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## Pathanamthitta Convention Has Begun ...

The Pathanamthitta convention which takes place under the auspices of the gospel hall in association with the local brethren assemblies in and around Pathanamthitta began on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2009 with the evening meeting.

This testimony of the gospel was started some fifty years before in the heart of this town. Then it was the outcome of the vision of our fore fathers who took the initiative with the help of a few younger

ones. Most of the pioneers have gone behind the veil. But Bro K A Philip thanked the Lord for enabling us to continue this ministry. The meeting started with prayer of brother C C Varghese after the reading of the Psalms.

Brother Thomson B Thomas gave the opening message. He spoke on the basis of 1 Peter 1:1,2 and Luke 15: 1,2. The world, loosing its peace. But the political, cultural and religious leaders are promising peace. But all their attempts are in vain

and they fail in it. They cannot keep their promise. But Apostle Peter wishes a grace and peace to all those who are purchased by the blood of Christ. Though they are strangers and though they are scattered in the different parts of the world but still they can have this peace. The epistle starts with this blessing and ends in the same pattern. The real peace is the peace that comes through Jesus Christ because of the grace of the Father our God. Then he spoke

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## YMEF (SD)

### The Follow Up Work in Raichur

The follow up campaign in Raichur is progressing in a blessed way. The Lord gave His grace to us to share gospel to 1800 houses in 22 villages in a period of two weeks. The people who has passed through the adverse effect of the deluge is quite unhappy. Many lost their farm and farm lands in the last flood which was quite unprecedented. So the price of the food items and things of

daily use has increased beyond all expectations. We were able to share gospel to many who go to the fields to earn their daily bread and also to labourers who go to distant places in search of the work.

We were allowed entry into almost all the houses of these villages. Houses of idol worshippers were opened for the Word of God. Many expressed their willingness to listen to the gospel of God.

This is something to be reckoned and so let us thank our Lord for that.

We went a house in the village of **Higapura**. Three daughters stayed with their mother there. Their father passed away a two days before that. They asked many questions regarding the days after his death. Their father was a loving and caring one. So they were very much worried. We explained these things in detail to

## NEWS ... NEWS ...

### CHINA: GROWTH HAS ITS PROBLEMS

The Christian Post reports that the church in China is growing tremendously – a good problem to have, but a problem nonetheless for pastors. A massive shortage of trained pastors had led nearly 150,000 lay leaders to step up and pastor local churches. The lack of theological education can - and has already - led to the spread of biblically inaccurate beliefs. The Rev. Gao Feng, president of the government-approved China Christian Council, said one pastor proclaimed Jesus had already returned as a young woman. Gao reports that in his home province there is only one trained pastor for 40,000 Christians. "One of the challenges is that we need to train more pastors," he said. The China Christian Council is the only government-approved umbrella organization for Protestant churches in China.

### GOING TO JAIL FOR PRAYING

Florida : Principal Frank Lay and Athletic Director Robert Freeman at Pace High school in the Florida panhandle county of Santa Rosa could face fines, jail time and loss of their retirement benefits. During a luncheon to honor those who contributed toward the public school's athletic Field House, Principal Lay reportedly asked Freeman to offer a blessing for the meal. Students were not present at the time of the blessing. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) charged that the action constituted a violation of a previous court order and accused Lay and Freeman of contempt of court.

# CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

The Christmas is the memorial celebration of Jesus Christ who created the world. It is a fact that even the Christians do not know the historical background and truth of this world celebration.

The Christmas is not the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, but the celebration of the revelation of the Babylonian god the "sun-god". The Christmas is also known as "Chudu day". Chudu means the baby. Even before the birth of Christ the Babylonians and other gentiles had celebrated that particular day as the birthday of the 'sun-god'. The Christmas tree was the symbol of the revelation of the sun-god which was celebrated by the Romans and Egyptians. The Roman Catholic Church adopted such gentile festivals as the Christian festivals by simply modifying it. So the Christmas celebrations and Christmas tree are a few among them. Knowingly or unknowingly some of the believers are also joining in this Christmas celebrations. Let some of the readers of this article correct that mistake. Some people are justifying this celebration by Apostle Paul's words "But by any means they are preaching the Gospel".

There is a message in the Christmas. "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord". His name shall be JESUS. (The meaning of the word Jesus is the savior).

The Bible says that the drunkards will not inherit heaven. But on the day of Christmas the Christians are consuming alcohol worth millions. Oh! Christians will you people, come back from this mentality of belittling Christ? Long time back the weighing instruments were known as the silver-rod. The fact is that the instrument does not contain silver and it is made out of some hard wood like palm tree etc. **The Christians without Christ is like the silver-rod, without any silver on it.**

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about the grace of the Lord that come to man illustrating it through the three parables of Luke Chapter 15. The provision and providence love and affliction of the Father was brought to the people of different realms. The Holy Spirit continue to give and illuminate it.

Man can get peace only through the work of the grace of the Father. The grace of the Lord is calling us to be with the Father and enjoy with Him. Those who accept that call will get the real peace. One has to understand the grace of God and has to accept it and also has to reflect it. Then we can remain in the peace of God. He gave vehement call to his listeners to this grace the grace of our God our Lord. With this call his message came to the end.

Christ never came to the world to establish the Christian religion or to return after showing some miracles. But His purpose is clearly revealed in the Bible. He came to the world to save the sinners. He came in search of lost one. He came not to receive the service but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many. When there was no other way to redeem the sinners from their sins, the son of God came to the world as Jesus. Nobody has born like this, lived like this and died like this. Nobody has ever lived like this without knowing the sin and doing it. Nobody has ever conquered death like this. Since Christ had taken the sins of the world and died on the Calvary cross and resurrected, He has done every thing for redemption. Only accept Him in our heart as the personal savior. Then we will be redeemed from our sins and attain eternal life and will become a new creature. Christ will live in our heart. We will experience the eternal peace and happiness. And this is the real Christmas.

When the whole world is celebrating the Christmas, the year 2009 is giving its way for 2010. There are many unfulfilled decisions of 2009 left behind. There is no meaning in being sorry about it. We have to fulfill our duties in the proper time. Each and every day of the year 2009, the news paper came with bad news like murder, theft, the influence of drugs and alcohol, women-persecution, terrorist acts, political violence, suicides, price hikes and so on. But God provided and kept His children safe in the middle of all these problems. Let us praise God more and more for His providence. There is no good hope of 2010. We are not aware of the bad things which hidden in this year. The world is not improving but declining. The child of is safe in the hand of God. We have to fulfill the commission without fail which is entrusted on us. This new year also the master is expecting good fruits. Let us proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Let God be with us in His mercy to be a living witness in the new-year.

**GEORGE PETER**

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them on the basis of scripture. We explained to them the means to get real peace happiness and redemption. Jesus Christ is the only means to that. Neither religious or religious leaders could provide it to anyone. When they heard the real truth they were much anxious about their beloved father. Lot of their relatives and friends were assembled. Everyone listened to the gospel. Later they took many copies of New Testaments, small booklets and CDs. They requested us to teach them more about the Word of God.

We came in to contact with some young people in the village **Mallikabad**. They were working in different places and there they heard the gospel. Many of them were saved. They used to gather in their village. But there was nobody to teach them the real truth. We took their phone numbers and handed it over to brother A Joseph the evangelist of Raichur Brethren Assembly. He will get in touch with them. We request the saints to pray for these young people.

The normal routine of the team leaves the house at 8.30am and continues to work in the field up to 2pm. Returns home and go to bible studies in the villages after lunch and a short rest. Bible classes are going in Sultanpura, Hospettah, Kaldinadhotti, Mandalgara, Ganjath and Kanmala. Brother A Joseph is co-operating with the team work and giving all assistance to the team. We express our deep grattitude to all those who have prayed for this ministry and request you to continue to pray for this ministry.

**Joy Philip Chethakal**

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lamentation went on like this. "I am distressed for thee my brother Jonathan very pleasant hast thou been unto me thy love to me was wonderful passing the love of woman. How one the mighty fallen and the weapons of war perished. David commanded to teach the Jews this song of lamentation ...

Let your life should not end in a song of lamentation. So let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp bearing his reproach. How many of the believers who should have shore like victorious christian have fallen in the enemies battle front. Though their love was pure and innocent they were not ready to spend their life in the forest with David. With the one who was crucified for them. Let the Lord give us enough grace to realise our faults and mistakes in this area ... May His name be glorified.

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## YMEF News

**Mangalapuram:** A one day retreat was held in Hubli under the auspices of the YMEF Karnataka unit on 5.11.09 at the Samudaya Bhavan in Hubli. Brother John Philip gave the key note address on the subject of believers and their relation to the society based on the book of Ruth. Nearly 250 people took part in it. Kindly continue to pray for Karnataka unit YMEF.

## Gospel Meetings

**Karikkadu:** If it be the will of the Lord gospel meetings will be held from 21.01.2010 to 24.01.2010 at Perumbilavu Zion Nagar. Brother Sajeev Varghese will deliver the message. Kindly pray for the spiritual blessings **C T Kuriath**

## Assembly News

**Palaghat:** By the grace of the Lord the work in Pattambi is going on without any hindrance. We conduct tract distribution, house visiting prayer meeting and Bible classes, fasting prayer is set for every Friday from 10am to 2pm. 15 people take part in the breaking of the bread. We have arranged a special work 22-25 of this month. Kindly pray for this assembly and its ministries. **P V Thomas**

**Kodancherry (Kozhikode):** An assembly testimony was formed here in 2002 because of the work of brother K S Mathew. Now 33 people attend the meetings from 8 different families. We have purchased a land of 10 cents in the name of the Steward Association of India. The foundation work is over. The rest is to be done. We request the prayer and support of the believers for it. **Evg K S Mathew**

## For Special Prayer

**Valkulambu (Palghat):** Brother P J Samuel of the Valkulambu Brethren Assembly suffered from a stroke before five years. Recently one of his legs was amputated above the knee and he is in K R Medical Hospital Mysore. We request the prayers of the saints for the speedy recovery of this dear brother.

## A SEPARATED LIFE ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Separation from the fallen brothers:** - This is also included in the separated life. In the church of God if some body is fallen, others can not keep quiet. We have to correct the work of darkness, because the believers are made as the members of the church, without becoming the partakers of it. (Eph 5:11). The mistaken brother should be contacted personally. If he accepts his mistake, he should be received without fail. And this incident should not be shared even with your close friend. If it is a secret mistake, giving publicity is against the will of God. Lord's word "when you and him alone", this idea is clear. If he is not accepting, two more people can be taken with. If he denies, the matter should be brought to the congregation. And if he still denies, he should be expelled from the congregation. And he should be considered as the gentile or tax collector. (Mat 18: 15-18).

If a brother goes out of the purity of the practical life, Apostle Paul has given the way of disciplinary action. "But now I have written to you not to keep company with any named a brother, who is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner- not even to eat with such a person. For what *is it* to me to also judge those who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? But God judges those who are outside. Therefore put out from you the evil one". (1Cor 5:11-13). Those brothers should be expelled from the assembly. We see that the church of Corinth took this action and after the repentance that person was accepted. (2Cor 2). The story of the man of God who was killed by the lion because he ate and lodged with the old prophet of Bethel, who was not separated. (1King 13). Lord sent out Jude towards the end of the Passover before the Lord's Table. (Jon 13:30). Ananias and Sapphira who lied against the spirit was killed and removed from the church. Simon the witchcraft was rebuked. 2Th 3:16 And may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord *be* with you all.

According to these verses the children of God are warned not to be unholy by the company of the unholy.

**Ti 5:22** Do not lay hands quickly on anyone, neither be partaker of *the* sins of others. Keep yourself pure.

**2Th 3:14** And if anyone does not obey our word by this letter, mark that one and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

**2Ti 2:20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dishonor.

**2Ti 2:21** Therefore if anyone purges himself from these, he shall be a vessel to honor, sanctified and useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

**2Ti 2:22** But flee youthful lusts, and follow righteousness, faith, love, peace, with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

**2Ti 3:1** Know this also, that in *the* last days grievous times will be at hand.

**2Ti 3:2** For men will be self-lovers, money-lovers, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

**2Ti 3:3** without natural affection, unyielding, false accusers, without self-control, savage, despisers of good,

**2Ti 3:4** traitors, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

**2Ti 3:5** having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it; even turn away from these

This is a powerful commandment.

**Heb 7:26** For such a high priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and made higher than the heavens,

**Heb 10:38** Now, "the Just shall live by faith. But if he draws back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him."

In Heb 11<sup>th</sup> chapter Joseph told his people to take out his bones from that pagan land and to bury in the promised land.

**Heb 11:24** Having become great, Moses by faith refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

**Heb 11:25** choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a time,

**Heb 11:26** esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

**Heb 11:27** By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

All these verses show us the need of separation.

**Heb 12:14** Follow peace with all, and holiness, without which no one shall see the Lord; For holiness in the original language a word 'Hagiosmos' is used which means the separation. In English it is sanctification. Sanctification means separate for a holy purpose. In Dr; Young's translation it is written to follow the separation and keep peace with everybody. The spiritual people should be separated from others even in friendship.

**1Jo 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Here John says He have no fellowship with the fallen brothers.

**Jud 1:23** But save others with fear, snatching *them* out of the fire; hating even the garment having been stained from the flesh.

**Rev 18:4** And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that you may not be partakers of her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues.

**Rev 22:10** And he said to me, Do not seal the Words of the prophecy of this Book; for the time is at hand.

**Rev 22:11** He acting unjustly, let him still act unjustly. And the filthy, let him be filthy still. And the righteous, let him be righteous still. And the holy, let him be holy still.

The prophet is comparing these two types of people. They cannot agree together. All these verses are telling the children of God, to be away from the fallen brothers.

**-To be continued...**

# Jonathan: My Beloved Brother

Where was the failure of Jonathans love? How did the tender leaves of that love faint? Let us think about such failures can happen in our lives too. Saul condemned and declared that David is to be killed. Jonathan asked his father Why do you want to kill David? He became very mad at Jonathan. King Saul threw his spear at David to kill him. David ran away from there for his safety. Jonathan was much worried. He did not enjoy his dinner. He left in search of his friend early in the morning itself. He met his friend in the forest

who was so tired and wearied. They embraced each other and wept. But David was left alone. Jonathan said to David "We have made a covenant between us and it is binding our posterity too and the Lord Jehovah is the witness for it. So you may go peacefully. But Jonathan returned to the palace. Jonathan returned to the palace but David stayed in the forest.

Oh! Jonathan there you failed in your love to David; Your David was forced to be in the forest but you were back in the comfort

of the palace. How could you do it? Did not you make a covenant with him? Is it not you who committed yourself to be anything and everything for him? But how it is possible for you to be in the palace enjoying the kingly food. When your friend is running in fear of his enemy. Moreover he is tired hungry and totally worn up.

Jonathan was not ready to go out holding the reproach for his friend. Jonathan wished to have the second rank when David became the

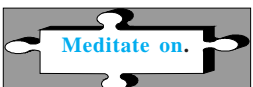
king. He did not know that it was impossible. We can reign if only we have died and rose with him. If we bear suffering then only we can rule. If we have to rule then we have to suffer with David.

Jonathan was not willing to depart his father and the comforts of the palace. His love to David was innocent and sincere. There was no impurity at all in it. But he was not ready to suffer hunger and was not ready to face the anger of his father. The consequence is terrible. He fell at the sword of the Philistines. The one who wished to reign

and rule with David fell at the hands of the uncircumcised. One who lived with King Saul ended with him.

Jonathan loved David like his life itself. It is a real thing. But he was not able to enjoy the fruit of that love and friendship. The tender plant of love could not grow us to a full grown plant to give its fruits. But it faded as a tender plant. His life should have become a song of victory. But it did not. But the Jews sang an elegy on him. His life became an admiration for his enemies and at the same it was a great disappointment for his friends. Thus ended his life. David lamented over his death and his

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## Are You Defeating Me?

On hearing the above mentioned phrase, we may become sad. But the one, who is telling this, is not an ordinary person. The depth of that phrase increases, when we know that this was told by the Almighty God who created all creatures and heaven with His word. God himself is asking will you defeat me to the man whom He created on seeing the unwillingness (Mal.3:10)?

The modern days are not like the ancient days. There is lot of improvement in believers in the matter of giving. But when we think that are we giving tithes according to what we receive, we are responsible to give answer for that. In the olden days this was told by the Lord who knows everything. The same God with the help of Holy Spirit who abides in us is asking this question to our conscience.

A Christian invited his friend who was an evangelist to pray during the inauguration of his new

shop. On that day he promised that he will give continuously for gospel work. He gave correctly the tithes during the years when he got profits in 1000, 5000, 10000. When his profits increases beyond 10000, he had doubt whether to give tithes for the full amount. When he discussed this matter with his friend who was an evangelist, he told like this. "Come let us enquire this to Lord in prayers". So the business man said "I asked this thing to you, then why you are asking this to God".

The evangelist told like this "To avoid the confusion on tithes when the profit increases, we will ask together to decrease the profit as like it was earlier". He understood the thing clearly. His eyes got opened. Confusions were over. He decided to give tithes as before.

The scripture tells us that the root for all problems is the thought of money which resides in the mind set of man. In order to remove with roots the

thirst of money from the depth of our hearts, we should live a life on the basis of the instructions of the Holy Spirit. If the God asked the question will you defeat me to the children of Israel who were redeemed from the bondage of Pharaoh with the blood of a lamb, will He ask the same question to the people who are redeemed by the precious blood of His only son Jesus Christ in a harsh way? Just like Ananias and Saphira who kept something secretly for themselves will be used by God in some other way. There is no doubt that the God blessed this generation abundantly. God knows the measure of the blessing. Does our attitude towards tithes and offering is according to that? We shall arrange our things accordingly before the Lord asks us this question. Let the lord enable us to do that.. **TVS**

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