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# JEHOVAH KABOD

means "the God of Glory"

God chose David who was a shepherd and crowned him as the king

Your Brother,

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Mohan C. Lazarus

Happy Christmas & New Year

With love I wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ!

I hope the word of God, testimonies and the articles in the Youth Life magazine are a blessing to you. The 'Jesus Redeems' staff, prayer warriors and myself are all praying for you.

Christmas is not a festival where we make ourselves happy but true Christmas is making others happy. The true meaning of Christmas is to give rather than to receive. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16)

Christmas is about God giving His only son to the world. We should also give to the needy, the victimized, the forsaken and the poor thus revealing the love of Jesus which is Christmas. If you want to experience true happiness this Christmas, give to others your most precious possessions. This Christmas day, tell someone about our most precious Jesus. They will be glad, and Jesus will be even happier. You will receive God's glory and happiness.



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# DECEMBER 2021 GODIS MGLORY

But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. - Psalm 3:3

#### Beloved greetings to dear young hearts!

An upswing in a man's life is quite rare. But only God can pick a man from mud, place him in a palace and admire him. When the worldly father used him only

to shepherd the sheep, God chose David who was a Shepherd and crowned him as the King. This pride belongs only to the Lord.

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When the worldly father failed to give his son the honorable and remarkable position, God did that. In the life of David, every time when people trampled on, pushed and

walked over him, God lifted his head up.

Similarly even today the situation of mankind has become unchangeable by anyone. Mankind is coming across different kinds of plagues, accidents climatic change, violence that were unheard before. Today, people suffer in this without a rescuer. Man began to cheat and even murder another man for money and honor. To bring light and show the way to this mankind, Jesus gave up His glory and came to this world. He restored the

> lost glory of man. He washed away the sins of man, pulled him out of guilt and shame and made him live a remarkable life.

> This Jesus still waits for you. God wants young people like you to glorify Him in your lives, live for Him and carry His glory everywhere you go.

"Still there are young people who haven't heard the name of Jesus. It is your duty to tell about Him."

"Do the best you can. Until the world ends tell about Jesus" •

In Christ's work *Avinash* 



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## God's Chosen

Sister Blessy was born in a Christian family and though she lived like she did not have any relationship with Jesus, He made her to commit her life now for full time ministry. What transformations took place in her life? Let's get to know about it from her.

### Blessy Magtalin

### Could you please share about your family and childhood?

My name is Blessy Magtalin. I was born in a Christian family, and I am the oldest daughter to my parents. My father is a retired mill contractor, and my mother is working as a headmistress. I have two sisters and one brother. I had graduated in ME – VLSI Design.



You would have been brought up in godly fear and spiritual life as you were born in a Christian family, isn't it?

No. In my childhood days, I did not have the habit of reading Bible, praying, or going to the church because I was not taught or encouraged to do so. My house is near to CSI church, but I lived there as if I had no affiliation with the church. There was a long distance between Jesus and me, but I used to seek Him only if I need anything.

#### Ok... Didn't your parents allow you to go to the church or is it that you did not have the interest?

My father was very strict and so he never used to allow us to go out often. Allowing us to church also was little difficult. I developed hatred towards my father since he was very strict, and I dreaded even to talk with him. I was never close with him.

#### Alright, so you don't go to church, and you don't speak well with your father then how did you get to know Jesus?

I got saved when I attended a youth meeting organized by missionaries on January 26, 2011, where I came to know the love of Jesus Christ. I couldn't say that I had a good relationship with Jesus since then. My prayer life was a time where I asked Him my needs.

### Ok... After you accepted Jesus was there a change in your life?

From the year 2011 until 2015 I used to pray only for my needs. There was a great change in the year 2015. My parents began to get closer with me and gave me much freedom. They trusted in Jesus and sent me to all places that is to church, youth meetings and spiritual gatherings. As they trusted in Jesus and sent me to all places, they began to have trust in me as well. I did not misuse their trust on me or the freedom that they gave me. Therefore, they began to send me for camps with great faith in me.

### Superb... You said you got saved in the year 2011, after which did you do any ministry?

No. Though I never knew what it meant to do ministry, yet I committed my life for ministry when I got saved in the youth meeting in the year 2011. I did not do anything until the year 2015. God gave me the grace to serve as a VBS director in the year 2015. But for me there was not much



personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I did small ministries possible.

You began to do ministry, that fine but when did you receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit? In the year 2015, on a Friday, as God led us, 7 young girls from our church gathered, fasted and prayed. All of us were filled with the Holy Spirit and that night I testified boldly in the night prayer held in our church. Since then, for a little while, I was faithful and stood for the Lord but again I went fell away. But God continued to use me in many churches. My prayer life was not proper but when I had to go for ministry I sought and prayed to God either the day before or in the morning of the day of the ministry. God used me even then and that is how my life was going on.

Alright so you could not stand firm in the Lord but were you able to overcome sin in your life?

My prayer life and the relationship with Christ began to reduce. I had many sins in my private life. Though I served God there were many sinful habits in my life. I had pride that I was doing ministry. I used to watch cartoons and Hollywood movies in YouTube along with my family. I was addicted to dresses, accessories, shoes, bags, fashion, beauty etc. I was very mischievous and had hypertension too. I was disliked by my mom but outwardly I was seen as a committed young girl doing the ministry.

Ok, you served the Lord with many sinful habits but when did you fully accept Jesus as your personal Savior?

> I surrendered my life to be broken and molded in the year 2020 during the lockdown. The Lord

changed me, but I refused to make me whole. The Lord spoke to me in the Igniters camp in 2021 and I received a fresh anointing. I was anointed for a gospel generation. After the Igniters camp my prayer life began to change and so also my private life changed. I began to live depending on God. All my addictions and bad habits began to change. My parents love me now as their daughter.

## What do you do now since your life has changed?

Through Igniters ministry when I went for a ministry in our taluk, God reminded me about the gospel generation and used me there. He confirmed His call for me, gave me the promise of Jeremiah 33:3 and is leading me. Earlier I used to commune with Jesus in any camps and Jesus would speak to me very rarely. But after the Igniters camp, Jesus speaks to me daily. As I pray more Jesus speaks to me more.



In our young girl's prayer fellowship, we gather as a group and pray whenever it is possible. We also go and share the gospel in villages in our pin code and we see how God does great things among them. Not only that, but today God has also called me as a full-time worker and is using me for His kingdom.

What would you like to say to the youngsters? We can see God's beautiful leading when we completely depend upon Him and do His will.

Beloved youngsters, God who chose and filled Blessy with His grace using her for His glory, will also choose and use you mightily •

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#### EVERY 1ST SUNDAY

(5th December)

VELLORE (3 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, 9442885315 | 9786379556

TIRUPUR (4PM - 6:30 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, 9442082200

**TIRUPATI (3PM)** Old Community Hall, West Church. 9985033401 | 9442885315

TUTICORIN (3PM - 5:30 PM) Gethsemane Prayer Center, 9442885315

#### EVERY 2ND SATURDAY

(11th December)

MADURAI (4:30 - 6:30PM) Gethsamane Prayer Centre 9750955548 | 0452-2677300

#### EVERY 2ND SUNDAY

(12th December)

AMBUR (3PM - 6PM) Concordia Hr.Sec.School, 9597927799 | 9442885315

THANJAVUR (3:00PM) Gethsemane Prayer Centre, 9444381971 | 9488475315

VILLUPURAM (3 - 6PM) Gethsemane Prayer Centre, 8344411022 | 9442885315

KOVILPATTI (3PM - 6 PM) St. Paul's Matriculation School, 9750955548 | 9787322334

ALANGULAM (2:30PM) P.M.V. Packiyavathy Building 9965377427 | 9750955548

**THENI (2.30PM - 5 PM)** Gethsamane Prayer Center, 9750955548 | 9976766422 IGNITERS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP IS A PLACE WHERE THE YOUTH CAN RISE UP WITH FIRE IN THEIR SPIRITUAL LIFE, UNDERSTANDING THE DEEP SECRETS OF THE BIBLE AND TO BE STRENGTHENED BY PRAYING UNITEDLY FOR THE NATION. EVEN YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS FELLOWSHIP AND BE STRENGTHENED! STRENGTHEN YOURSELF AND GET READY TO STRENGTHEN OTHERS! PREPARE OTHERS

SURANDAI (2.30PM) Jawarhalal Middle School, Surandai. 9443962141 | 9750955548

#### EVERY 3RD SUNDAY

(19th December)

TIRUNELVELI (2:30 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center 9750955548 | 9488212915

COIMBATORE (4PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, 0422 - 2309040 | 8903405315

TRICHY (3PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center 9488475315

JEBAMALAI (2PM) Keelamathapuram, 8300131000 | 9750955548 MUMBAI (5PM - 8PM) Gethsamane Prayer Centre, 9004882470 | 9664050567

CHENNAI (3.30PM) VGP Victory House, Mount Road. 9488475315

NALUMAVADI : (3-:30PM) Tabernacle of God, Nalumavadi 9442885315

DINDIGUL (3PM - 5:30 PM) CSI Sophia School, 9750955548 | 6383015262

THIRUVARUR (3:30 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, 9976766322 | 7373374733

**TIRUVANNAMALAI (3:30 PM)** A L C Lebanon compound, 9791444788 | 9865553420

RANIPET (3 - 6P.M.) Gethsemane Prayer Centre, 9500283179 | 9442885315

#### EVERY 4TH SATURDAY

(25th December)

PERAMBALUR (5PM - 8 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Centre 9788788512

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY

(26th December)

**PERNAMBUT (3 PM- 6 PM)** Revival Prayer Tower, 9940854125 | 9442885315

ERODE (4 PM - 6:30 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, 9750722000

THIRUVALUR (2.30PM-5.30 PM) Gethsamane Prayer Center, 9442885315

Song of Solomon Happiness through fellowship

> My beloved young hearts! This month let us take a brief look at the fifth book of the poetic books in the Bible, 'Song of Solomon'.

#### Introduction:

This book is a compilation of love poems. It's filled with metaphorical love songs depicting how God sees love and marriage.

Author: Solomon Time Period: 965 B.C Chapters: 8 Verses: 117 No. of words: 2,661 Important characters: Solomon Shulamite woman Daughters of Jerusalem

#### CHRIST IN SONG OF SOLOMON

In the Old Testament, the Lord is the husband of the people of Israel. (Your Maker is your husband - Isaiah 54:5) In the New Testament, the Church is referred to as the bride (2 Corinthians 11:2) The bridegroom in this book is Jesus Christ.

#### A SUMMARY OF THE SONG OF SOLOMON

#### FALLING IN LOVE

• The bride's longing for love (1:1-8 verses)

• Expression of mutual love (1:9 - 2:7 verses)

- The King sees the bride (2:8-17 verses)
- The bride dreams about separation for the first time (3:1-5 verses)

#### JOINING IN LOVE

- Marriage procession (3:6-11 verses)
- Praising the bride's beauty (4:1-15 verses)
- The marriage is over (4:16-5:1 verses)

#### THE STRUGGLE FOR LOVE

- The bride dreams about separation for the second time (5:2-7 verses)
- The bride praises the groom's beauty (5:8-6:3 verses)

• Praising the bride's beauty (6:4-7:10 verses)

#### MATURITY IN LOVE

- The bride is now eager to go home (7:11-8:4 verses)
- The journey and coming home (8:5-14 verses)









TIME OF SHARING (John 3:1-21)We can share our time, love, money and food with those who need it.

#### **TIME TO APPRECIATE** (Luke 1:68-79)

We can appreciate those who helped us by remembering them and also by sending a SMS or making a phone call thus not forgetting them.

#### TIME OF HOPE (John 14:1-6)

We can introduce Jesus, the anchor of hope to those who have seen so many failures, lost all hope and are in a state of despair.

# **TIME TO GIVE THANKS** (2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

We should recall all the good things the Lord has done throughout this year and give thanks. He will fulfill all the things that are yet to be fulfilled in due time.

#### TIME TO GIVE GIFTS

(Ephesians 2:4-10 & John 3:16) The gifts you give need not be expensive. Forgive those who have hurt you, betrayed you and show them love. That is the best Christmas present you can give them.











"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (Hebrews 13:16)

Doing good to others and contributing to the needy is a pleasing sacrifice to God. What good have you done to the needy people of your village, town and church? How many poor people have you helped? God has reminded us throughout the Bible that we should do good and help the poor people.



All of us are well aware that 'Tithes belong to God'. Bible instructs us that we have to give one-tenth of our income to God. It is a channel of blessing God has ordained for us. Do we do so? Some people thank God for the salary during the beginning of the month and apportion God's money to the church, evangelists and missions from the month's salary. Those who are into business tend to think they contribute a lot for God's ministry. But do we donate one-tenth proportionately? Occasionally, people tend to give Rs.50,000 for church building fund or Rs.10,000 for orphanages and develop a sense of self-satisfaction. No! It's not so. God wants us to give generously to the poor and help the needy.



In Luke 18, a certain young ruler asked Jesus, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?". Jesus asked him to obey and follow all the commandments. He answered that he has been following the commandments such as "you shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honour your father and mother" from his childhood. Jesus identified



the humility in him and saw the desire in him to inherit the eternal life. He was pleased with

him in that aspect. But still, "You still lack one thing, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When he heard this,

he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. He was not mindful about poor people and not concerned about others. His heart clung on to the treasures and possessions he had hoarded. Since he was living a self-centred life, Jesus gave him that instruction. All the people who came in search of Jesus, the blind, lame, sick and demon-possessed received goodness from him and went happily. But, he was the only one who went back sad after meeting Jesus since his heart was gripped upon money and selfish desires. Christian life

should be focussed on living for Christ as well being a blessing for others. God reminds us to help the needy and poor.

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and God will not be a debtor to those people. He will reward them for what they have done multi-fold times. Do not forget that. Reflect on how many poor people you have helped and how much you have contributed to the needy?

We read of a disciple called Dorcas in Bible. 'In Joppa, there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.' (Acts 9:36). She was always doing good and helping the





GOD WANTS US TO LIVE A PROACTIVE LIFE TO HELP THE NEEDY AND SICK. poor by making robes and other clothing for the widows. That was the reason why Peter had a great zeal to raise up the dead woman. Hence, God did a miracle so that she will further continue to help the poor people. Her concern for the widows could have been the underlying reason for the miracle to happen. When

you are suffering in sickness, God is looking out for reasons to heal you. God should be able to trust you that the miraculous healing and an extended life time bestowed on you, will result in more needy people to be benefitted by you. God wants us to live a proactive life to help the needy and sick.

Dear beloved youth, Our God is a God of mercy. He is waiting to comfort and console us. God wants us to change our lifestyle by helping the needy people around. Christmas is a golden opportunity to do good to those around. Do good to those around like Jesus and receive the rewards and blessings from Him! ●



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Cover Story

# God of Glory!

was formed with 10 women. At present it is spread across the globe in 123 nations with 4000 volunteers and more than 60000 centers are formed. Though she received huge awards like Padma Shri award in the year 1962, Noble Peace prize in the year 1979 and many more, she did not consider it as great, but she went in search of the destitute and needy people to share the love of God. When Mother Teresa spoke of

Agnes was born in the year 1910 in the city named Skopje in Yugoslavia. From her young age she showed profound interest in studies, and she also had a good sense of humor because of which she would always be surrounded by a bunch of people. Are you wondering who is this Agnes? Well, her parents named her Agnes but the people in this world call her as "Mother Teresa".

Mother Teresa stepped into Calcutta when she was 19 years old on 6th January 1929. When she entered the slum, she had a sum of Rs.5 and 3 sarees only. In a very difficult situation, she began her service amidst the destitute people. She began the organization, "Missionaries of

Charity" in the year 1950. In the year 1952 she inaugurated the, "Nirmal Home" which for thousands of destitute people whose lives were at stake, was the sea of mercy. She expanded her service by starting a home for the lepers in the year 1957. In the early days, this organization



herself, she would say "I am a little pencil in the hand of God who is writing a love letter to the world". That's how much she humbled herself and through her many people who were in darkness found light. If she, who was created in the image of God, humbled herself and revealed God's love, how much more did God reveal His love when He sent His own Son, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. who left His glory to become a man, so He can redeem the people from the darkness of sin and give them His

glory. "...the glory of the Lord shone around them..." (Luke 2:9)

God's glory means, "His presence or the light of His glory." Because of the sin committed by Adam and Eve, the whole mankind fell into sin and lost the glory given by God. If there

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is sin in a man, the light within him moves away and darkness will surround. As mankind was sinking into such sins and curses, there arose a need to redeem the mankind by the Heavenly Father. He had pity for those whom He created. To redeem His people who were in

the peak of darkness of sin and for them to receive the glory (light) that they lost because of sin, God sent His one and only Son Jesus Christ from His glory into this world. "That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into

this world." (John 1:9). In the beginning was the Word and the Word became Jesus when He came to this world. There is life in Him, and that life was light. Don't forget that the glorious light is dwelling within you. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that

they may be one just as We are one". (John 17:22) True Christmas is, when those who have, share with those who lack. Some children share the love of God by distributing their unused notebooks and textbooks

to the poor after their study year. Look at the people around you. The Glorious God gave His glory to you so that you can show His light to those who are in sin, curse, poverty and in darkness. Take a moment to analyze yourself. To how many people in this year have you introduced Jesus, the Light, who is within you? If you have introduced Jesus to them then I praise God for you but if you think that you have

> wasted the last 11 months, then this December month there are many opportunities to introduce the Glorious Jesus to your friends, relatives and to those who don't know Him. Take a decision today as to how many people to whom

you are going to share the birth of Jesus. People are ready to receive Jesus, the glorious Light, through you! ●

DEAR YOUNGSTERS! IT WAS GOD'S PLAN THAT THE SON OF GOD HAD TO SACRIFICE HIS HEAVENLY GLORY TO BE BORN AS A MAN TO



LIGHT". (EPHESIANS 5:8) IN THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, MAY YOU BE JESUS' RAY OF LIGHT SHINING UPON OTHERS LIVES.

#### A MIGHTY GOD

I refuse to be discouraged, to be sad, or to cry; I refuse to be down-hearted, and here's the reason why: I have a God who's mighty, sovereign and supreme; I have a God who loves me, and I am on His team. He is all-wise and powerful; Jehovah is His name. Though everything is changeable, my God remains the same. My God knows all that's happening from beginning to the end; His presence is my comfort; He is my dearest friend. When sickness comes to weaken me to bring my head down low; I call upon my mighty God; into His arms I go. When circumstances threaten to rob me of my peace, He draws me close unto His breast where all my strivings cease. When my heart melts within me, and weakness takes control, He gathers me into His arms and He soothes my heart and soul. Thegreat"IAM"iswithmeandmylifeisinHishand. The"GodofJacob"ismyhope;it'sinHisstrengthIstand. Irefusetobedefeated and my eyes are on my God. Hehas promised to be with measthrough this life I trod. I'm looking past all circumstance to Heaven's throne above. My prayers have reached the heart of God and I'm resting in His love. I give God thanks in everything and my eyes are on His face. The battle is His, the victory mine; He'll help me win the race.







# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The whole world celebrates the birth of Jesus as Christmas Day. How should we celebrate Christmas with our family and friends?

#### **MAKE TIME**

On Christmas morning get together as a family and explain the true meaning of Christmas to your children. Also share with one another the blessings that you have received in the past year.

#### PRAY

On Christmas day we can do many things from morning to evening. But it is important that we attend the Christmas service and worship God and also wish one another. Above all it is essential to realize the true reason of Christ's birth and thank god for the goodness we have received in our lives.

#### SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Christmas is a time for family. Therefore, spend the day with those who are close to you and your friends. If you happen to know of anyone who is stuck in a difficult situation or someone who is lonely, spend time with them.

#### **GIVE GIFTS**

Giving gifts brings us more happiness than receiving them. So, if possible, you can cook or buy food for 5 people and relieve them of their hunger or you can even buy gifts for them. Do what you can but don't get yourself into debt doing it.

#### **SPREAD LOVE**

Proclaim the love of Jesus Christ on Christmas day. Distribute sweets and tell everyone about the greatness of Christ's birth. Speak kindly to the people who are lonely. If possible, visit them regularly.

#### **START SOMETHING NEW**

You can sing Christmas songs together as a family. You can encourage small children to play musical instruments. Start something new and It will stay etched in your memories for a lifetime.



#### How man was created? In the Holy Bible, it is mentioned as "the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground...." (Genesis 2:7). Hence it becomes clear that man was made from soil.

Let us see the explanations given by scientists for this...

Human beings are the only species capable of understanding anything from everything. This makes humankind the greatest creation of all species. Some people question whether soil can be found when human body is cut and analyzed. The answer is given by scientists who confirmed the presence of many elements of soil in human body.





In his book, researcher John Emsley has provided scientific information of the composition of human body. 58 types of elements like Oxygen (O2), Phosphorous (P), Sodium (Na), Iodine (I), Thorium (Th) can be found in the body of a man who weighs  $\sim$ 70kg. Among these elements, other than the gases Oxygen and Nitrogen, all other elements are acquired from the soil and again will be returned to it. The minerals we consume are also the ones available in the soil.

Hence the biblical fact that man was made from soil is proven by modern science. This proves that the Bible is the greatest of all the books in the world.

Let us all read, meditate and cherish this treasured Bible every day!

## Tips to prevent monsoon diseases

- As the spread of disease is more during the rainy season, it is advisable to boil the water and drink it when it is warm.
  Wash your hands well before and after eating.
- Compulsorily wear your shoes or slippers when you go out.
- □ Wash your hands and feet properly after you come home from outside.
- Eat hot meals.
- Avoid using cold water frequently.
- Do not eat food that flies have landed on.
- 🛭 Do not let water stagnate around your house.

#### THE GLORY THAT WAS REVEALED TO MOSES

The man chosen by God to bring the people of Israel out of Egypt's slavery is Moses. God performed many miracles through Moses and redeemed the Israelites. When God does great things through a man, there are chances that he might become self-content. But Moses desired to see the Lord who did great things (Exodus 33:18). God saw his desire and commanded, saying, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock."

(Exodus 33:21) To see God's glory, Moses should stand in the place at the time as instructed, and when he did the same, he saw the glory of God. (Exodus 34: 5 - 12)

Dear youngsters! Several times, we don not grow in our spiritual life and stay stagnant at a particular place with satisfaction. Therefore, we lose the highly regarded spiritual experiences. When we wait like Moses in the rock of His presence, God will reveal His glory to us.

"And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." (Exodus 33:18)

#### THE GLORY THAT WAS REVEALED IN THE CHURCH

A desire arose in the heart of King David to build a church for God. That desire was fulfilled during the reign of King Solomon with magnificence and several expensive materials. After building the magnificent building, he didn't claim pride saying that he built the place, but rather submitted himself and the people of Israel with humility, and prayed for God to reveal Himself in the church. (2 Chronicles 6) God heard Solomon's prayer and saw his humility, and revealed His glorious fire in the church.

Youngsters! Today, We are the church in whom God wants to reveal His glory! Today, how is our physical body, which is the church of God? When our body is an optimal tribute to our God, along with humility and prayer in our lives, God's glory will be revealed in our lives too.

"When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple." (2 Chronicles 7:1)



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#### GOD'S GLORY REVEALED IN THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

When Jesus Christ was living in this world, there were a lot of people who followed Him to get healed by Him and for miracles. These people received their miracles from Him, but they never got to see the glory and the power of Jesus. But, His disciples who didn't expect anything from Him, instead followed Him everywhere without leaving Him. As a result, Jesus took 3 of the disciples who were

close to Him to the transformation mountain, and revealed His glory to them, and showed them the glorious body He'll have when He rises back from death. (Matthew 17:2) This is an experience that can't be owned by everyone. Whoever follows Jesus with a desire, and longs to be with Him, will have His glory revealed by Him.

Youngsters! Why are we following Jesus? Are we looking for Him only for our needs, blessings, and healings, or are we following Him genuinely and searching for His presence always? Think about it! When we follow Jesus genuinely and never leave Him, He will reveal His glory.

"and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light." (Matthew 17:2)

#### THE GLORY THAT IS YET TO BE REVEALED

Paul writes, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18) Yes! The glory which shall be revealed soon. We are living in the end times. In the upcoming days, two major events that will reveal

God's glory will happen. The first is "revival." The worldwide revival is going to move the continents and reveal the glory of God. The second is the second coming of Jesus which will happen publicly. When Jesus came for the first time, His glory was seen only in specific places. But this time, Jesus Christ will come with glory and power as the King of kings and as a judge to the whole world. (Matthew 24:30) It doesn't stop with His glorious coming, but also He will join the people who know, and follow Him genuinely and live a holy life, and wait for Him in His glory, and will give them eternal life. But, the ones who don't know Him, the wicked, the ones who didn't reconcile from their sin, the ones who don't have a fear in their heart and who don't tremble about the day of judgement will have to face the wrath of God.

#### Youngsters! We are at a time where the Glory of God will be revealed like never before. God desires to reveal His glory through you. So, shake the dust off and rise up, God will make you shine.

"Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:30)



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Greetings to all the future achievers! I hope you are working hard every day to be a high-flier. Now, Let us read about a truly motivational story of a champion ...

Lionel Messi was born on June 24, 1987, in a poor family in Rosario in Argentina. He showed interest in playing football from his childhood. When Messi was just 4 years old, his father, who underestimate his son's interest, taught him simple ways to play.

Instead of playing it for entertainment, he imagined himself as a football player and played it with passion. At the age of 7, he joined Newell's Old Boys Club. In the next 6 years, he hit 500 goals and made his team strong. He aimed to play for his country's national team. He prepared himself perfectly in all ways. He did not allow any problems in life or any competitors to beat his goals. He encountered an incident that shook him mentally. He was diagnosed with a hormone deficiency in his body at the age of 10. Due to this, he was in a state where he wondered if he could continue to play football. His treatment was estimated to cost 900 dollars a month. Coming from a middle-class family,

he could not afford it. With the help of medical insurance, they started to meet the expenses of Messi. The treatment was difficult and very challenging. He was injected every day in



his leg. If he was injected for a week in his right leg, the next week they would inject in his left leg. Even walking became challenging because of this.

Even his pain could not stop his zeal for playing football. The situation worried him so much. He will be on time for the training every morning, even after undergoing severe pain throughout the night. The doctors warned him that as a side effect of the treatment he may experience high blood pressure, weight gain, and bone weakness. But he did not care about it. He believed that his unconditional love for football would motivate him despite the pain and started working hard toward his goal. He turned every hurdle into

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steps of success for his life. Though he worked hard, he could not meet his medical expenses. His family was devastated, not knowing what to do next.

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In spite of Newell's Old Boys Club's readiness to help him, his medical expenses were too high even for them to cover. So, he continued his treatment from the money he collected by playing football. At this point, he got an invite from the team of Barcelona. They would recruit him to the team and meet all medical expenses if he performs well. Finally, he travelled to Spain to prove his talent. He signed an agreement on a white tissue paper with the organizers who saw his brilliant play. This little white tissue paper changed his life.

No matter how Messi's life changed, hormone deficiency still followed him. Whenever he entered the ground, his friends teased him by the name 'bug'. In return, he responded to them in silence and concentrated on his sport. Messi changed every shame, mockery, and struggle he faced into a 'Goal'. He subdued his sickness with his mental strength, thereby changing his weakness on the way to success. Messi never missed hitting a goal in a match. He won the Ballond'Or award six times and became the best football player in the world. Today, there can be no one who does not know Lionel Messi.

Being victorious is,not an easy task. Only through bitter experiences, we become an achiever. Stop worrying about your past struggles and failures. Instead, focus on your goal, and let us enter into a new year. Become an achiever! •

**YOUTH WORLD** 



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DEAR YOUNGSTERS INTRODUCE THIS TV PROGRAMME TO YOUR FRIENDS AND SHARE TO US THE BLESSINGS THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH THIS TO THE BELOW GIVEN NUMBER







platforms. According to His promise, God raised an army of young people By the grace of God, on the 6th of November, Mount Sinai Youth Fasting Prayer was conducted by the Jesus Redeems Youth Ministry via online for revival. 3000 people participated in the live telecast on social networking sites and prayed for the nation and its revival.



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There are 2000 races in India. Out of these, only about 200 races have been met so far. Let us see in this issue on how to win the souls of the people who have not been reached yet.

#### 1. Winning souls through Prayer

• Firstly we, who have been called to win souls, must be people who pray.

• Going as a missionary, without prayer, is vain.

It is dangerous for people without the practice of kneeling to go and preach.

▶ Prayer for the nation Like Abraham, we must also intercede and pray with burden for the 28 States, 8 Union Territories, 138 crore people and 2000 villages every day.

#### Prayer for the family

Some people win souls around the world but fail in winning souls within their family. So, we ought to pray for each and every one in our family and win their souls.

• **Prayer for our enemies** It is vital that each one of us be filled with God's love and pray that God forgives and saves our enemies. God will save and guide even such people.

#### 2. Winning s ouls through Prophetic Ministry

• The gift of prophecy has obtained an important part in winning souls.

• Since the gift of prophecy reveals the inner state of people who come before us, they repent and are saved with the fear of God.

**3. Winning souls through Preaching**People who wish to win souls must learn to preach.

• We must know to address a crowd of people on the stage as well as an individual

personally. Learn to speak in simple words and spread the promises from God's word like "Jesus is good, He listens to your prayers and responds" in a way in which people understand.

## 4. Winning souls through Giving

• Giving is also important in soul-winning.

for soul-winning when we do God's ministry with our wealth and money.

"I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings." (Luke 16:9)

So, may God grant us the grace to win souls, through our prayers, prophecies, preaching and giving, in this earth and lead them to heaven •



# Intercede Esther

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# Prayer Guide December 2021

In India 7.9% of children under the age of 14 are found to have cancer. Let us pray for their recovery and that no children should be diagnosed

with this disease.

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48.7% of people are affected because of the usage of tobacco. Pray for these people to stop using tobacco and understand that it is dangerous to health.

3 In India, a person dies of oral cancer every 6 hours due to the use of tobacco products. Pray that the tobacco products should be banned.

India ranks 101 in world hunger code among 116 countries. Let us pray that those who are hungry have access to food.

Pray that food should not be wasted and the people who are in hunger should get enough food.

Thousands of people die because of hunger. Pray for the decrease in death rate.

Families are killing themselves because of hunger. Let us pray that this tragedy should end in our country.

In India, nearly 20 crore people suffer from malnutrition. Pray that they should get healthy food.

> According to a UNICEF study, one in seven adolescents between the age group of 10 and 19 have mental illness. Pray that the problems faced by the young adolescents should be stopped.

> > A report says that 46 thousand people commit suicide every year. Let us pray that the suicidal spirit should be abolished.

As the education of about 160 crore people are affected, adolescents are experiencing mental illnesses worldwide. Let us pray for a change in the



mental state of the mentally ill youth and to return to their old state.

Because of dowry, 20 women die every day in India. Let us pray that this should be stopped.

3 A woman dies every hour because of dowry. Let us pray that this dowry system be abolished.

Among the 3 child marriages that take place worldwide, one takes place in India. Pray that this should be stopped.

Pray for the people of Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Telangana and Andhra to be aware about it.

6 2.5 crore girl child marriages happened in the last 10 years. Pray for the protection of young girls.

71.2 crore children were affected mentally because of child marriage. Pray for them.

As per the survey of NCRB, 80 murders happen daily in India. Let us pray that these crimes should come to an end.

**9**29,193 murder cases have been registered in a year. Let us pray that the spirit which incites this murder be bound.

20<sup>38.5</sup> % of the victims are between the age group of 30-45 and 35.9% are between the age group of 18-30. Let us pray for the abolishment of spirit targeting the young people.

2 Let us pray for the repentance and release of those imprisoned in connection with the murder case.

22 Let us pray for the 1,86,44,000 people across the world, who are addicted to drugs to overcome this addiction. 23 In Tamilnadu 1,54,000 people are addicted to drugs. Pray that they should overcome this addiction.

24 15 crore 1 lakh and 16 thousand people across the nation are addicted to alcohol. Let us pray for them.

2586 lakhs and 11 thousand people who are addicted to alcohol. Let us pray for their deliverance.

26 Let us pray for the young people between the age group of 18 to 25, addicted to alcohol across the nation.

27 Pray for the creation of many more rehabilitation centres and the spread of awareness among the youth.

28 Let us pray for the 2 crores and 90 lakhs people all over the nation who are addicted to marijuana, to overcome and create a change and to have a better place in the society.

**29**Pray that enough electricity should be produced from the 135 coal mines in India.

**30**Since there is less amount of coal in the power plants, there might be electricity shortage in India. Let us pray for the uninterrupted supply of electricity.

3 Let us pray that people judiciously use electricity without wasting it.

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#### **GOD IN ME**

Greetings to all my beloved brothers and sisters! In the past few months, we have been seeing articles on the specialities of Christianity. In that line-up, let us probe into the topic, 'God in me'. This title is capable of kindling curiosity and questions in equal proportion, in the hearts of the readers.

In the book of Isaiah, it has been mentioned that Jesus also had the name, Immanuel. It means, 'God is always with us.' But in this article, we are going to learn something deeper and special: God within us.

#### WHEN DOES GOD ENTER US?

The Bible says, **"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."** (John 3:6) Likewise, the verse says **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."** (2 Corinthians 5:17) Going by the scripture, we come to the earth in flesh through our parents with Sin indwelling in us, as a result of Adam failure to obey God. But when we accept Jesus Christ as our saviour at that moment we are born again in Christ. This rebirth happens through God.

#### HOW DOES GOD ENTER US?

The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are the triune God. Our living God, died for our sins, to redeem the ungodly people like us and rose again to life. He revived our dead, lifeless spirits through His Holy Spirit. So, we can be born again only when the Holy Spirit enters us right? Yes, indeed! You can understand this better when I present you with an example. When someone is unconscious, on the verge of dying, doctors give them artificial respiration and make their hearts pump. It is called Cardiopulmonary Resurrection.

My dear youths! Like this CPR treatment, our loving God gave his life to resurrect us, who had died for our sins. Just think about the love of God for a second. How wonderful it is! This is a uniqueness that can't be found in any other religion. Super-naturally Reviving of spirt!

#### WHY DOES GOD ENTER US?

Brief Answer: The places where God resides is called a temple or Church. When you observe Hindus, you would find them taking efforts daily to ensure the temple is neat and tidy. They care so much about a construction made of bricks and cement so much, that is because every man naturally knows that God is good and he resides only in holy places.

Our God doesn't want to reside in temples made up of bricks. That's why 1 Corinthians 6:19 says, "we are the temple of the Holy Spirit." Yes, God not only give us a new life, He also wishes to live within us from that point. When such a Holy God lives within us, He will make us holy like him.

God loves people who lead a spiritual and clean life every day. We cannot achieve that level of holiness without willpower or wit. We need the support of God, that is why He enters us and cleanses off our sins, making us His perfect bride. Being the temple of the mighty God who created everything, is unimaginably special and this in turn is the speciality of Christianity •

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# Get ready for the second coming of **JESUS!**

#### **Evangelism and Second Coming!**

When Jesus was talking about His second coming and the end of the world to His disciples, He stopped at a point and said, "And the gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Mathew 24:14).



When a man sees people's lives sinking in the ocean fighting for their lives, he ran towards them and saved them. When others saw him saving thousands of lives, they engaged themselves in saving people as well. But some people didn't care to save anyone in the world and continued doing their own works. This is the scenario of the Christian world today. Jesus went out of His way to save so many people sinking in their sinful lives and He still does that. Only a few chosen people understand this calling and join the mission of Jesus to save people who are in the depth of their sins. But a vast majority of people who are saved are not doing anything about this other than watching the dying people.

Those who are united with Jesus in saving people from their sin and fear are called His disciples. And the commandment is for every

born again person to become a disciple. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. Baptizing them in the name of the father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Mathew 28: 19) The sad thing is, so many people who should be disciples by now are still remaining as believers. Are you being a disciple after being saved by God's love? Or are you still being the one who comes to Jesus whenever you need something? Think about it." Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16) says the Bible. Whoever is redeemed from sins by Jesus should preach the gospel to people and it is the responsibility, we as a born again people should hold. The end comes when the gospel reaches the whole world. More than ever, so many children, youngsters and elders are starting to spread the gospel throughout the world. What are you going to do? As said in Mathew 24, God is coming soon. But gospel should reach every nook and corner of the earth

Dear youngsters! I'm not telling you to become full-time ministers all of a sudden unless you have a calling for that. But, when you go to college or school or your workspace, make sure you spread the Gospel to the people in need. Do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (2 Timothy 4:5) It's a matter of urgency to finish the King's work and we can't afford to waste any time. So, whether you have the right time or not talk about the gospel and turn as many people as you can towards God. This is the responsibility we all have. And when the Gospel reaches everyone, the kingdom of God will come down on us and we can all be with him •



#### FIND OUT THE ANSWERS FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FROM JOHN I, II & III QUOTING THE BIBLE REFERENCE:

- 1. Who wrote this epistle?
- 2. What purifies us from all our sin?
- 3. Name the one who denies the father and the son?
- 4. About whom it is said 'Who belonged to the evil one?'
- 5. What is the victory that overcomes the world?
- 6. Which epistle was written to a lady?
- 7. Who is known as the apostle of love?
- 8. To whom this epistle was written?
- 9. Who loves to be first in the church?
- 10. Who is well spoken by everyone and even by the truth?

#### **ANSWERS NOVEMBER**

1. Nahum, Comfort. 2. Nahum (1:1) 3. Elkosh (1:1). 4. Nahum (1:7). 5. Trouble (1:9) 6. On the mountains (1:15). 7. Nahum (2:1). 8. No Amon (3:8). 9. Locust (3:16). 10. Locust (3:17)

Your answer should reach us on or before 25TH OF EVERY MONTH

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# **REVIVAL IGNITERS SPECIAL**

Youth Meeting- 2021

#### Karnataka

According to God's promise that He will raise 7 different young descendants during the revival, the Revival Igniters Youth Meeting was conducted by the grace of God especially for youngsters from Tamil Nadu and many parts of North and South India.

From the 2nd to the 4th of November last month, more than 1200 young people came to Nalumavadi to receive training and went back carrying the fire of revival. They received the anointing to pray for the revival of the nation and also for the revival of Karnataka.

Bro. Mohan C. Lazarus and Bro. Vincent Selvakumar trained the youths by the grace of God. To God be the glory!







Mary and Joseph went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David, Bethlehem to register themselves as part of a census. And while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to give birth. As there was no place for them in the

inn, we read in the Bible that Mary wrapped Jesus in clothes and placed him in a manger (Luke 2:7). The person who said that there was no place for them in the the innkeeper. inn is Whenever we start doing a work, certain voices arise in our minds asking us to do or not to do the work. This

battle of the mind is called as the 'Silent Battle' in our passage. In this battle, the person who obeys the Word of God, who lives to please God makes the right decisions with a good conscience. But sometimes few people thinking that they are making wise decisions end up making bad decisions out of their bad conscience. Like this, we saw and meditated many Bible characters in the previous months issue. This month, let us imagine the silent battle which could have happened in the mind of the innkeeper. **VOICE I:** It will be very disheartening if I say that there is no place available for this woman who is at her final stage of pregnancy. What can I say?

VOICE 2: If I give place to these people, the

inn will get defiled. Whom should I care about?

**VOICE I:** Can I just make a room ready and give them?

**VOICE 2:** No. No. It will be a disturbance to the other people in the inn. What will happen to my business if someone comes to know about this?

**VOICE I:** But... This man belongs to my city! If I don't care, who will help him?

**VOICE 2:** To register themselves as part of the census, many people will be returning to their native cities. So, this is the right time to earn more. If I care for others, I will end up in loss.

**VOICE I:** At least, can I give a small corner room?

**VOICE 2:** No. No. I keep the law. I should not break the traditions. If I help them now, what will the Pharisees, Sadducees, and other Jews



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think about me? Why trouble? People will come, stay and leave. Why should I bother about others? I will say that there is no place in the inn. It is good for me and my business.

Like this, the innkeeper could have thought in his mind. Many reasons would have made him to refuse to give place for Jesus' birth. But it is known that the innkeeper did not make the right decision at the very important time in his life. The manger where the

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glorious God came as a baby is now a glorious church, which is visited by millions of people even after many centuries. An ordinary manger became glorious as it gave place for Jesus.

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My beloved youths who are reading this! Does Jesus have a place in your life? Are you spending most of your time with phone, friends and other worldly things? As Jesus was

> born, great joy and peace were among the people. Even today, the people who have accepted Jesus Christ have freedom from their sins; have eternal joy and perfect peace. Many youngsters are letting Jesus stand at the entrance and knock on the door. The Bible says, "Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O

ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle" (Psalm 24:8, 9). When the King of glory dwells in you, your life will become glorious •

#### Ingredients:

Sugar - 250gms Maida - 300gms Eggs - 4 Butter - 150gm Baking Powder - 1 gm Tutti Frutti - As required Cashew - 50gms Cherry - 50gms Dry Grapes - As required Vanilla Essence - As required

In a bowl, take maida flour. To it add small cut pieces of dry grapes and cashews. Then add the melted butter, sugar, baking powder and vanilla essence. To this mixture add the eggs and mix well. Now your batter is ready. Bake this batter in a microwave oven at 120°C for 30 minutes. Your delicious Christmas cake is ready.

#### APP TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO RESTORE BROKEN ROADS ! AN INDIA-JAPAN EFFORT THROUGH 'SMART MAP'

People can take a photograph of grooves, cracks and ditches in roads and upload them in the app. Through this, immediate action will be taken in restoring the broken roads. Researchers from India and Japan together are working on this in developing the road map for this application.

In India though toll fee is collected from Golden Quadrilateral network plan, the roads get worse due to rain and floods. Even the National Highway Department are reluctant in rectifying the defects in the road. And this is leading to a number of accidents. In order to rectify this and improve the condition of roads, India and Japan have joined hands in taking photographs of all roads and streets thereby developing the road map for the application. This team includes researchers from IIT, Roorkee and Tokyo University. They also gather information from a European Scientist named Alexander Miraj. This team is also developing an application that automatically detects the condition of roads. Because of this the cracks, grooves, ditches and speed breakers on roads are found immediately.

In the socio-economic structure, the road structure plays a vital role. The frequent supervision of the roads provieds safety and an accident free journey. The local government is unable to spend more time in monitoring and rectifying the condition of roads. So with the help of researchers from Japan we are developing a smartphone application. With the help of 'smartphone mapping' one can upload the details of defective road in cloud server", says professor Durka Doshnival, the supervisor of the Indian IIT team, Roorkee.



• A WOMAN ANALYST TAKING A PHOTOGRAPH OF DEFECTS IN DELHI ROADS.

• SO FAR THE INDIA-JAPAN TEAM HAS MAPPED NEARLY 31 DEFECTIVE ROADS.

• THIS INCLUDES ROADS OF ICHIHARA, CHIBA CITY, SUMITA TOWN, NAGAKUTE CITY OF JAPAN AND ROADS OF DELHI, GURGAON AND HARYANA OF INDIA. The number of accidents happened in India due to grooves and ditches in roads is given below

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2016-6,424 2017-9,423 2018-4,896 2019-4,775 2020-4,775

## Why does these happen?

As per the report from "*Road Traffic &National Highway Department*" the sharp bends, grooves and steep slopes in roads are the reson for such accidents. Hence a device is required to monitor these road defects effectively."

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YOUTH LIFE DECEMBER 2021 31 Your opinions

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# SPECIAL ARTICLE identify the tale: Writing Skill



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'Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me (Jesus)..."

## This festive season, **Remember the Poor and Destitute People**

Every year, during the Christmas festive season, our Jesus Redeems Ministry through the New Life Society, distribute clothes to the poor, equipment's to the physically challenged; and along with this God by His grace has enabled us to provide them a united feast honouring Christmas which makes them very happy.

> Dearly beloved in Christ! This Christmas season, I affectionately call upon you to join us in sharing the love of Christ with the poor, Pray for this ministry. Those who are inspired, support us by giving your donations enthusiastically. - Your Brother

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