



WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO CHRISTIAN FAITH.....?

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I was born & brought up as a Jacobite in Central Travancore, there were two Bishops in my family, currently only one serves the community, but he had made his way to the other fraction. I was actively involving in all church activities but currently, time prevents me to be so active. I often think what made me like this. I had the nature of interacting with others for matters of common interests. I had talked with our community members and clergies regarding our faith. But 90% do not take our church traditions seriously. The Prathana Kramam organized by our community forefathers is still relevant. The clergies were having a supreme role in all-round modulation of the community. They had penetrated to the grass root of the Christian & non Christian community.....but now who bothers about all these.....

I was told by my parents regarding the life of a Marthoma priest. He was so sure about each & every actions of his parish, on Mondays he goes to the houses of each and every person who had not came for the holy Qurbana.he will sit with them understand the problems and suggest a remedy for the same. Financially this priest was not well, but he gave everything which he earned to others. He also went to the houses of non Christians, shared the message of Jesus Christ with them, and made the feeling that he was one among them. The same was the nature of H.G Kuriyakose Mar Kuriloose Thirumeny.If he was not born our southern dioceses would not have been in the present stage. He did not care for his health, he was with the general public, toiled for their well being, he didn't have any money left to draw as salary at the end of every month while he was the vicar of our church. He had started many things as a good disciple of God .But this Quality of Priesthood is disappearing from our Christian community especially from Jacobite churches.

Once I had talked with one of our church member in another parish, he told me that the vicar of that particular parish had not visited his residence nearly for 3 yrs. he told me that achen is interested to visit “Achayan’s & Ammama’s (high income group Families).Myself on a friendly talk at the beginning with the vicar regarding the same, had denied the complaint and told me it was a false allegation, on further talks this priest got up and told me that I was not the person who had anointed him the priesthood and shall settle the issue by fist . Is this the quality of priest hood?, this particular person with the complaint left our church due to the argent nature of a priest, many families left the parish and joined the other fraction .Yet there was another priest who did not turned up for most of the functions in the parish on working days since he was employed, he will have to take leave for coming to the parish. The needy parish members had to contact priests of nebhuring parish for emergencies. Iam not blaming our priests as a whole but there are a few among them who do not respect the priesthood.

I had been with a reputed organization belonging to other fraction, here the high priests were asking for fixed amount as allowance for each visits to their own organization. Where has the dedication gone?

This is the thing with priests & high priests, what about the church members. Most of us do not turn out for Holy Qurbana; since the holy Qurbana. is available in CD’s it may be the service from Manarcad Church, Parumala Church,Manjanicara Church or might be from Antioch, in the voice of our supreme father or just switch on to any channel on Sundays or other important days one or more channel will telecast the function live. Just sit in your residence holy rituals are coming up to you. Why should you repent your sin to priest directly/personally? Go for a charismatic meeting. All your sins will vanish into the thin air. I pray if our fellow brothers had gone through **Luke; Chapter 5 :14 “But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as moses commanded ”**.If Jesus had asked this man to

show himself to the priests. The powers entrusted with them are to be under stood. We should never read in between the Bible but go through the whole chapter. Here both the priests or high priest should know what are the responsibilities given to him and Christian community member should learn what power has a priest or high priest holds when he is at the Holy place .

We should have special get together for all our clergies to make them par with the changing scenario and to connect the teachings of our religious fathers and secondly an analysis of Bible as such that the full potential is derived from it. Their visit to homes, hospitals, palliative care centers, churches etc will make a difference.10 or 15 minutes after Qurbana should be used to make a journey through the Holy Scripture. I strongly believe that if our Priests could spend a little time with his parish members can do wonders, as well as the parish members should spare their time for religious activities. Most of the priests posted in our churches come from a long distance. They may arrange evening prayer, but a few might turn out for the prayer, then how can they be blamed. We should also be aware that our community is going through a crisis put forth by the other fraction under the Leadership of Devalokam Catholikose.we should protect our parental heritages and faith. As we always say even though we may forget our own mother we will never ever forget Our Patriarch of Antioch.
