

Chapter 3

Propagation of Christian Religion and Conversion

Jesus said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe. In my name they will drive out demons. They will speak in new tongues. They will pick up snakes with their hands. When they drink deadly poison it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well. (Mark 16:15-18)

The above quotation is the holy words of Christ by which Christ delegates his disciples to go around the world and propagate Christianity.

The above divine advice of Christ has two parts.

1. The blessings given to disciples for propagating Christianity and baptizing people who come to believe in Christ.
2. The second one is the holy signs available to those who are baptized and come into belief in Christ.

It can not be seen anywhere in the Bible that the believers who were baptized by the disciples have the blessings and authority to baptize people belonging to other religions. The essence of our inference is that propagation of Christianity was confined only to the disciples of Christ. The believers in God who were fortunate enough to hear them and see the miracles done by the disciples became Christians. If they denied the words of disciples, for that reason itself, their souls would have fallen in hell.

You may argue that all Christians are disciples of Christ and, among them, there are persons who can perform miracles. St. Thomas, one of the 12 disciples of Christ had come in India, and easily converted some Brahmin families (Hindu Clergymen of the society during that time), who belonged to the upper class of the society then. It is noticeable that St. Thomas didn't convert even a single person belonging to the tribal community. The news regarding the conversion of tribal people to Christian community in all over India by Christian missionaries, indicating that they are a failure in this field. Why these missionaries can not convert the upper class Brahmins into Christians? I think Christ desires nobody's conversion is the reason behind that.

It is seen in St. Matthew 23:15, “You travel over land and sea to win a single convert and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are”. The same words of Christ, said to the Jews, who were trying to convert the people belonging to other religions into Jews, and the temptations of Christ, are applicable and relevant to the Christians who have been trying for conversion from different religions into Christianity now a days without any doubt. The reason for the above statement will be discussed in the coming chapters of this book.

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While fabricating the basement for Christian religion in this world, through his disciples, Christ protected other religions from having destroyed or demolished. This is because all the religions going ahead towards heaven under the leadership of righteous priests delegated by Christ himself.

On the arrival of St. Thomas in Kerala, India, so many Brahmins were converted into Christians. Thus Hindu religion welcomed Christianity with a hearty mind. But Hindu religion has been growing miraculously by the grace of God. After the arrival of Christian religion in India, God allowed to arise so many radiant and eminent personalities from Hindu religion, who had received world wide attention.

Sri Ramakrishna Parama Hamsar, Swami Vivekanandan, Sri Shiva Prabhakara Sidha Yogikal and still alive Matha Amruthanandha Mayi Devi are instances of this kind.

Christ implemented evangelization mainly through two categories. The goal of evangelization by one category is different from the other. The first category is the disciples of Christ. "Formation of Christian religion" was the aim of this category. Thus Christian religion was formed. But, the aim of the second category, ie, evangelization through the believers, is not conversion of religion. But the aim of evangelization through the believers of Christianity is nothing but the true witnessing, so that the believers in the neighbouring religion can know, how to love and serve Jesus Christ through their life style, and also keeping the Believer's religions unchanged.

Mother Teresa was the greatest missionary of 20th century. She never converted anybody. Thus everybody comes to know about Christ and also holding their own religion along with their customs and manners.

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." (John 17:3)

The above statement is memorable here. The missionary activities based on conversion is purely selfish as done by the Pentecostal community. It is just like harassing other religions. Fr. Damien and mother Teresa, without having any process of conversion, were good labours of the mankind, the field of Jesus Christ. Christ's words clearly reveals the fact that workers like them are very few in number.



Fr. Damien

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few” (Mathew 9:37)

“All authority in heaven and on the earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Mathew 28:18-20)

We can understand the fact from the coming chapters of this book that there is no Christian community existing now as Christ desired, as everybody abandoned so many advices and commands being given by Christ to Christians.

It is because as they have to sit in twelve Thrones and judge the twelve tribes of Israel, Christ has given his twelve disciples the right and authority to baptize and lead people to Christianity and also the authority of deliverance from sin.

As they are fortunate enough to receive baptism from the disciples of Christ, who had the authority of pardon of sins, the ancient Christians were stamped with symbols said by the Christ. That era of the disciples had gone. That is why no such symbols seen on Christians now a days though they are deserving the heaven.

They are even subjected to death if taken poison by mistake like any other believer of any other religion.

No duty of baptism and conversion is put on the shoulders of Christians now. But they have the responsibility to present Jesus Christ before the world in a non-selfish way like mother Teresa and Fr. Damien.

It is evident that if the signs said by Christ are seen on a recently baptized and converted person, Christ also approves conversion. But the aforesaid symbols are not at all seen on such persons is a naked truth. They die on snake-bite.

They die if they taken poison non-voluntarily or voluntarily. That is why, we cannot accept religious conversion now a days. That is, Christ is against conversion today.

Paul, known as “Saul” was a converted Christian from Jew religion. From Acts 28, we can make out that he had got snake-bite in an island called “Melita” by a viper.

But it didn't cause any danger or discomfort to him. It is because of that he was an ancient Christian, converted in the early state of Christian religion. Since he was a newly converted Christian, he had been stamped with all the said signs.

The words dropped from the holy mouth of Christ are lively. Because, from the next chapter, we can understand that Christ had been with God from the very beginning and the Life Word “Amen” or “Aum”. He won't say polished words. Those he said are always true and happens in time. This was why, Christ had given the believers, special signs, who came through his disciples while conversion was a necessity. As those symbols disappears now, there is no need for conversion.

John 6:54 describes the rituals that should be performed by the Christians for the presence of Christ in them.

Upanishad Ithereyopa says” Prajapathi is there in all of us”. We have discussed that “Prajapathi” is “Christ” himself. As Christ is there among the believers of all religions, the conversion has no relevance now.

Note:

“Matha Amruthanantha Mayi”

We got an idea about Sri Prabhakara Sidha Yogi from the last chapter. Various great personalities used to visit him in his monastery at Omalloor. During the period of 1970-75, Mr. Gopinathan Nair, Gayathri Bhavan, Thiruvampadi, Alleppy district, introduced a devotee called Sudhamani to him in the Nadhakuzhy monastery , Omalloor. Firstly , Swamiji tried to frighten her but in vain and she won in that.

Later he said to her, “ I will make you mother of the world if you come back

With blessings from Vanadurga(Goddess Parvathi) who known as Malayamma of Pulippara mountain.” In accordance with that, Sudhamani, Nadhakuzhiyil Maya and some other persons together rached Pulippara and prayed to the Goddess. As a result, sudhamani retuned with blessings from the Goddess. The Rishi blessed ,”All right. Because of her blessings, you will become the mother of the world”.

Sudhasmani demanded to stay with him but he refused and asked her to return back and go around the world through aerial route and live as the mother of God by spending that money for charitable activities. She reached Vallikkavu monastery and continued her activities. Later she known as “ Matha Amruthanantha Mayi Devi” , the mother of the world. She is now admired by the whole world as mother of the world.

But Matha Amruthanandhamayi Devi admits that Mother Teresa is superior to her in all the aspects. But I think Saint Mary is not only mother of the world, but mother of the world as she got good luck to conceive Jesus (Prajapathi) in her womb.

Matha Amruthanandhamayi Devi

