

Precious gift from God

Psalms 127:3 says "Children are a heritage of the Lord; and the fruit of the womb is His reward". Br. Vincent and Sr. Anitha were blessed with a baby girl.

Congratulations to the proud parents. May God bless your precious bundle of joy.



We express our deepest condolence on the sad demise of

- Br. P.C.Joy, father of Br.Biji K. Joy
- Br. K.K.Kuruville, father of Sr.Anita Thomas

May the Lord fill the families with the peace that surpasses all understanding to bear this irreparable loss.

MFGC Scripture Class Rally 2014

23rd May



Church Program Schedule

Friday Worship

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai
 Malayalam Service - 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
 Children's English Service - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
 Scripture Class - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM
 St.Peter's Hall, St.Martin's Church, Sharjah
 Malayalam Service – 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
 Youth Worship - 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 Scripture Class – 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

English Worship

Oud Metha Road, Dubai 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Bible Study

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai
 Malayalam - Mon 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 English - Wed 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM
 St. Martin's Church, Sharjah
 Malayalam - Wed 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

B.Th Class

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai
 Sat - 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Care Cell Meeting

Various locations

Personal Counselling

Sharjah parsonage
 Thu - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM



Unscramble the letters to find the word in our

Elijah Prays Anagram

Word List

altars, answered, burned, clouds, drought, listened, miracle, Mount Carmel, prophet, raven

- ehopprt
- deeilnst
- dghortu
- aenrv
- aceilmr
- mnotu acelmr
- aalrst
- bdenru
- cdlosu
- adeensw

Bible Quiz - 40

After the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they were to set up stones on which mountain?

- a).Ebal b).Sinai c). Hor d). Nebo

Send your answer to : mfgcchronicle@gmail.com

Champs - Bible Quiz - 39

•Daniel J Thomas •Gilda George •Savan Sabu

BQ - 39 Ans.: "Where's the promise of His coming?"

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The Church that I Perceive – Part 4

In the earlier parts of this article, I had mentioned that the church that I perceive is the one that glorifies and lifts up Jesus Christ, holds fast sound doctrine and where everyone receives abundant and great grace.

The fourth important characteristic of the church that I perceive is a church where all believers become true disciples of Christ.

John 8:31, 32 – "Then said Jesus to those Jews who believed on him, If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

God desires each and everyone in the church to become a true disciple of Christ. It is not enough to remain as an ordinary believer. Jesus has called each one of us to become His disciple, to imitate Him and to follow his commandments.

Matthew 28:19, 20 – "Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

A disciple is a converted person. His life is transformed when he meets Jesus. He becomes a new person in Christ, when he surrenders his life to Christ. As it is said in 2 Cor 5:17 – "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

For this transformation to take place, two steps are required:

1. Believe in Jesus and accept Him as your Savior and Lord

2. Be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

Now, let's look at a few qualities of a disciple of Christ.

A disciple is one who:

● **Stands steadfast in God's Word**

A disciple should be steadfast in the word of God by diligently studying and obeying the Scriptures. He should abide in God's word all throughout his Christian life.

John 8:31 – "To the Jews who had believed in Him, Jesus said, if you continue in My word, you are My disciples indeed."

● **Listens to the voice of God** – A disciple is one who wakes up every morning and separates time to glorify and praise God. He tunes his ears to listen to God and he opens his mind to obey God's instructions. – Isaiah 50:4 – "He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed."

● **Bears fruit**

A disciple should bear much fruit. John 15:8 – "*This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*"

We see in the scriptures that there are two dimensions to bearing fruit:

● **Fruit of the Holy Spirit** – Gal 5:22,23 – "*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*"

● **Winning souls** – Col 1:6 – "*In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.*"

● **Loves the brethren** - Scripture says that our love for other believers is the evidence that we are true disciples of Christ. John 13:35 – "*By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one to another.*" God desires us to have love for each other. The unbelievers around us should know that we are the disciples of Christ by our love for one another.

While every disciple is a believer, not every believer is necessarily a disciple. A disciple is one whose life is transformed as he continually seeks to pattern his life after the example and teachings of Jesus. May God bless each and every one of us to be transformed into true disciples of Christ. —★

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you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free
JOHN 8:31-32



Divine Delays

Have you ever had a God inspired dream that didn't happen as quickly as you thought it should? In today's fast paced life, where no one has the time or patience to bear with any kind of delays, how willing are we to patiently wait for God to act in our lives?

Delays in our lives are not always easy to handle or to reconcile in our minds. Often, when God does not answer our prayers in the time that we feel He should, we respond in different ways. Some of us give up on our dreams, some of us question our faith and the goodness of God, while some others might decide to take matters into their own hands and try to accomplish things without God, often ending up in disaster and failure.

When God wants to take us somewhere, He may take us on the long path instead of a shortcut. This divine delay is designed by God for a specific reason. God often delays His work in us in order to accomplish something for His purpose that can be achieved only in the delay. That purpose could be to prepare us, to test us or to train us.

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Delay from God is not a denial from God. God will send answers to our prayers at the right time. Whatever He promised, He is faithful to perform. Psalm 37:7-8 inspires us to rest in the Lord - "Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him to act. Don't fret and worry. It only leads to harm." Resting in God is an act of faith to trust God's perfect timing. When that financial breakthrough is no where in sight, when that healing looks impossible, when His promises fail to come to pass, can we still trust God and wait upon Him expectantly?

Habbakuk 2:3 - "*These things won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!*" —★



The Mount of Megiddo

The Mount of Megiddo is located on the south side of the Plain of Esdraelon or Plain of Jezreel, running from Haifa to below Nazareth in northern Israel. The name Megiddo is derived from the original Hebrew word pronounced har-Megiddon, from which we get the English pronunciation Armageddon. Megiddo in Hebrew means something like rendezvous or place of troops.

Megiddo has had a very long history, mostly due to its strategic location on a pass through the Carmel mountain range. Destroyed and rebuilt many times during its turbulent history, it was occupied almost continuously until about 500 years BC. Archaeologists working in Megiddo have unearthed an incredible 25 layers of settlement built on top of each other that cover a period of 35 centuries.

Megiddo has been the site of epic and decisive battles down the ages. Those who held Megiddo controlled one of the best direct trade and military routes between Egypt and Mesopotamia (Iraq). By the time of King David, the city came fully under Israelite control. After the division and decline of the northern and southern Israelite kingdoms of Israel and Judah, Megiddo briefly fell under Egyptian and Assyrian control before eventually being destroyed and left a ruin, as it remains today.

Armageddon, however, is most well-known from its single mention in the book of Revelation in the Bible, as a place where a great end-time gathering of armies is prophesied to occur. Contrary to popular belief, it is significant to note that the Bible



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reference to Armageddon is that of a place where a great mass of troops will gather, not fight. The actual great battle is prophesied to happen near Jerusalem.

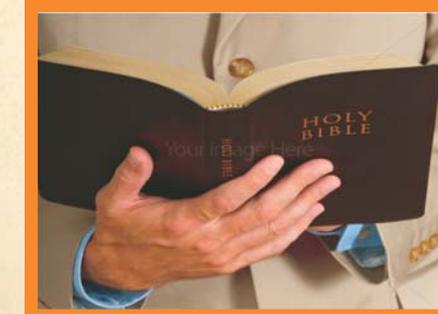
"*And they assembled them at the place which is called in Hebrew Armageddon*" - Revelation 16:16

The Bible clearly tells us that after this battle, Jesus Christ will establish a thousand year reign as absolute Sovereign over the entire earth.

"*... and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*" - Revelation 20:4 —★

Welcome to the MFGC family!

First Time visitor?



We believe that you came here neither by chance nor by yourself, but God has brought you here with a great purpose. We are glad to see you today and we thank you for joining us for worship. Please join us in the coming days, as we commit our lives in prayer, lift our hearts in worship, and extend our hands to serve in His name.

