



For the Gospel's Sake

Voice in the Desert

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"Now this I do for the Gospel's Sake, that I may be PARTAKER of it with you" (1 Cor : 9 : 23)

About Partakers ministries

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It is with great joy and humanity that I write these few lines praising and thanking our almighty God for His manifold blessing that has bestowed upon us last years. Partaker of Christ is a ministry of God's great love, compassion. It focuses on visionary and missionary activities. The Partaker of Christ is a focus of a group discussion that saw its beginning in 2004. Since that time ministry of partakers has grown, offering in hospitality stimulation, comfort, shade and shelter to many young men and women month by month and day by day. Even more its people have been and still are called to be bond servants for Christ in their deeds and their lives. We rejoice in the outreach ministry to the society that Go has entrusted to us. The people of partakers with a great burden and missionary mind, using their valuable earning for the betterment and edification of the people. The role that the partakers has been playing to uphold brotherly love is remarkable.

As a new journey we have conducted many small crusades amidst society to make aware of the prices of the soul. We started to help some poor students as a part of Christ compassionate ministry. By the grace of God we are having more than 10 children enrolled in our orphanage situated in different places. We have the opportunity to minister to the poorest of the poor children. This small help on some extent is help to sort out their issues. More over the partakers of Christ envision planting of



churches, through its activities. We mainly concentrated on some out reached areas, where people dying day by day without knowing Jesus Christ.

This small endeavor is first of all supported by the believers through their generous encouragement and well prayers. We have set some tremendous Christian and humanitarian service to do in coming days. May God continues to bless the ministry to look to the next years with equal enthusiasm and assurance of God's promises in our Lord Jesus Christ .May God bless you, Amen



Editorial...

RECONCILIATION

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I am delighted to have this opportunity to convey warmest greetings to you all. We thank God that He enabled us to publish this small piece of literature work called Voice in the Desert. This is the result of group discussion and well prayers. We would like to extend our thought provoking messages and ideas to everyone who are interested to read. This monthly subscription is the medium to reach thousand of unreached in our society. It is an opportunity to share with others, the life-giving qualities that will lead us to the path of self discovery; it will also help many who find difficulties in Dubai, giving more understanding and joy. Loneliness, separations from the loved one's are just some of the problem we face day today life. Let people experience God through this publication. Stories and other glorious words of this publication will provide us the hand of welcome and caring for us in hours of need.

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WORSHIP IN THE BIBLE WAY



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Bless the Lord O My soul and all that is within me bless his holy name (Psalms 103:1).

It is awesome to consider that we have the ability to bless our creator, but time after time in the scripture we are exhorted to do just that. We bless him through our praise and worship of him.

Praise is an expression of admiration and appreciation. When we praise someone we tell them how wonderful we think they are or how great their accomplishments are. It is in the same with the Lord. Praise has to do with acknowledging God's character and power.

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WORSHIP IN THE BIBLE WAY

We praise God Because of who He is and what he does. Those who seek God will praise God and let everything that has breath will praise him. We need to praise the Lord in all times and in every circum stances. The word of God Says we need to praise God in the presence of the congregation, among the nations & on our beds.

Whereas praise is an expression of admiration and appreciation worship is an expression of love and adoration. Worship has to do with our love of the Lord. It can be expressed only with the giving of the whole heart and life to him. In the religious rituals and ceremonies of Israel in the Old Testament became detestable because their heart was far from him. God is only interested in the genuine and sincere worship that comes from the heart.

Our spirit is called inner man and the true worship takes place when the inner man is response to the promptings of God's spirit, expresses love and adoration to God.

There was sacrifice, cleansing, anointing and clothing before worshipping. There was much preparation of the priest before they could go in to the Holy Place to worship the Lord. To ignore the steps outlined was perilous. We must worship in truth- in the Bible way.

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Editorial...

RECONCILIATION

On this occasion let me pen down some important aspects about reconciliation. This small research on this subject will provide rooms in our brains for more power of analysis. It will also help us to sort out our doubts and problems and will give proper answer for our burning issues

Reconciliation is the one of the most valuable and needed elements in the context of religious fundamentalism, ethnic conflicts, border terrorism, violence, cast discrimination, injustice, and wars. These ongoing issues are turned to be a major threat in the Christian church today. The connected terms to the concepts of reconciliation are love, harmony, justice, peace and fellowship. It has also vertical, horizontal, social and cosmic dimensions

Meanings...

The term Reconciliation is derived from the Greek word "katallege". It denotes not to good relations in general but to the act that throwing away of enmity between two persons, parties and more. It implies that the persons being brought in to new friendship were formerly hostile to one another. Reconciliation signifies our harmonious and peaceful co-existence where no enmity and cast discrimination prevails. On the other hand, the selfish motives, false aims, oppression, competition, the spirit of domineering and jealousy are the enemies of Reconciliation. Reconciliation is the fundamental factor for the smooth functions of the family, church and society.

In the OT period, it is evident that, God was active in covenantal relationship with people of Israel. Whenever they disobey or broke the covenantal relationship, God was active in reconciliation to restore His people into the right relationship and order. God's saving activities was an on-going purpose. In OT God did not stop redeeming people. He continued His action in and through Jesus Christ. In NT, Paul the apostle is the one who gives a proper meaning of reconciliation. As per the Pauline concepts reconciliation emerges with in the human relationship. For him, reconciliation is the act of two persons coming together in the spirit of reconciliation.[1cori :7:1,2].reconciliation is needed because humanity remains in enmity with God. They are under the wrath of God. For Paul reconciliation is therefore, the demonstration of God 'love for sinners.

Dimensions...

VERTICAL:- It implies the relationship with God. Human being were enemies of God . So God had to take the initiative. That's what God send His begotten son to be a mediator in between God and man. Now we are reconciled with god through Jesus Christ, It implies in Reconciliation the wall of enmity is broken. The Reconciliation portray peace with God, with human being and with whole of creation.

HORIZONTAL:- It implies in terms of human relations .The reconciliation between man and man. If one set a right relationship with God, he is supposed to keep a good relationship with fellow human beings .Paul emphatically says that the wall of enmity and cast discrimination is broken by the death of Jesus Christ. The peace is established in place of separation. The mutual trust, understanding, caring, sharing, respect, brotherly love is the true marks of a reconciled believers. The Reconciliation urges us to live as responsible being. The true reconciliation can be seen only where there is harmony, love and peace

Relevance...

The theme reconciliation is, however, is quiet essential in today's context. The ethnic crisis , cast discrimination, inequality, injustice portray the fact that we are divided and broken .The technological culture and globalization foster dehumanization and new ideologies of secularization deny the presence of the ultimate reality and promote materialistic and consumerist value. Being ambassadors of Christ, It is the duty of each bond servants to convey the message of reconciliations. This message should be a message of blocking of gap between haves and have not, enmity to friendship, man centered approach to a life centered approach and restore broken relations. In the process of reconciliation the restoration of broken human relationship is of utmost concern. Repentance, salvation and worship should be an in-depth experience then only the radical and challenging reconciliation is possible. So we can try to be a fragrance of the good news of reconciliation to the society which is divided.Through this web of truly reconciled relationship our family, church and societies will be transformed. Let us look forward to new perspectives on a challenging relationship. May God bless you, Amen.