



## In Touch -January 2012

(Karnataka Congregation, Kuwait)

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,  
for He who promised is faithful... Hebrews 10:23*

So often in our lives we stand on our own – instead of confidently standing on the promises of God! There is so much in His word that He has promised – and we can be assured that He makes good on His promises. As Paul says in II Cor. 1:20 *For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.*

All God's promises are true, they are promises that cannot fail; by the living Word of God we shall prevail! Not one of the good promises which the LORD had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass. Joshua 21:45. The greatest promise of all was realized when God sent Jesus to earth to become sin on our behalf, to redeem our fallen race and secure our home in heaven. God gives us a glimpse of this promise in Genesis 3:15 when He tells Satan the consequences of His deception: *And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.*



In many different passages in the Old Testament we see the promise of a Redeemer. Isaiah 9 foretells the birth and reign of our Prince of Peace and Isaiah 53 foretells His death for our transgressions. In Acts 13, Paul preaches a sermon demonstrating how God kept His promises to the Israelites in leading them to Canaan, and ultimately providing Jesus, the Savior. *From the descendants of this man [David], according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus (v. 23)... Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through*

*Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses. (V 38-39)*

Christ has set us free from sin, free from the law which could never make us perfect. Hallelujah! We can stand on that promise! And when we do, we cannot fall. As children of God, we are forever His. As Peter and John remind us, He has gone before us to prepare an eternal home for us – what a promise!

What promises are you standing on today? I hope you will choose to stand on God's promises – promises that cannot fail, that stand the test of time, that will hold you up and bring you into fellowship with God. *Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1*

By Pastor

**PATIENT HEN**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.  
- Hebrews 6:12 NW

## Practicing God's Presence

Matthew 1:23 "... and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

### From Pastor Desk!

As we entering in to another blessed and a wonderful year, we're so excited about all that Jesus has going to do and His will continue to do in your life! This has truly been a year He is going to crown us with His goodness, favor and grace for His glory and witness. Personally and our entire ministry team would like to thank you for being a part of this Church and seeking your presence and support in another amazing year of 2012. Without your relentless prayer and support, it would not have been possible for us to complete the vision of Jesus and sharing the message of salvation and reaching out to the people in midst of challenges and hurdles. We believe His word touching and impacting our lives to enjoy all the blessings as spend time on kneels.

God has promised you His constant presence (Hebrews 13:5), but are you conscious of His presence every day? When you are conscious of His presence every day, you will experience a peace that gives you rest, joy inexpressible in your spirit and a power that nothing in this world can offer. In fact, you will begin to be peaceful and powerful like Jesus. You will speak and behave like Him. This is because you cannot be in God's presence without His beauty, love, peace, power and glory rubbing off on you.

But how do you practice being conscious of God's presence? Start by seeing God with you in whatever you do and wherever you are. For example, at your board meeting, while deliberating on issues, see the Lord there in the boardroom with you, guiding you in your thinking. And you can be sure that His presence will bring clarity of thought and wisdom to you. You will find yourself flowing with great and sound ideas.

If you are going for an interview, see the Lord there in the interview room with you, putting answers in your mouth. Your nervousness will melt away as you see His favor on you bringing on smiles and approving nods from the interviewers. *Perhaps you are going for surgery.* Well, see the Lord in the operating theatre with you, guiding the hands of the surgeons. Your worries will dissipate because nothing can go wrong in the Lord's presence.

If you are in the middle of an argument, see the Lord standing within earshot. Your words will change and your body language will become more reconciliatory as you see Him right there with you extending His grace to you. There will be a restraint which is not borne of willpower, but which comes supernaturally when you know that the One who loves you and watches over you is with you.

Beloved, you are very precious to us and we're so grateful as a part of this church. We are honored and privileged to join with you in ministering and all that God has planned for us in 2012! When you become conscious of God's presence in your life, worries and fears will have no foothold in your mind. You will see Him maximizing your joy and fun, and prospering you in what you say and do! Have a blessed new year 2012 filled with His favor, grace and abundance to enjoy each and every area of your life.

In His Vineyard

Pastor Samuel Shalom



...but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

- Titus 3:5,6 NIV

*For as many as may be the promises of God, in Him they are yes; wherefore also by Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. 2 Corinthians 1:20*

Our belief on trusting the Promises of God is upon God Himself. **"For I am the LORD, I change not"** (Malachi 3:6). Also, consider the fact that we can only stand on the Promises. It is appropriate to say that we have stood on the Promises in the past and will stand upon them in the future, If we cannot have a present victory in our dependence on the Promises of God, the past and the future lose significance. If God is presently sustaining us, then we have confidence in God. Walking by faith, claiming the Promises, and believing God, all describe confidence in God. Our confidence is in God and His Promises, which has great reward. **"Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward"** (Hebrews 10:35). When we backslide from the LORD, we lose ground from where we were previously standing.

An excellent example of how God has kept His Promises to Rahab. She perished not with the inhabitants of Jericho because she believed the promise God had given her through Joshua's two spies. Rahab had a further condition to fulfill in addition to her silence about the two spies. There was something stirring in her heart. She has heard of their God. There was a stirring in her heart. She knew about the God of Joshua. She probably thought that this was the best opportunity for her to do something. Her status was the wrong position. Her heart was so open. When the opportunity came, it was not an opportunity for her to be blessed by God but for her to bless God. She was to bind a line of scarlet thread in the window of her room on the walls of Jericho, where she and her father, mother, brothers, and her father's household would be protected from Jericho's sure destruction. Because Rahab fulfilled the conditions for her promised preservation, she not only received her life in the bargain, but also was one of the direct ancestors of King David and the LORD Jesus Christ. Truly our God is **"able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the Power that worked in us"** (Ephesians 3:20). Thank God for the faith of Rahab!

**"Christ is the source for all our Promises; indeed, He is the promise:**



You know most of the time we want to be blessed by God. We lose the opportunity of being blessed by God by our choice. Confidence in God and His Promises is essential for those who wait for the soon coming of the LORD. An unconditional promise means that GOD WILL do what He promised no matter what! For example, think of a seed. When planted in the ground a seed can grow up into a wonderful plant and bring forth much fruit. Nevertheless, if that seed is kept on your kitchen table or on some other hard surface, it will never do anyone any good.

God's Word is like that seed. God's promises must be planted deep in our hearts and we must believe what God says. Confidence in the Promises of God is another way of saying confidence in God. God's wonderful promises do us no good unless we believe them! Our confidence in God binds us to Him by faith. Our Creator, who has become our Savior, is also our Sanctifier. Today we have to keep and relying confidence upon the promise of Jesus, that He is coming soon! Are we ready to meet the Lord?

**Just Laugh...runs very FAST...!**

A Japani came to India...! He took an auto go to the airport. On the way Honda over takes...Japani said...HONDA made in Japan...very fast; next a Toyota overtakes....again Japani said TOYOTA made in Japan...very fast. He reached to the air port and asked How much? Auto Driver said Rs.8000;

Japani asked why is so expensive? Driver said...**METER Made in India....runs very FAST...!**

## God's PROMISES in 2012

A promise from God is a statement we can depend on with absolute confidence. Here are 12 promises for the child of God to claim.

1. God's presence -- "I will never leave you" (Heb. 13:5)
2. God's protection -- "I am thy shield" (Gen. 15:1)
3. God's power -- "I will strengthen you" (Isa. 41:10)
4. God's provision -- "I will help you" (Isa. 41:10)
5. God's leading -- "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice." (John 10:4)
6. God's purposes -- "I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil" (Jer. 20:11)
7. God's rest -- "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28)
8. God's cleansing -- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9)
9. God's goodness -- "No good thing will He withhold from them that work uprightly" (Psalm 84:11)
10. God's faithfulness -- "The Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake" (1 Sam. 12:22)
11. God's guidance -- "The meek will He guide" (Psalm 25:9)
12. God's wise plan -- "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28)

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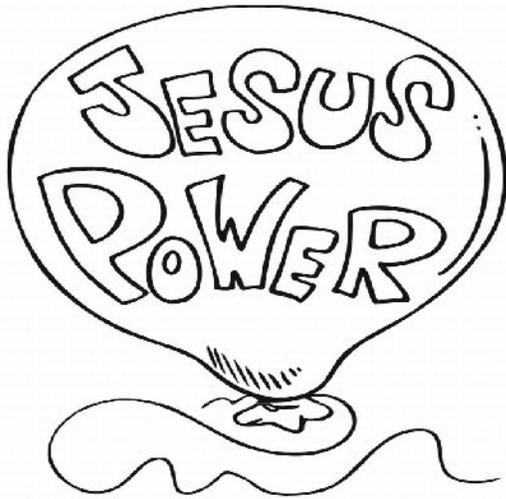
‘ನಾನೇ ಆದಿಯೂ ಅಂತ್ಯವೂ ಮೊದಲನೆಯವನೂ ಕಡೆಯವನೂ ಆಗಿದ್ದೇನೆ’ ಪ್ರಕಟನೆ 22:13

ಯೇಸು ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತನು ಆರಂಭದಿಂದ ಈ ವರ್ಷಾಂತ್ಯದವರೆಗೂ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ, ತನ್ನ ಕೃಪೆಯಿಂದ ನಡೆಸಿದ ಬೀತಿಯನ್ನು ನನಗೂ ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಹೃದಯದ ಅಂತರಾಳದಿಂದ ಆತನಿಗೆ ಕೃಷ್ಣತೆಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸೋಣ. ತನ್ನ ವಾದ್ಯಾನಂದಂಗೆ ಈ ವರ್ಷವೂ ತನ್ನ ರಕ್ತೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊದಿಸಿ ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ಷಣವೂ ನಮ್ಮೊಂದಿಗಿದ್ದು ಕಾಪಾಡಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಬ್ರೀಕ್ ಭಾಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲ್ಪಾ ಅಂದರೆ ‘ಆರಂಭ/ಮೊದಲು’ ಮತ್ತು ಒಮೇಗ ಅಂದರೆ ‘ಅಂತ್ಯ/ಕಡೆ’ ಎಂಬ ಅರ್ಥವನ್ನು ನೀಡುವಂಥದಾಗಿದೆ. ಆದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆತನು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿ ಕರ್ತನಾದಿ ಎಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಉಂಟುಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ಅಂತ್ಯದಲ್ಲೂ ನಿತ್ಯನಿರಂತರನಾದಿ ಇರುವಾತನಾದಿದ್ದು ದೇವರ ಬಲಶಾಶ್ವತದಲ್ಲೂ ಆಸಿನಾದಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಈ ಕಾರ್ಯದಳು ದೇವರ ಸರ್ವಸಂಪೂರ್ಣತೆಗೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷಿಯನ್ನು ನೀಡುವಂಥದಿದ್ದು ದೇವರ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಕರ ನೀಡುವಂಥದಾಗಿದೆ. ಫಿಲಿಪ್ಪಿ 1:6 ‘ಈ ಒಳ್ಳೇ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ನಿಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿದಾತನು ಅದನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಯೇಸು ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತನು ಬರುವ ದಿನದೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಸಿದ್ಧನೆ ತರುವನೆಂದು ನನಗೆ ಭರವಸೆವುಂಟು. ಯೇಸು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ತನ್ನ ಆತ್ಮದಿಂದ ತುಂಬಿಸಿ ಪ್ರತಿನಿತ್ಯವೂ ಉತ್ಸಾಹಭರಿತರಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಪ್ರತಿನಿತ್ಯ ತನ್ನ ಕೃಪೆ, ದಯೆ, ಪ್ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ ತನ್ನ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಿ ತನ್ನ ಇರುಬಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಸಿದ್ಧಿ ಪಡಿಸಿದಾನೆ.

ಯೆಶಾಯ 44:6 “ನಾನೇ ಆದಿ, ಅಂತ್ಯವೂ ನಾನೇ; ನಾನು ಹೊರತು ಯಾವ ದೇವರೂ ಇಲ್ಲ.” ದೇವರ ತ್ರಾಣವುಳ್ಳ ಹೆಣ್ಣು ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವಿತದಳನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟು ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲೂ ತನ್ನ ಕೃಪೆಯಿಂದ ತುಂಬಿಸಿ ನಡೆಸುವಂತೆ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸೋಣ. ಯೇಸುನ ನಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ನಿತ್ಯನಿರಂತರಕ್ಕೂ ಸ್ತುತಿಶ್ಲೋತ್ರದಳು ಸಲ್ಲಲ ಆಮೆನಾ!

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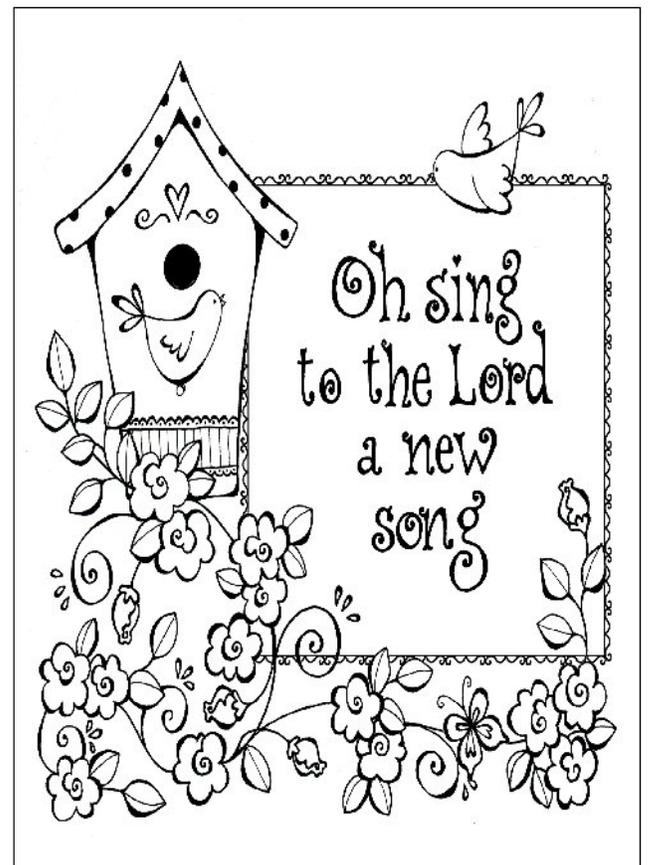
The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden in the puzzle below.

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 EHWHY IBOH  
 QPNS MVHE  
 PHHI OTNW  
 QIJW NWB Y

- Andrew
- Bartholomew
- James
- James Alpheus
- John
- Judas
- Matthew
- Matthias
- Philip
- Simon
- Simon Peter
- Thaddeus
- Thomas

*This includes the 12 original apostles and the one selected to take Judas' place.*



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**Just Laugh...** Bible Lesson

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.  
 A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby sitter."

# Happy Birthday!

Promise Word : "Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass." Ps 37:5



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# Anniversary

Promise Word : " May He grant you according to your heart's desire and fulfill all your purpose" Ps 20:4

1. Wesly & Sheela Soans 2nd Jan
2. Manohar & Roswin Warthik 3rd Jan
3. Sumanth & Sangeeth Doddmani 7th Jan
4. Manohar & Shirely Kotian 10th Jan

## New comer... uphold them in your prayers

- A. Bro. Allwin James & fly
- B. Bro. Ravi David Simeon
- C. Bro. David & Friends
- D. Sis. Merlin & Friends
- E. Sis. Sunitha

5. Cecil & Anita Jently 10th Jan
6. Lawrence & Joyce Botney 12th Jan
7. Mr & Mrs. Lukas 16th Jan
8. Samuel & Veena Amanna 26th Jan

## Left from Kuwait... uphold them in your prayers

- A. Bro. Alex Sumithra (Thane)
- B. Duke Richard (Madikeri)

## Good News!... Thank for Safe Delivery

Alwin & Sneha Anchan Blessed with  
'A BABY BOY' on 26th November 2011



27th Jan 2012 @ 6pm

Place: Hall of Hope

Get connected...



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8th January 2011

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Faheheel @ 10am

Annex Hall @ 4pm

Hall of Hope @ 6pm

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Bro. Maxwell - 97789558  
Bro. Cecil - 99961637