was not in the Sunday School. His mind went after the bank of the river the rocky regions and the fishes. Poor Benny was disappointed. Though he was holding a fishing hook his mind was wandering. He thought of the new songs and stories taught to them in the Sunday School. Then he felt a little weight on his hook. He knew that it could be a big catch. He rose up from the rock very fast. But unfortunately he slipped and fell into the river. Johny was returning from the assembly meeting. He saw that shocking sight. His young brother was fighting for life in the roaring waters of the river. He jumped into the river. He swam and dragged Benny to the shore. He carried Benny on his shoulders who was unconscious to their home. The parents who were waiting for the high catch saw that shocking sight of their children. They were terrified and shocked. But they did not loose their heart. They did what they were expected to do for their children. They escaped Benny sang a song by praising God for sending his brother Johny to save him. Their parents understood their mistake and they confessed their mistakes. They confessed their past mistakes. They praised the Lord for saving their children. They took a decision to send their children to Sunday School and Balasangam and the assembly meetings. They also decided to become good examples for their children.

## RUNS ... RUNS ...

Many may know about the auction held for the cricket players. There are players in India who worth millions and crores. If such an auction takes place in heaven how much will be our worth?

Have you ever noticed the habit of these big players? We have seen their obedience discipline their co operation hard work training food habits vision and their will power. They are temperate in every thing. These are some of the reasons for their victory. The believers should be temperate in everything. So let us forget the past and

submit ourselves in the presence of the Lord. Moreover let us go forward to gain more runs for our Master. Once out of the match one cannot but just sit and relax. No more work could be done again.

Let us examine some of their peculiar behaviour. They will not take care of the sound in their surrounding do not bother the mocking of the oppossion and they face each and every ball chances very seriously. He is aware of the strength

of the fielders of the other team to get him out. He is also trying his best to out the bats man. But when we get run in the midst of all these problems the score will appear on the board which can be seen by evey one even from a distance. How many of the spectators from all over the world is watching this score on the board. Dear saints let us compare it with our spiritual life. Let us consider ourselves as a batsman in the play ground which is the

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# FIGHT FOR THE FAITH

There are many religions and faith in this world. We can see many people suffer physical strain and financial loss for the blind faith. And many may say that their faith will save them. Their opinion is that these are for their existence and faith. Some people think that faith is the ideas and opinions comes out of mind whatever the religion teaches weather it is right or wrong. [Heb 11:1](#) Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see. Therefore it is a clear way to the eternal salvation also. Even before the devout had sacrificed their secular jobs and life for this faith which the heaven will honor.

But today people are like that, they get out of the place of faith when they loose their position and status. The Malayalamanorama news paper reported news on 2010 January 9<sup>th</sup> about a politician who left the party because of his faith. Some of the politicians covered their faith for a while for their materials benefits. But in due time their faith came out of that veil. The faith will question anything which stands against it. Any person who stands for faith directly or indirectly can not be against it by the directions of the political party. We can not travel in two boats. Some people resigned the membership and joined to other parties and some are restored. Any body runs after the world will be tired, worried and put into great disappointment. The world will throw them as a waste after use. Many politicians are coming out like that. Let these people be a warning for those believers who are still in search of a place in political elections. When we live in this world our citizenship is in heaven. [Phi 3:20](#) We, however, **are citizens of heaven**. We look forward to the Lord Jesus Christ coming from heaven as our Savior. We are only pilgrim. We should be aware of that. We have the heavenly citizenship which is purchased by our Lord by his own blood. So we have to work hard day and night for the benefit of heaven. World and its beauty will vanish. Dr K S Manoj (MP) left his position and party for the sake of faith. If so, are we able to forsake the pleasures of the world for the sake of Christ? As apostle said when we grow in the knowledge of Christ, we will be able to count the things of the world but vain. Paul again said "I fought a good fight, completed the race and kept the faith". Jude exhorted in his epistle that we have to **fight for the faith** which is entrusted to believers once for all. Let God help us to stand for the faith bearing that challenge. And let God help us to aim only at the crown of righteousness.

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world. The enemy is sending firey darts at us. Let us consider ourselves as a batsman in this condition. We have to utilize each and every of our chances and situations. Sometimes we may get one run for praying daily. We may get a run when we go to the worship meeting. We may get 4 runs for sharing the gospel to others. Thus we can get runs for each and every work that we do in the

name of the Lord. How many runs could we gain in the past year? What is our total? How many times did our Master congratulate us for superb batting. We should be reachy in time and oftime because we do not know when our wicket will fall.

So dear saints understand the meaning and value of this life on the earth. Every moment every day is very valuable and useful. These are

the moments when we have to gather and gain rewards. So let us spend our time in prayer work teach learn and get transformed worship become witness. Give what all we can give be holy and we should not stand infront of Master with empty hands.

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ever belong to the one who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood. Our Lord's three official positions are mentioned here. Those positions are prophet, priest and king respectively. The faithfulness is mentioned at first because He wants every body to know that He is faithful to fulfill every responsibilities entrusted upon Him trough these positions.

Not only that Solomon the wisest among the wise says: - [Pro 14:5](#) A trustworthy witness does not lie, but a dishonest witness breathes lies. It is true in respect of our Lord only. [1Pe 2:22](#) Christ never committed any sin. He never spoke deceitfully. [Tit 1:2](#) My message is based on the confidence of eternal life. **God, who never lies**, promised this eternal life before the world began. These verses declare the faithfulness of our savior.

3. **Perfect in faithfulness.** [Psa 86:15](#) But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and merciful God. You are patient, **always faithful** and ready to forgive. We can see some attributes of God in this verse. So we can say that God's faithfulness is perfect. There are limitations in the faithfulness of man. But God's faithfulness is perfect and eternal.

### 4. A true faithfulness.

[2Ti 2:13](#) If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful because **he cannot be untrue** to himself. This verse specifies that God can not untrue himself even if man does. Many of the great people of the world ended their life in unfaithfulness. But our God who is the creator of this universe can not be unfaithful. This is a statement that can be trusted. So this is a trustworthy statement.

### 5. Named faithful.

[Rev 19:11](#) I saw heaven standing open. There was a white horse, and its rider is named Faithful and True. With integrity he judges and wages war. It is clearly known to us that who is riding on the white horse to the earth from heaven. He is our Lord Jesus Christ who came to the world 2010 years ago and died on the Calvary cross, buried and rose again on the third day to redeem us from our sins. He will come back on that white horse to wipe out the anti-Christ from this world and to establish His Kingdom. The word of God clearly specifies it.

[Rev 1:7](#) Look! He is coming in the clouds. Every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. Every tribe on earth will mourn because of him. **This is true.** Amen. These words of God will be fulfilled completely. Every eye will see Him as the faithful.

In other words the faithfulness will be His crown when He sits on the white throne, at the Armageddon war and at Millennium period.

**Malappuram:** The gospel work of the Malappuram unit of Y M E F is going in a blessed way. A Bible camp was conducted at the Triikkaikuth Brethren Assembly Hall. Dr. Koshy Mathew and John Mathew took the classes. The following persons are elected as the new office bearers for the next two years. Babu Varghese President, P A Xavier Secretary and John Samuel Treasurer. The campaign in Pothukal with the view of starting a church is to be continued. Kindly continue to pray for the ministries of this unit of the Y M E F.

**P M Xavier**

## S B S News

**Ranni:** The centre camp of the SBS will be held in association with the local assemblies of Ranni from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Sabari Homes near the St. Thomas Higher Secondary School Erumeli. The theme of the camp is **Keep thy Heart with all diligence** (Proverbs 4:23). Brother Joy John and K V Mathew Charles John Abraham Thomas are the main leaders of the camp. Kindly cooperate and pray for the spiritual blessings of this camp.

**M J Kurian**

## Assembly News

**Pralayakkadu:** God willing a Bible class will be conducted on 13.3.10 from 9.30 in the morning in the Pralayakkadu Brethren Assembly Hall. Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the theme. Brother Chandapilla Philip will take the classes. Kindly pray for this ministry.

**A M Paulose**

## For Prayer and Thanksgiving Vattappara (Ernakulam):

The thanksgiving programme of the Bethel Brethren Assembly was held on 31.12.09. The hall is constructed on the place bought in the name of the Steward Association of India and the hall was constructed by the prayerful support of many. Brother Daniel Williams and V P Poulouse spoke from the word of God. We take this opportunity to thank all those saints who have prayed and supported us. Continue to pray for us.

**M V Varghese**

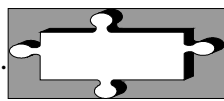
## Change in Mailing Address

Kindly correspond with the Maikkavu Brethren Assembly in the following Address. **P C Peter Parikapillil, Maikavu P O, Thamarasserry, Kozhikodu 673 573.**

## Sisters Meeting

**Highrange:** The sisters meeting of the Highrange continues in a blessed manner. If it be the will of the Lord the next meeting of the sisters will be held 13.3.2010 in the Kumily Brethren Assembly. Kindly attend it with prayer.

**Bible Quiz -Titus**



## There is No Use From This

The things and occasions that we see and receive in our hands may seem to us some times simple and insignificant. Like that, the things that we consider very simple may bring to us many losses. Later we understand that the occasions that we receive and happens in our life are not accidents but are given by God and if we surrender them to God, it will become a blessing for us. Therefore don't count anything as too simple or worthless.

Once John Ruskin showed a handkerchief to his friend. That was a costly and was beautiful. But there was an ink spot at the centre of it and therefore there was no use of it. It was neglected by saying that it was useless and had no value. Without saying any reply the friend accepted it. After few days he came to show this handkerchief to John. He had a doubt whether it was the same one that he gave to his friend. The reason was that a beautiful picture was drawn in the centre over the mark of the ink. That made the towel so beautiful. That handkerchief became very beautiful. He was a good designer. When it came to his hands the shape and structure of that handkerchief was changed.

Dear saints, we are the clay in the hands of the potter. Once we were useless with the spotted experiences of Satan in us. But the spotted parts which were drawn by Satan and the dark parts which spoiled our beauty were transformed into a beautiful creation when we surrendered ourselves in the hands of our lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He cleansed the dark portions which were drawn by Satan with His pure and precious blood. How true it is said about Onesimus by Paul when he wrote the epistle to Philemon. "He was in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me." Onesimus who was discarded as hopeless became of great use when he was moulded by the hands of Paul. The handkerchief in the hands of John becomes

very beautiful when it came to the hands of his friend who was a designer. If anyone who is reading this has not surrendered unto the hands of God, will you please submit your lost lives and lives which are in utter darkness into the hands of Lord who will transform it into a life full of light and glory? We should not allow the darkness of any small sin to damage the beauty of our holy life just like the handkerchief. God won't delight in it. Therefore if there is anything which is spotted in our life, please transform. May God transform us into useful vessels.

Our lord the creator is the one who transforms a damaged vessel into a useful one.

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