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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

The general perception towards the youth in every generation is that older people look down on them with disdain. Young people are not respected; but in the Bible, the role model of youth or life pattern is explained systematically.

Paul's teaching to the Christians is that negative tendencies towards the youth is not a healthy sign to the church. The youngsters should be influenced by the elders by their good life and example. Therefore, Paul proposed instructions to Timothy as an elder and a father in I Tim 4:12, "Don't let anyone make fun of you, just because you are young. Set an example for other followers by what you say and do, as well as by your love, faith and purity."

There are five areas in which Timothy must set a good example; on speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. The five instructions are important, but we are going to deal with three points for our devotion.

1. Love in Action. (Matt 19: 16 – 22)

The central message of love is action towards the community. The New Testament reading

highlights the rich young man in Matt 19:16-22. Jesus reminded the young man of some commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). He also mentioned the second great command: Love your neighbor as yourself (Matt 19:19, Mark 12:31, Rom 13:9-10, Gal 3:4). The young man assured Jesus that as far as he knew he had confidence that he would be saved.

If one could indeed obey the law perfectly in every respect, he would obtain eternal life. But there is only one problem. No one has ever been able to obey the law perfectly (James 2:10, 11).

The problem of the young man was he had made all his possessions his god. He had also broken the greatest commandment of all. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with your entire mind with all your strength (Deut 6:5, Mark 12:30). Yes he had loved God to some extent, but he had not given to God all his love. He loved his riches more than God. Thus he was not worthy to receive eternal life.

Verse 21 says, ***“Jesus looked at him and loved him. Then Jesus said one thing you lack.”*** What did the young man lack? Love for God and love for neighbor. How could the young man show his love for God? By giving up that which he loved most, his possessions. Those who give up their earthly possessions for God will receive eternal treasure in heaven (Matt 6:19-21).

Jesus does not tell everyone to sell

their possessions; but he knew that the love of his possessions was preventing this young man from giving his life to God. If we love anything more than God, we must give it up. We cannot serve both God and mammon.

2. Faith in Action (I Tim 4:5-16)

Paul not only admonishes Timothy, he also encourages him. Further, leadership in the church is not given to the person according to his age, but rather according to the quality of his character in faith. Let any young man who aspires for leadership first examine himself in faith in action. There are many incidents illustrated in the Bible such as in the lives of Moses, Abraham, Daniel and Elijah. The Bible says that “But without faith no one can please God, we must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him (Heb 1:6).

In order to have true faith, we must first believe that God exists; we must also have faith in God’s word and promises (Heb 11:1). If we earnestly seek Him, God will reward us. That is, if we seek God, we will find Him; and when we find Him, He will bless us. God said, “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jer 29:13). Enoch all other men of faith mentioned here earnestly sought God by faith and they had the sure hope that God would reward them. Real faith in God leads us to take risks in the community for the sake of God’s kingdom.

3. Purity in Life (Gen 39:1-23)

Purity in life is the prime concern and

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BENJAMIN SADAMAL – A TRIBUTE

Born on the 9th of April, 1970 in Hubli, Benjamin was the youngest sibling of our family and the adorable son of Late Rev S I Sadamal (who served in St. Andrew's Church for more than two decades) and Mrs Esther (a nurse and a strict God-fearing mother who made it compulsory to attend church even if one had high fever, often wrapped in a blanket or shawl).

We grew up together in the church parsonage till we moved out in 1992. Benji had a turbulent and traumatic childhood having developed vitiligo at age 7 that left him devastated but was strong enough to bear the stigma and had several surgeries later.

We had a break in school for two years when we were thrown out of school for reasons best known to the school authorities, though we were admitted as the founders' children and not to be charged for our education. Mrs. Wilson tutored us much against the management's wishes and we are much obliged to her.

Being the family of a priest is not easy. Every issue of the church became a family issue. This was when Benjamin would always be a firm pillar of support to our father. He shouldered every responsibility of the Church as well, right from cleaning the church to distributing notices to members on the bicycle.

Church service and all its activities were his priority which he would never miss; the accounting, collection, subscription and Harvest Festival. I remember him attending the Thanksgiving and Harvest Sale just an hour after being discharged from his third chemotherapy. Such was his commitment to the church.

At home he was the boss and he never asked for anything; however if it was a church donation, mission work, or charity, he would raise the demand and all had to contribute quietly. There was a firm commitment to be at the side of the bereaved families, that with friends from Mission Compound, he would prepare the body for the last rites and sing songs through the night.

Benji worked at the ICICI Bank as an officer in charge of automobile loans. He was always immaculately dressed, warm and gentle though a man of few words.

As a family we miss him very much especially my younger nephew Samuel; but God had other plans as He called him home on the 9th of September 2020.

I believe every church member will pray that his departed soul rest in peace even as we live by the hope that we will meet him in His time and appointed place.

Suresh Sadamal

DISCIPLES OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

He called His disciples to Him and chose "TWELVE" of them, whom He also designated "APOSTLES" Luke 6:12 - 16. They are: Simon, his brother Andrew, James & John (sons of Zebedee), Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the zealot, Jude and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

They found Jesus as an "Extraordinary Person who had extraordinary powers. They were so attracted to Him, they followed Him without a question in their minds. There was something unique about this Jesus. Day after day they were in for a surprise. Although there were differences among the disciples, they were taught to love each

other, thus fulfilling the commands of the Lord. They followed Jesus for more than 3 years, learnt His qualities, saw miracles (including raising people from death) and finally His death and Resurrection.

His divine appearance after resurrection

boosted their morale and on the day of Pentecost, when they received the Holy Spirit, they were endued with power and started preaching everywhere. From then on they knew their purpose in life and witnessed for Christ. Wherever they went God was with them performing miracles through them and showing His power.

Their Qualification? When the Pharisees and Sadducees saw the courage of Peter and John and realised that they were

unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with JESUS."- Acts 4:13.

Effect of their ministry: They preached the good news in the City of Derbe and made a number of disciples" - Acts 14:21. Final Result of their Ministry: These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also"- Acts 17:6.

Their motivation? "For Christ's Love compels us"- 2 Cor.5:14. By the conviction of the Holy Spirit they were ready to die for His sake and for the Gospel.

Let us find out to what extent they proceeded in their lives in fulfilling the Great Commission given in Matthew 28:18-20.

1) James the Elder : Was beheaded by King Herod. (First apostle to die).

2) Peter: When King Nero gave him a choice , he considered himself unworthy to die like His Master Jesus, and so was crucified upside down.

3) Matthew: He preached in Ethiopia and was stabbed in the back with swords by men sent by King Hertaeus.

4) Bartholomew: He was skinned alive

& bled for some time & then beheaded.

5) Philip: Missionary in Asia Minor. He was scourged, stoned and finally hanged from a column of Greek temple.

6) Simon the Zealot: Preached in Mountania, on the west coast of Africa and then went to England where he was crucified in 74 AD, because he refused to sacrifice to the Sun god.

7) Jude Thaddeus: Went to Beirut in Syria, where he was axed to death.

8) James: The first Bishop of Jerusalem. People who opposed him, took him to the pinnacle and threw him down. He survived, but was beaten to death. (This is the same pinnacle which satan had taken Jesus to tempt Him).

9) Thomas: Came from East of Syria to India. Killed by jealous Hindu priests of Kali by stabbing him with spears.

10) Andrew: He was scourged and tied to a cross rather than nailed in order to prolong his suffering. In that condition he lived for two more days and preached to passerby until he expired.

11) Judas Iscariot: He was not a Jew. He was an Edomite from Kiriath. He was filled with remorse and hanged himself Matthais: Chosen in place of Judas was tied to a cross draped with carrion, eaten alive by vultures .

12) John: Was arrested in Ephesus. As per the King's order he was put in boiling oil but survived miraculously, He was then sent to the island of Patmos as a slave, where he wrote the book of Revelation. Later he was released and died an old man after AD 98. (The only one to die a peaceful death)

Apostle Paul: He was beheaded by Nero. Thus were all the disciples martyred in the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Leslie Birnur

THE TRINITARIAN DOCTRINE

The question on whether the concept of Trinity exists in the Bible struck me when I was watching a debate and participants of other faiths challenged the concept of Trinity. This question puzzled me and I was curious know the answer for myself.

The word Trinity as we have it and define it was never used in the Bible; but intriguingly is the fact that all the Apostles, Disciples of Christ and Early Church fathers have put enough bits and pieces for us to bring up the full idea of the doctrine into a single blunt word called as “Trinity”.

But what is the definition of Trinity you may ask. The doctrine of Trinity according to the Episcopal Church is: God is One God, but three coeternal persons. That is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost are all One but are yet distinct, yet are one “substance, essence or nature”.

Sometimes I find this definition surreal but again I convince myself by the sole argument that man with his limited knowledge can only imagine the divine to man’s fullest knowledge, what lies beyond that can only be revealed by the Creator Himself. Some of us can have the question “where do you find this definition?” Well the answer is in couple of ancient Scripts called as Creeds. Creed (credere in Greek which means to believe) are documents or scripts that profess what we believe but not necessarily in full.

In our Church we usually use two Creeds; the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed. The author of the Apostles Creed is in doubt but believed to be written by the 12 Apostles. “But how do we know if the disciples authored this?” you may ask. The answer can be found in the Book of Common Prayer. The Creed is written in 12 parts.

1. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
2. And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:
3. Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary:
4. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; crucified, dead and buried: descended into hell:
5. The third day he rose again from the dead:
6. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father:
7. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:
8. I believe in the Holy Ghost:
9. I believe in the holy Catholic church: the communion of saints:
10. The forgiveness of sins:
11. The resurrection of the body:
12. And the life everlasting. Amen.

Trinity occurs twice in the Apostles Creed; from 1 - 3 and then again from 6 - 8. So, this was the Apostles Creed’s reference to existence of Trinity.

Submitted by Abdiel Tatpati

To be continued

ALMANAC FOR OCTOBER 2020

Date/Day/ Time	Nature of Service	Lessons	Reader	Preacher
04 Sun 7.30 am	18th Sunday After Pentecost YOUTH SUNDAY H C Service Spirituality of Youth in the Contemporary World	Gen 41: 37 – 43 Phipp 3: 1 - 16 Psalm 111 Matt 19: 16 - 22	YOUTH	Franklin Benjamin
11 Sun 7.30 am	19th Sunday After Pentecost MENTALLY/ PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED SUNDAY H.C. Service: Differently Abled: Sanctity of Life	Exod 4: 10 –17 II Cor 12: 1 - 10 Psalm 37 John 5: 1 – 9	Luwis L Alice Kamal Pearline Koti	Dr Jim Elliot
18 Sun 7:30 am	20th Sunday After Pentecost REFORMATION SUNDAY H C Service Rediscovering and Reliving the Faith	II Chro 34:8–21 Rev 2: 1 – 7 Psalm 46 John 2: 12- 22	Anup Nagulvaram Sunita Prakash Reuben Sathuri	Parish Priest
18 Sun*	Luke, Evangelist & Physician	Isaiah 35:3 - 6	Col 4:10-15	Luke 1: 1-4
25 Sun.7.30 am	21st Sunday After Pentecost THANKSGIVING AND HARVEST FESTIVAL H. C. Service Thanksgiving for Harvest	Deut 26: 1 – 11 I Tim 6: 6 – 12 Psalm 65 Luke 21: 1 - 4	Mohan Kolhar B. G. Harsha Suchit Koti	Parish Priest
30 Fri 10am to 45pm	YOUTH RETREAT	THEME :	M. A. D Making a Difference	

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teaching of all religions. In the Old Testament, Joseph's life was a perfect example of purity in life. Paul was concerned for not only outward purity but inward purity as well. Further, purity in life is an ongoing process.

We ourselves did not first decide to live a holy life. It was God who first called us in the beginning. I Thess 4:7, "God did not choose you to be filthy, but to be pure." In one way, we have already been made holy and righteous in God's sight through faith in Christ (Rom 3:24, 28); but in another way, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we must lead increasingly holy lives. That becomes our responsibility. If God has chosen us to be holy, then we must determine to manifest that holiness in our lives (Eph 6:3). The sense of purity in life is not set apart from life situations but for the strength to involve and live under all circumstances of life.

Rev Dr. Murphy Soans

BIRTHDAYS

01	Mr. Luwis L.	20	Mr. G. Gnanarajan
01	Mr. Allwyn Job Devadass	20	Miss Pearline S. Koti
02	Mr. Kelvin C. Chelli	24	Mr. Anup Joseph Nagulvaram
05	Mr. A.K. Wilson	25	Mrs. G. Sunitha Prakash
09	Mrs. Alice Kamal	26	Mrs. Grace A. James
09	Mrs Angelica Birnur	27	Miss Sharon George James
10	Miss Nicole Daniella Wilfred	27	Mr Joel Elisha Calvin
12	Master Caleb Augustine	28	Miss Marcia Rebecca Dara
16	Master Arihant Gadgade	30	Mrs. Manju Bashini
19	Dr. Shilpa S. Gokavi	31	Mr. Martin Tatpati

May the Grace of God enfold you, the love of Christ uphold you and the Spirit of truth set you free, this birthday and always.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

03	Mr. & Mrs. Isaac D. Koti	21	Mr. & Mrs. G.J. Devadass
07	Mr. & Mrs. A.K. Wilson	23	Mr. & Mrs. Mohan M. Kolhar
15	Mr. & Mrs. Enochbabu Billa	24	Mr. & Mrs. Sujith Joseph
16	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Vangity	24	Mr & Mrs Finney M Soans
17	Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Sathuri	25	Mr. & Mrs. Harsha B. G.
19	Mr & Mrs Joel M Soans	25	Mr & Mrs Suchith Koti

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Congratulations on another year spent in togetherness. Wishing you Love and Laughter for the years to come.



FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

04/10/20 Mr & Mrs P E Johnson & family

11/10/20 Mrs Saroja George & family

18/10/20 Mr Anoop Nagulavaram & family

25/10/20 HARVEST FESTIVAL - CHURCH

NEWS IN BRIEF

* Thanksgiving and Harvest Festival is postponed to 25th October. Members are requested to actively participate and pray for the same.

* Youth Retreat to be held on 30th October; Theme: M.A.D. - Making a Difference.

SNAPS / SNIPPETS / NEWS



**Mission Sunday: Honouring
Pastor Stanley Tatpati**



**Mrs Martina Nicholas
on Teachers Day**



**Mrs Sudha Tatpati on
Women's Day**



Special Songs for Teachers Day and Women's Day



Special Song by the Senior Citizens



Senior Citizens Sunday



OBITUARY

Joseph Benjamin Sadamal was born a year after Rev. S.I. Sadamal was posted to St. Andrew's in 1970. He was always a cheerful and lively kid. Benji as he was known was a regular church goer and a silent worker. He always contributed his banking skills for the church. Despite his valiant and silent struggle, cancer took its toll. The church has lost a loved one and he will always be remembered fondly. s g