

REVIVAL VOICE

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I will build my
church; and the
gates of hell
shall not prevail
against it.

Matthew 16:18



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From Pastor's Desk...

Dearly Beloved,

Here is April and here is Spring.

We did have some extra snowfall this last quarter and it seems snow wants not to go away.

I hear the Sunday School toddlers singing,

“Snow Snow go away
Come again another day
Little PRCians want to play.”

Why don't we pray for a balanced and Godly weather to set in?

Do you believe Jesus our Lord can change the weather?

I do.

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Word Study : Zion

Psalms 20:1 - 2¹ The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

²Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion;

In tune with what we hear these days on the new man (inner man, hidden man) here is an excerpt from the book of Psalms that has a reflection of how God works in us and through us.

David greets the hearer with blessings and declares that the listener/reader be strengthened from Zion. In our teachings

Zion is the new inner man that was given to us. Jesus Christ our foundation was placed in us as the new/inner/hidden and resurrected Christ.

It is safe to believe that we have what we need for life and godliness in this Zion. It is definitely safe and good to say, that we CAN do all things through this Zion that placed in us.

2 Peter 1:2-4 ²Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, ³According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: ⁴Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ (resurrected Christ, who is the tried and tested corner stone prophesied through and by prophet Isaiah. Isaiah 28:16 - I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation:.) which strengtheneth me.

HOWEVER, There is a parallel teaching in the world today which also focuses on what is inside you. The World also says you have it and you can do it etc, etc.

We look at it differently and truthfully. Our God given vision is reflected in the later verses of Psalms 20.

Psalms 20:5-6 ⁵ We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

⁶ Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

Let us hear it clearly and accurately. David begins the Psalm by desiring that one may be helped from Zion; which is a good thing if Zion is the inner and resurrected Christ in us.

But David moves on and desires that we may be helped from God Himself. That combination is the truth that we teach. We have a new spirit and a new heart according to Ezekiel 36 and we have received it when we were born again in Christ.

*Ezekiel 36:26-27 ²⁶A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.
²⁷And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

However even when we have a new man in Christ and even when our Heavenly Father delights to work in us and through us through HIS own new creation our confidence is in Our Father and not in us or our new man.

Pray that, We will fulfill all His plans in us and through us as we focus on Jesus the author and finisher our faith.

Seven Tips on Fellowship

Psalms 133

¹*Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

²*It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*

³*As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

From the Psalm above, we can learn the following tips on fellowship,

1. This shows us how a unified body is like the precious ointment. Unity in the body of Christ is reflected here. It is a blessing and an anointment.

2. It flows from above .This implies that unity must begin from the Lord Himself. We are a church not because we decided to come together but because the Lord has brought us together. He started it and He will keep us together.

3. It is an anointment in itself. We have our own vision and so has every church planted by the Lord. We can say that a church is an anointed expression of his body. Each church has an anointment and is an anointment that God wants to anoint a nation with. Denominations are not always God's plan, though He may choose to work through them.

4. Look at verse 1, which says behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell. This means we are together not by compulsion or legalistic commands but by our own choice. We have freedom to differ and still love. We have freedom to allow others to be themselves.

People do not have to change for us but for God so that they may be productive to God. If we love people we bear with them, forgive them, and tolerate their drawbacks, praying all the while for them in the Spirit of Christ.

5. Be Jesus to all and use 1 Corinthians 13 as a model.

6. **In Christian Fellowship** there is also a place for spiritual and loving separation.

Please look into the following things that happened.

- There was an immoral believer in the Corinthian Church. Paul wanted him removed.
We may have thought that Paul was cruel or arrogant but he was not. Paul knew if this man had to be saved in that day he had to go through isolation from church fellowship. The Lord's ultimate desire is that we stand before the Father as perfect; blameless.
- Miriam; Moses's sister rebelled against him at one point.

She did not like what he did. She began to murmur against Moses with her elder brother Aaron. God had her out of the camp for some time.

God did all this because HE wanted to save these people so that in their isolation they might find time to rectify their ways.

Therefore PRC do not hold on to what God has separated from you. Be in relationship with God and His Christ all the time. Do not play God at any time.

7. Let Go and let God. REST in your reactions.

Heroes of Faith - William Carey

(Continued from earlier edition)

The Blazing Fire of the Gospel and First Converts

On 10th of Jan 1800, Carey took up his residence at Serampore. On 11th he presented to the Governor, and “he went out and preached to the natives.” His apprenticeship was over; so began his full apostolate, instant in season and out of season, to end only with his life thirty four years after. Very soon after their arrival, Grant fell sick and died. The promising Brunsdon also died of a liver complaint. Mr. Fountain who first continued the mission in Dinapoor also died. But still they could sing: -

There, Sweet Saviour!
Let thy cross win many a Hindu hearts to thee;
This shall make up for every loss,
While thou art ours eternally.

William Carey, Joshua Marshman, William Ward went on to become the famous 'Serampore Trio'.

For seven years Carey had daily preached Christ in Bengali without a single native convert. He had produced the first edition of the New Testament. He had laid the foundation. On 25th Nov 1800, a Hindu Fakir had offered himself for baptism. He then asked permission to go to his

distant village but never returned back. In describing his own feeling, Carey writes, “I feel as a farmer does about his crop. Sometimes I think the seed is springing up, and then I hope; a little time blasts all, and my hope is all gone like a cloud. There are only weeds which appear. Or if a little corn did sprang up it soon died, either being choked up by weeds or scorched with the sun of persecution. Yet I still hope in Christ.”

But on the last Sunday of that year, Krishna Pal was baptized in the Hoogli and his whole family soon followed him. He was thirty-five years of age. Not only was he the first native convert of North India but also the first native missionary to Calcutta and Assam, and the first Bengali hymn writer. Gokool, Krishna's friend was also baptized and Unna their widowed friend of forty was also added to the fold. The year did not close without fruit from the higher caste. Petumber Singh, a man of fifty, of the writer's caste, had sought deliverance from sin for thirty years at many Hindu temples and in Hindu scriptures. One of the earliest tracts of Serampore press fell into his hands, and he at once walked forty miles to seek fuller instruction from its author. His baptism gave Carey, a good school master and he soon proved to be good preacher. The first Muslim convert was Peroo.

The first Brahmin convert was Krishna Prasad, then nineteen, gave up his friends and his caste with much fortitude. Two more Brahmins were brought into the fold by Petumber Singh. Not long after the establishment of the mission at Serampore, Lady Rumohr, only child of Chevalier de Rumohr, a woman of wealth and education came to India in the hope that the climate would give relief after years of invalidism. The Danish ship in which she sailed brought her to Serampore and there she decided to remain. She built a house near the mission families and soon became deeply interested in the work of the missionaries. In the summer of 1808, she became the wife of Dr. Carey, few months after Dorothy's death. Until her death, thirteen years later, he had a true home and a congenial companion.

Preaching, teaching, and Bible translating were from the beginning Carey's three missionary methods. But Carey never stopped thinking of opening up schools for native children which may promote curiosity and inquisitiveness among the rising generation. With such accomplished and enthusiastic teachers as Marshman and his wife, Carey and his brethren again thought of opening up free schools. In Oct 1800, they opened a free school. About fifty children took admission in it. The natives had doubts that they would poison the minds of their children, but the two principles of toleration and discipline were explained, "That the children would never be compelled to do anything that will make them to lose caste; that though we hate caste we do not wish any to lose it but by their own choice."

(To be continued.....)

Recipe Corner

Banana Raisin Bread

Shared by: Sis. Leela George

Ingredients:

3 – Overripe banana	1 ½ Tsf - Baking Powder
¾ Cup – Brown Sugar	¼ Cup – Vegetable Oil
½ Cup – Black raisins	1 – Egg
¾ Tsf – Salt	½ Cup – Milk
½ Tsf – Baking Soda	1 ¾ Cup – All-purpose flour

Directions: Mix all dry ingredients (flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt). Mix egg, milk, oil, add sugar, add banana smashed. Add raisins. Pour the batter in prepared pan. Bake 55 – 60 mins. Preheat the oven to 350⁰ F. Pan size: 9 x 5 inch. Apply butter and put parchment paper in the pan to avoid sticking.

Jesus The Way : Word Search

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- (?) HEART
- (?) BELIEVE
- (?) GOD
- (?) PLACE
- (?) MANSIONS
- (?) PREPARE
- (?) WAY
- (?) TRUTH
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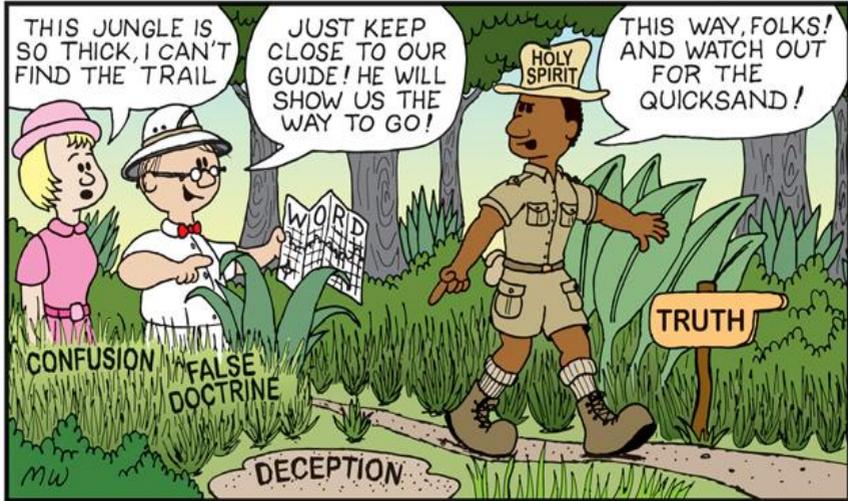
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Ali-Night Prayer in last week of April at the residence of Ps. Shiju Ninan**
- **3 Day Fasting Prayer on May 25, 26 & 27, 2018 at the residence of Br. Cherian.**
- **Church Out Reach Program in June last week.**

Additional Comments:

JUNGLE GUIDE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

- JOHN 16:13 KJV

Event Schedule

Sunday Service

09:30 AM - 11:00 AM : Malayalam Worship

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM : English Worship

1:10 PM - 2:00 PM : Urdu Worship

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM : Sunday School

Special Worship(In Church): Friday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Youth Meetings: Friday 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Bible Study(In Homes):

Wednesday : 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Cell Meetings:

Northeast Philadelphia: Saturday & Sunday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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