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From the principal desk

Rev. Dr. Changha Chippo, Principal

The life to become

With my heartfelt thanks I praise God for His marvelous work that He has bestowed upon me to shepherd the family of God's people and the institution as Arunachal Theological College, Moinhappa Itanagar. I am amazed to comprehend the diagram that God set and the work that He does, it is beyond human capacity of understanding, it is obvious that the people simply is the mere instrument of God. The success always is with the Lord, whether one is on the crest or the base. None is yet perfect but to be perfected with the life well being with the true nature of God. The life to become is depending upon the selection of the personal and of course God. The Theological education can be considered as one of the best education criterion that the person is willing to become exceptional, or it can be worse criterion that the person is unwilling to become the life change. The life can be change only by the touch of the Holy Spirit, humbling down one's life into the feet of Jesus and surrendered the carnal life that is active. The degree and the knowledge that was earned by us may sometime not useful when a person lives irrelevant life; he is neither fit to be in the church nor to be with anywhere, such life is most tragedy.

In view of that, ATC obviously looking someone who is matured in Christian faith, willing to sacrifice his /her life for the ministry of God, who is also open heart to face any situation. One who dedicated his /her life for the ministry of Jesus Christ, heart without grudging, tittle-tattle, antagonism and animosity toward others but only spiritually well founded. One who is to be morally well built, academically well informed, physically sounds in health, and biblically advances in learning. Arunachal Theological College also despise the one who refuse to abide with the law of the college, one who determined to apply their personal view, and the one who live by their own standard.

The church leaders and the faithful believers are to dissect before recommending the candidate for theological education, knowing the future perspective. Sending candidate for the theological education should not be 'meant' for avoiding problems that you faced in the family. It rather should 'meant' for sacrifice the best for our Lord Jesus Christ as well as for the better future. Someone already assumed that the theological institution as a centre for rehabilitation for the weak, but it truly is not, rather it is a place of equipping, training, and building the strong stronger, much to more, and the best to better. It is not a place for weak and poor but a place of making people to make someone for Jesus Christ.

Therefore, A.T.C stands for three pillars: Academic excellence, Ministry zeal, and character formation. Keeping these points as our concrete pillars, the institution put forward every member of the community into force to attain the goal. This is what our lives are going to become, ATC, as a family invites and welcome those who are willing to become and part with the above mentioned three pillars.



The Way of Reconciliation: Focus on Pastoral Counseling Perspective

“First go and be reconciled to your brother; then comes and offer your gift”. Matt. 5:24b

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From the Christians ministerial perspective it would mean first, restoration of the broken relationships between the Creator and the creation, especially human to human. For reconciliation to happen hostility and disagreement between the parties should end and a new stage of healthy relationship should start. Its start for reconciliation of the creation through Christ includes both the human and non-human creation. Therefore, humans need reconciling themselves with their root, the non-human part of the creation. This will happen when all will be summed up in Christ, thus completing God’s mission of reconciliation of the world through Christ. Humans are engaged by God in this mission of reconciliation. Reconciliation of broken relationship is necessary not only for restoration of peaceful human co-existence but also because reconciliation among human beings is the prerequisite of seeing God (Matt.5:23-24).

Missionary Paul has pointed out the death and resurrection of Christ was God’s act of reconciling the world Himself and that humans have been entrusted to continue that work of reconciliation in their world (2 Cor.5:18-20). Thus, the broken relationship between God and human beings is put together by the death of Christ (Col. 1 : 20-21), and then the estrangement (division) between the Jew and Gentile is brought together by breaking the barriers, reconciling the two into one body of believers. Mission is born from that Christ event because Paul has spelled out that the church is entrusted with that message of reconciliation. The purpose of the Church, according to Hiltner and William, is to increase among humans’ love of God and love of neighbours. Thus, the pastoral care have major in one of the four traditional pastoral functions: (1) Healing (2) Sustaining (3) Guiding and Reconciling, in each situation of the Church. In so all four functions were engaged in all situations one become more dominant in a given situation. Thus, during the persecution reconciling task becomes dominant. The early Church faced severe persecutions in the second century when the Roman power forced the Church to worship its Emperor cult. Many believers gave their lives instead of compromising their faith in Christ. Therefore, the Church had to develop corresponding levels of reconciling the backsliders to the fold. Thus, the pastoral function at that period was centred in reconciling the backsliders with their deity and with their fellow beings.

The above models of reconciliation from the scriptures are cited to remind ourselves of the cost of reconciliation for which the origin of reconciliation is God. In the cost of God’s reconciliation of the world unto himself is the death of his son any human attempt to reconcile themselves to God and neighbours should be an intentional, committed, and sacrificing act. And it should not be simply verbal expression or celebration in festivities but it should include penitence, confession, and discipline, including retribution (justice) where appropriate. As Our God is at work in the world even today continuing the work he began from the Christ event.

The ministers of reconciliations should watch their own stand always as they are the instruments of God’s peace, seeking to be understood, as St. Francis of Assisi taught us. Pastoral care givers who work on reconciliation need to be patient in listening to others’ story, respecting confidential information, respecting those humans in the image of God, allowing people to express their woe, and above all acknowledging the ever present Christ in all human relationships. The minister is the selected, keeping series of criteria in mind because they are the agents of reconciling people with God and people with people.

The involvement of the Church in the reconciliation process makes it pastoral. Pastoral healing is understood as a healing that brings a new understanding of the situation and thus advancing the state of wellbeing beyond the original state. The state of reconciliation is understood as not simply restoring the status but advancing beyond it by opening new horizons and new healthy relationships for His Kingdom alone. Amen.

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Articles from students

Beatitudes of the Christianity

Beatitudes is call a very pretty or attraction given pleasure to the sense or state of being beautiful. Without beatitudes a Christian is meaningless, because beatitude comes from the love of Christ. We as a Christian need to have the following beatitudes.

1. *Love: A strong feeling that we must like to know more about the love of Christ.*
2. *Joy: We must always have a feeling of great happiness in the presence of God.*
3. *Peace: We must always try to make our situation or period live without violence.*
4. *Kindness: We as a Christian need to care about other's need too.*
5. *Goodness: A Christian should always have a good morally right or well behave.*
6. *Faithfulness: Christian should always have a very close relationship with God.*
7. *Gentleness: As a Christian we must always have kind and calm, treating others in a careful way so that others may not hurt.*
8. *Self-control: We as a Christian should have an ability of self control, our emotion and appear calm even when we are angry, afraid and excited.*
9. *Hospitable: Open the door of your house for other people in friendly manners.*
10. *Generosity: The quality of being generous, when you give, give happily than usual or expectation.*

*Miss, Lika Yalam
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Beatitudes of Arunachal Theological College

*I situated behind the Nykhtr hill of Baat village, I stand with firm foundation of strong root,
I stand to produce good news for people. I love those who obey the word of God, Oh! People of every nation
I am waiting for your coming. My drop of tear is become like an ocean! You can swim in it day and night!
My bosom is as sweet as honey bee! I will clutched you, like a child on my bosom,
You will feel never bore in my bosom! You can't know how days and years had gone.
My smiling face will always admire you, Who can understand my love of fathom?
That I produce every years a numbers of students. Oh! Time is going on do not be late,
Come everyone, come Jesus is calling you all. I am gentle and humble in teaching,
Neither I collapse nor will cessation. Even though days pass by, I will be the same.*

*Bro, Jilly Natung.
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Be prepare

Once upon a time, there was a man, who fears the lord, and believed only in Him. But he want to be became a rich man; therefore he prayed and fasted to become rich. God answer his prayer after he prayed for long time. One day that person was walking on the road and in that road there was a Gold pot, he is thinking that, 'will it be possible to go to this road for a blind man', he close his eyes and go like a blind man. Unfortunately he cross the gold pot because he close his eyes when he reach the place, he lost the blessings which God has given him. That's why all the time we need to be ready, because God can answer our prayer any time. Just like this we do not know at what time Jesus will come again, as a Christian we need to get ready all the time to meet our Lord and savoir Jesus Christ.

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Salvation

Salvation Is By Having The Right Opinion About Christ? The tragedy within Christianity today has become an excessive reliance upon right salvation doctrine rather than what Jesus stressed: repentance-from-sin and obedience to Him (and the Law given Moses by the Father). The church today stresses the doctrine of salvation as what saves. If there is the slightest variance from right doctrine at the onset and in how it is conveyed thereafter, then you supposedly are damned to hell. For example, R.B. Thieme, a fundamentalist pastor and author of over one-hundred books, dogmatically expunges anything Jesus taught about salvation. Thieme, in fact, stresses the new convert to not take the steps Jesus demanded for salvation. Such as cutting body parts off that cause sin or otherwise go to hell. See Mark 9:42-49. Thieme writes: If all you've ever done is to add Lordship [i.e., turning in obedience to Christ] to faith, you probably are not saved, and you ought to make sure, and that is simply tell God the Father, and don't make it long. Take about ten seconds at the most. Father, I believe in Jesus Christ. And the moment you tell Him that, you are saved. But if you add something you have cancelled it out.

Likewise, the famous Ryrie Study Bible says that repentance from sin is "a false addition to faith" when added as a condition of salvation. Thieme and Ryrie are telling you that if you say anything more than "I believe in Jesus," like "I submit to Jesus as Lord" (known as Lordship-salvation) or God-forbid you thought you needed to repent from sin to be saved, you are still supposedly lost. According to Thieme, you are lost for taking these allegedly false steps in addition to affirming your 'faith in Jesus' if you did so for salvation-sake. Thieme and Ryrie are examples of Marcionism modernized - an heretical doctrine as long as you use Jesus as your litmus test of what is heretical or not. However, Thieme and Ryrie are categorically wrong. Their mistake is precisely the kind of error to expect when you make 'faith' alone' all there is to the salvation message. As Kierkegaard said in 1855, the mainline churches today teach that "eternal blessedness can be bought for a song [i.e., for cheap]....a brilliant transaction." In comparison to what Jesus taught, one can readily see these ministers' "price is cheap, a regular selling-out price."

*Tok Doye
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Our Christ is never end

In Christ there is neither east nor west. In him neither south nor north. But one great fellowship of love. Throughout the whole wide earth. In him shall true hearths everywhere. Their high communion finds. His service is the golden cord. Close binding all mankind.

*Ajoy taggu
Dip.th II*

Christian Faith (Heb. 11:1)

Faith is like a house; it must be built on a strong foundation and the foundation is the Word of God. You cannot build a great faith without it. The best part about this truth is that the Word of God will never fail. Its success rating stands at 100 percent.

We believe in God, the Eternal Father, and in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.

We believe that men will be punished for Adam's transgression and for their own sins.

We believe that through the Atonement of Christ, all mankind will be saved.

We believe only Bible is the revealed word of God.

We believe that he will come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory to take us to our eternal home. As a Christian we should have faith in God.

Name Kino Ronesh. B.th II

Photo gallery



Choosing the Discipleship of Jesus

Today, as many of us confused with the word 'Discipleship of Christ' or 'Christian Ministry'. The word 'disciple' means one who followed Jesus Christ and His teachings when He was living on earth. By reading Matthew 4: 18-22 it is understood that to become a discipleship of Christ means a 'confirmation and final choice', not simply hearing what He says and followed. Once Jesus encountered Peter and Andrew being with John the Baptist as a disciples in the place called Bethabara in the Jordan region, this was before Jesus started His ministry (John 1: 35-42). But later on, Jesus once again saw them casting net into the sea to catch fish from the water; he said to Himself that something must be wrong with the discipleship with John the Baptist. He immediately, called them saying, 'come follow me' I will make you fishers of men. Abruptly, Peter and Andrew left John to follow Jesus for a time before returning to fishing in Capernaum without realizing the core calling of Jesus, but Jesus' calling to them in this time was for long-term discipleship and sacrifice. Immediately, after the called of Peter and Andrew, Jesus saw another two of them 'James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, mending their father's nets in the boat and He called them. All these four people whom He called were the fisher men, who make money and survived their families.

With this, we understood that the true disciple of Christ is one whom He calls for His purpose, His tasks, and for His alone. To become a discipleship of Christ or the minister of God is not for somebody else, but it is for God because He calls us for His purpose. For this reason, the disciple and the minister of God is to lean only on God, even in the time of difficulties and of joy because they are serving God their master Jesus Christ who called them to be in His vineyard. It is a personal matter with God; nothing is to blame the atmosphere and the situation but only to God. Here let our commitment talk, let Him who called us decide, no matter whether ministry is soft or hard it is He who gave us the task to accomplish in our time. Jesus said in John 8: 31, "if you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples". And in John 13: 34- 35 Jesus said again, "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another, by this all will know that you are my disciples".

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REVENGE V/S FORGIVENESS

Revenge is an endless war between two opponents. Chinese proverb: "before you take revenge first you dig two graves".

Forgiveness ceases the war. It is just like putting water in the red charcoal,

Revenge destroy

Forgiveness rebuilds

Revenge is out of pride trying to show or maintain his Heroic character. Pride comes before destruction, the only reason Lucifer was kick out from the presence of god was of his pride.

Forgiveness is out of humility, it is the very character of our savior Jesus Christ who humbles himself to take up the form of human and humble himself even to the point of death.

Revenge: The most coward (chicken hearted man) man is the one who seek revenge.

Forgiveness: Bravest man is the one who can forgive his enemy. He is the real Hero.

Revenge brings enmity

Forgiveness brings reconciliation and friendship.

Revenge is the mark of nominal Christian, who does not have the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Forgiveness: Spirit fill person's heart seeks after forgiveness because his heart is over flow with peace.

Revenge: Is there any peace or satisfaction in revenge? No, rather fear, guilty filing, restless and uproar.

Forgiveness: In forgiveness there is peace and relaxation.

Revenge is not winning; he is the greatest loser because he cannot win himself.

Forgiveness is not surrender, but it is victory, because you kill not your enemies but the enmity. You do not kill the evil but you alter him into good.

The greatest thing for Christian to do is to forgive one another and live in unity as the body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12:12- 31)

Stop revenge and start to forgive one another. That's what God demands from each and every believer.

Remember if we don't forgive our enemies God also will not forgive us (Matthew 6:14, Luke 6:37)

When we were sinner God forgave our sin and gave us eternal salvation.

Don't you know? Jesus forgave even to those who crucified Him "Father forgives them for they do not know what they are doing" LUKE 23 :34.

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"...but as for me and my family we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24:15

CRYING FOR THE TRUE BASIC GOSPEL

In fact the basic Gospel is appropriate to preach only among the non Christian, but today, Christians are cry for this message. Nominal Christian members are majority in every church. The reason is

Evangelists or missionaries and all the Christian are not converting the soul but just converting the religion. Not preaching them to accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior which is the only way of salvation Rather, forcing them to baptize, threaten them to become Christian by saying that something terrible will happen if you don't convert into Christian. They may become Christian out of fear but they are still not believer because they

are not yet save. This basic gospel must preach adequately in every church.

I have been serving God in the Bible College for four years as an academic dean. All my concern was their salvation experience. When I started to enquire, ninety nine percent were not really saved; they did not have any idea about the saving knowledge of Christ. They were coming to Bible College with different reasons. Suddenly it came to my mine that even those who were coming to study Gods word were not saved, what about all the ordinary church members? These are the reason there are so many backslid Christian leaders, when they failed to meet their expectation. There are also lots of look warm churches. People are seeking salvation in deferent way whereas Bible teaches only one way.

1. salvation is not by baptism
2. not by fasting and prayer
3. not by attending the church regularly
4. not by bearing Christian name

It is not by work, but it is only by grace through faith in Jesus (Eph. 2:8, 9)

Preach the true basic gospel which can only save their soul from eternal condemnation.

Amos Kamei

SHEEP UNDER THE BLIND SHEPHERD

The most shocking thing in today's churches is there are lots of blind pastors who cannot even read and understand the scripture! I cannot imagine what kind of message they are giving, in which way the church is growing. How pitiful for those believers who are under the blind shepherd (pastor), following the one who will lead them into the pit along with him. They are soul murderer, leading the souls to eternal dead.

If the pastor is blind:

Who will feed the sheep? To grow and to keep healthy is depends on how we feed. If the pastor cannot read or understand the scripture how can he provide the spiritual food? Faith come only through reading the scripture and hearing the message (Roman 10:17) rather pastor can feed deadly poison (wrong Gospel) to his believers by misinterpreting the scripture and he himself is under great curse "But even if we or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel..... Let him be accursed" Gal.1:8.

Who will protect them? Believer are safe and secure always as long as the pastor is teaching the right doctrine, even believers are strong enough to protect themselves with the true knowledge of the scripture. If the pastor is not master in the scripture, how will he differentiate the false and right teaching. False teachers are always attacking a believers like a wolves from every corner (Acts 20:29), how blind pastor can protect his believers, whereas he himself is in attack.

Who will lead and guide them? Bible is the only guide book for every pastor to lead his members. (2 Tim. 3:16). If the pastor is blind, there is no one to instruct, guide and lead them. That is why they are moving from one denomination to another, like a dry leaf crying by the wind to any direction.

Every soul is equally precious whether from a town or from a village, every church needs quality pastor. Every believers need to grow into spiritual maturity; we should never neglect the churches which are located in the village.

*By Amos Kamei
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The Necessity of Theological Studies

1 Timothy 6:3-5 "If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words; even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accord with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicious, useless wrangling of men of corrupt minds and destitute gain. From such withdraw yourself".

Many Christians including some well known pastors and church elders today says that "doesn't get lost in theology but just a close personal relationship with Christ and love Him". But when we see their personal life and spiritual formation, they are lacking spiritual maturity, fruits of the spirit and sound doctrine. So it is very important to learn theology. The theology comes from Greek and literally means "knowledge about God or study about God"; while doctrine means the system of particular beliefs. Theology contains the character and attributes of God, whereas doctrine contains the various teachings, instructions, principles and creeds of the church that are accepted and essential for faith and practice of Christian growth (Rom 10:17, 1 Pet 3:15, John 6:45).

If a Christians who proclaim that theology is not important or needed but all we need to do is love Jesus, have ever read through even one book of the Bible and take heed to God's word, they will know that

this not so! Of course, theology has built in controversy and argumentation and it will always be there because people naturally do not want to know or follow God and His ways; instead, they will create their own doctrine that are unbiblical. But, we should never forget that good doctrine is made by our most Holy God, so that we may know Him, grow in Him, and be His examples to the world. Even Jesus, the disciples, the church fathers, the reformers, the great thinkers and the doers of Christian faith thought that theology was relevant and central to one's faith and church operation.

Therefore, theology and doctrines are very important! Indeed it is true that we all have to love Jesus but in order to love him we should know who is Jesus and what He has done. And the moment we ask who Jesus is and what He has done, we have ventured into the realms of theology and if we want to know who Jesus is and what he has done then we are in the midst of doctrine. We start with knowing and accepting Christ as Lord and savior. By doing so, we accept God's word and through his words we define what His truth means according to the scripture. This is what theology is all about. Therefore, if we say theology is not important or irrelevant or dangerous then God is not important for us because theology is studying and understanding God's person, His attribute, His work, His love so on. To deny theology is denying God too! To deny doctrine means we deny to know and to grow in the Lord and savior.

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