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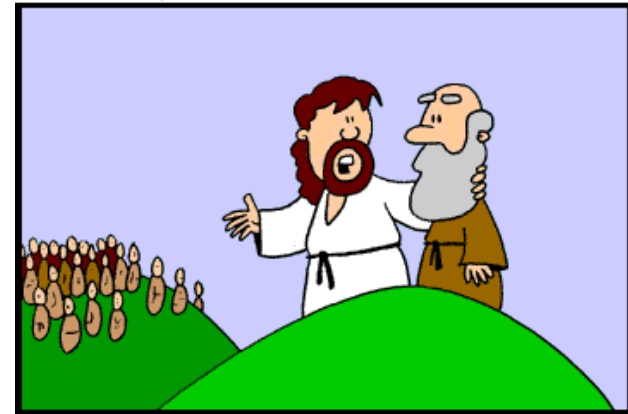


Thanks to Brian Kapp

04-21-1998

HMMMM ... KIND OF IRONIC THAT I HEARD YOU SINGING "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" EARLIER

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

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YOU ALL DID A GREAT JOB FEEDING THE 5000 ... BUT NOW I NEED YOU TO SEE IF YOU CAN FIND A LAD IN THE CROWD WHO HAS A BREATH MINT



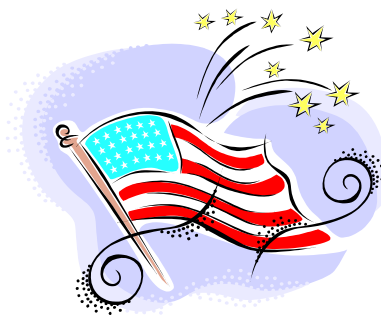
BIBLE QUIZ

Please send your answers to Jose Cherian,
E-mail: Jose_newjersey@hotmail.com.

At the end of the year, your earned points will be totaled and the top scorers will get prizes!!

1. An angel informed Paul that he would survive this ordeal, as he had to appear before Caesar:
a) Bandits b) Prison c) Flogging d) Shipwreck
2. Jesus stated that angels do not marry when discussing this topic:
a) Resurrection b) Adultery c) Faith d) Heaven
3. An angel sat under an oak in Ophrah and addressed this 'valiant warrior':
a) Samson b) Gideon c) David d) Jephtha
4. Cherubim with a flaming sword guarded the way to:
a) The Temple b) Heaven c) The tree of life d) Shiloh
5. An angel was strengthening Jesus in the garden, where his sweat became like:
a) Tears b) Drop of water c) Dew d) Drops of blood
6. An angel told this man to send messengers to Joppa:
a) Herod b) Pilate c) Cornelius d) Augustus
7. An angel struck this man, and he was eaten by worms and died:
a) Herod b) Nebuchadnezzar c) Merodach-baladan d) Ahab
8. An angel used to stir the pool at this place:
a) Jordan b) Siloam c) Bethesda d) Cherith
9. This man saw an angel ascend in the flame of an altar:
a) David b) Manoah c) Moses d) Hezekiah
10. An angel of God called to this woman, urging her not to abandon her dying son:
a) Hagar b) Jezebel c) Rachel d) Esther

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ACHEN'S MESSAGE!

Dearly Beloved in Christ,



As we enter in to another Summer, it is a time of celebration of life along with nature. The green less winter gives way to the greeny and bright Summer. Those who always put their trust in the Lord are 'like a tree planted by streams of water whose leaf does not wither' (Ps. 1:3). The Sun is the source of life for all the plants and trees. God gives His only Son for our abundant life so that we can have life in all seasons, better or bitter.

Area prayer meetings: Prayer meetings are special occasions of prayer and fellowship. By the grace of God many of you have beautiful and spacious houses. But we forget to conduct prayer meetings in our houses. We have divided the parish in to four areas for the effective and convenient conduct of the prayer meetings. I encourage you to have prayer meetings in your homes which can boost up our mutual relationship and Christian fellowship.

Pledge Forms: We've dealt with at least one dozen properties in the past two years which gave us ample time for discussions and evaluation of our real need and desire.

We have today \$250,000.00 in the project fund because of our collective effort. I'm very much sure that God will give us the right thing at the right time, in His Time. At present our earnest desire is to know our members' capacity in felicitating a two million dollar project. We can be assured of two things when you make a sincere pledge offer, first, it is an expression of your interest in buying a property and secondly we will get an idea about our financial ability in reaching at our goal. So I encourage you to co-operate in this attempt.

I appreciate our youths in well arranging the youth retreat. God Willing, I am planning to attend with family the family conference and clergy conference held in Chicago in the third week of July.

May God abundantly bless you and lead you.
Yours in His Love,
Thomas Paul Achen.

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30	Joby George	s/o George Edukala	(732) 389-8482
30	Layla Varkey	d/o Thomas Varkey	(908) 301-0084
31	Joseph Abraham		(732) 418-8840



*St. Stephen's Family wishes you
A Blessed New Year!*

*Wedding Anniversaries
in July!!*



1	Dr. Joemon & Bibina Varghese	(732) 422-7128
5	George & Lizzy Yohannan	(718) 317-2548
7	Anil & Bindu Mathew	(732) 258-8997
11	Philip & Shirley Thomas	(732) 382-0033
12	Dr. Samuel & Reena Thomas	(973) 538-1192
12	Sam & Annamma Jacob	(732) 980-9154
17	Promod & Elizabeth Mathew	(732) 605-0370
17	Raju & Annamma Mathew	(732) 605-0370
21	John & Pushpa Varughese	(973) 736-0604
23	Philip & Sahnila Varghese	(732) 873-0811
27	Johnson & Sheeba Mathew	(732) 432-6444
29	Thomas & Dr. Sheeba Mathew	(609) 799-5661
29	Thomas & Dr. Suneeta Varkey	(908) 301-0084
31	George & Celine Varghese	(570) 476-6055

*The St. Stephen's Family wishes you
a Happy Anniversary!*

Birthdays in July!!

1	Rachel Thomas	d/o Philip M. Thomas	(732) 382-0033
2	Annie Prasad	w/o Philip Prasad	(732) 967-9272
3	Earlin George		(732) 494-5088
4	Joshua Lee	s/o Lee Oommen	(609) 448-9330
7	Sarah Thomas	w/o Sunil S. Varghese	(609) 275-9334
7	Shawn Alexander	s/o Ani Alexander	(732) 271-8558
9	Lee Oommen		(609) 448-9330
9	Suja Oommen	w/o Lee Oommen	(609) 448-9330
10	Danny Alexander	s/o Ravi Alexander	(732) 738-0721
10	George Varughese		(201) 707-1001
10	Joshua P. Mathew	s/o Promod A.Mathew	(732) 605-0370
11	Amanda Thomas	d/o Saju Thomas	(609) 466-1474
11	Sini Varghese	w/o Santosh P. Varghese	(732) 873-0811
13	Anil Mathew		(732) 258-8997
17	Jibi Thomas	s/o C. Thomas	(908) 925-9476
18	Joshua Jacob	s/o Jacob K. Sam	(732) 980-9154
20	Regi Mathew		(732) 727-3872
21	David Mathews	s/o Dr. Cecil Mathews	(732) 548-2248
22	Ponnamma Thomas	w/o Jos Thomas	(732) 369-6179
22	Pawan Paul	s/o Rev. Thomas Paul	(732) 602-9444
23	Bindhu Abraham	w/o Byju Abraham	(908) 647-5362
24	Sunny John		(732) 752-9250
25	Annamma Thomas	m/o Dr. Samuel Thomas	(973) 538-1192
26	Iype Thomas		(570) 620-0226
27	Pradeep Mathew	s/o R. K. Mathew	(732) 605-0370
28	David Oommen	s/o Samuel Oommen	(973) 320-0412



ANNOUNCEMENTS!

We will observe the **Graduate Appreciation Day on Sunday July 16**, immediately after the Holy Qurbana. Those who have graduated during this academic year, please give your name to the Achen or the Secretary on or before July 2.

Our **Parish Annual Picnic** will be held on Saturday August 12 at Turkey Swamp Park, Freehold. Guest are most welcome.

Junior-Senior Conference will be held on July-7-9 at St. John's University, Queens Village, New York. Please contact Pappen Varghese for detail information.

Our **Diocesan Family Conference** will be held on July-20-23 at Chicago Mar Thoma Church, Chicago.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jr/Sr Conference - July 6th through 9th

VBS - July 13th through 16th - Watch for separate detailed announcements!!!

Nursing Home Visit - Saturday afternoon July 22nd

Lancaster trip "RUTH" - July 29th (tentative)

Please visit the following link for all Sunday school details:

<http://www.ststephensmtc.com/suns/>

YOUTH LEAGUE

Special thanks to all the players, coaches and supporters in making this years basketball tournament a success.

If you would like to join the youth email group, send an email to addmeyouth@ststephensmtc.com

True Freedom

In 1776, the 13 British colonies in North America protested the limitations placed on them by the king of England and engaged in a struggle that gave birth to a brand-new republic. The infant nation soon adopted that now-famous document known as the Declaration of Independence.

Almost 2,000 years ago, the Lord Jesus cried out on the cross, "It is finished," proclaiming the believer's "declaration of independence." All of humanity was under the tyranny of sin and death. But Christ, the sinless One, took our place on Calvary and died for our sins. Having satisfied God's righteous demands, He now sets free for eternity all who trust in Him.

Paul wrote, "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us" (Galatians 3:13). Romans 8 assures us, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (vv.1-2). Galatians 5:1 urges all who have been redeemed to "stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free."

Now are we free—there's no condemnation!
 Jesus provides a perfect salvation;
 "Come unto Me," O hear His sweet call!
 Come—and He saves us once for all. —Bliss

I thank God for the freedom I enjoy as a US citizen. But above all, believers everywhere can praise Him for the freedom that is found in Christ! —Richard De Haan

Our greatest freedom is freedom from sin.
 From Our Daily Bread July 4, 2003

DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	1st Lesson	2nd Lesson	Epistle	Gospel	Sunday School
2 July	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (English)	II Kings 12:1-16	Acts 5:1-11	Phil. 4:10-20	Luke 19:11-27	No Sunday School
9 July	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	I Samuel 3:10-21	Heb 7:11-28	II Cori. 3:1-11	John 20:19-23	No Sunday School
16 July	10.45 A.M	Rev. Mathew Skariah (English)	Daniel 1:6-21	II Cori. 6:1-10	Eph. 4:11-16	John 8:31-36	No Sunday School
23 July	10.45 A.M	Public Worship (Malayalam)	Genesis 7:1-24	I Peter 3:13-22	Romans 6:1-11	John 15:1-8	No Sunday School
30 July	10.45 A.M	Rev. Thomas Paul (Malayalam)	II Kings 5:1-19	Acts 10:34-48	I Peter 2:1-10	John 3:1-8	No Sunday School