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### Upcoming Events

Special Meeting Dec 25th at Metro (6 PM)

Week of Fasting Dec 26 - 31 at Metro

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### Weekly Schedule

Fri, Nov 20th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM )

Fri, Nov 20th (Metro) Revival Meeting @ Metro (7 PM )

Sat, Nov 21st (Metro) Tarrying Meeting @ Metro (10 AM)  
Revival Meeting @ Metro (7 PM )

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### Condolences

Shri Iype Oommen, father of Sis Beena (w/o Biju Mathew, Lewisville), was promoted to glory in India on Tues, Nov 10th. Please keep the bereaving family in your prayers.

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### Congratulations!!

On Sat Nov 14th, Jeff and Stacy were joined together in holy matrimony.

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### Prayer for the Nations: Seychelles (Africa) \*

- The 115 islands of the Seychelles lie east of Africa in the Indian Ocean. Once a colony belonging first to France and then to Britain, the Seychelles has been independent since 1976. A communist style dictator ruled for 16 years until democratic elections, with more than one party, were held for the first time in 1993.
- The Seychelles have an important tourist industry, which employs 30% of the workforce.
- Most of the people in the Seychelles would call themselves Christians, but they don't really have a personal relationship with Jesus. Many also believe in African superstitions and black magic.
- A Christian radio ministry, FEBA, has been broadcasting for 30 years from the Seychelles. Because of the islands position in the Indian Ocean they can reach across Asia and Africa – broadcasting in more than 50 languages and often in countries that aren't open to missionaries.
- Pray for cash for FEBA so that all this can continue to reach more and more people. Pray also for Hindus and Muslims who hear the station and want to find out more about Jesus.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=94](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=94)

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"...My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him: and in My name shall his horn be exalted. ...Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation." (Ps 89:24,26)

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# Welcome

## Who is a true Christian?

"...and in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians" (Acts 11: 26)

Welcome to the house of the Lord for a time of worship and fellowship. It is our prayer that the Almighty Lord will bless and guide you today as we sincerely seek Him.

In its simplest description a Christian is a follower of Christ. He/she is a person who wants to be Christ like and follows Christ as the ruler and Lord of their life. He/she has Christ in him/her. Therefore a Christian is not just anybody who has a biblical name, but one who has had the Christ-birth experience in him/her. The Bible teaches us who a real Christian is.

First, a true Christian is someone who is born into the family of God. Just as we are born into our human family, so we have to be born into God's family. The Gospel of John puts it this way: "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God (John 1: 12, 13) In other words, we are all created by God as his creatures, but we only become members of God's family when we open our hearts to Christ, believe in him, and receive him into our hearts. God is the father of all human beings in a sense but He truly becomes our heavenly Father when we are born into his Son's family. He now enters with us in a whole new relationship.

Second, a true Christian is someone who is walking in the way of life. Jesus said there are two roads: the broad road leads to destruction, and the narrow road leads to eternal life (Deut 30: 19; Jeremiah 21: 8; Matthew 7: 13, 14) The narrow road leads to a clear conscience and liberation from habits that destroy us. We do not have to walk under clouds of guilt—real or imagined. When you have found Jesus Christ and have been forgiven for your sins, you have absolute peace with God (Rom 5: 1, 2) You know that your sins were dealt with on the cross and taken away. You are free to live a new life of moral cleanliness—this does not mean perfection, but it does mean walking in the light and desiring to be pure.

Third, the true Christian has eternal life. Such a promise comes into its fullness when we die, but we can enjoy it now, here on earth. Eternal life lives in our hearts, convincing us that we need never feel alone or empty. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the fullness (John 10:10) You can have the assurance of eternal life because Christ lives in your heart. John Calvin called this the inner witness of the Holy Spirit. It is true that we will experience this when we die or Christ returns in His glory, but those who are in Christ have a foretaste of heaven here on earth in spite of their present circumstances. That is living life to its maximum and enjoying the abundance of life.

In Christ Alone

Rev Satish Kumar

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# Sermon Notes