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d. NNPGs: There are around ten Naga National Political Groups fighting for our freedom while enslaving us in every possible way driven by the craze for leadership, facilities, prosperity by any means. There seems to be no place for unity, reconciliation and forgiveness amongst them. We need to love our people, nation and our land.

e. Businesses / Entrepreneurship: It is very challenging to keep Christian principles and run businesses in our so called Christian State. Hotels cannot survive without serving alcohol and other evil practices. Unabated taxation by multiple groups prevalent in our land in the name of Naga Nationalism is destroying every kind of business and business people. Wholesalers, Suppliers and Retailers resorting to cheating the public has become normal. It is important for churches and CSOs to support the businesses of their members in ways possible.

f. Politics / Elections: Clean Election Campaign initiated by the NBCC in collaboration with other churches and Civil Societies is the need of the hour. Besides this campaign, today the NBCC is faced with the challenge to defend our Christian faith from the communal forces at work in our land. Elections, so called the biggest and most important game is fought in the most wicked ways by the most crooked and corrupt people with due apologies to the few good people in the fray. Here's the new scale of Naga honesty: Voters who take money or favours from only one candidate are considered honest. We hope and pray that a time will come when God fearing people will stand a chance to lead us and give us clean governance, peace and prosperity. In the midst of all kinds of mockery and condemnation, it may be noted that hundreds and thousands of people in every constituency are going to vote for the first time without taking money or favours this 2018 election. This is success!

g. Church/God: There so many who are allergic to anything Church. The Church is attacked both in action or inaction. We must love and pray for the enemy but not become or side with them. "Do not be yoked together with unbelievers" (2 Cor 6:14). This commandment is beyond marriage matters. We are the Church. Church is not a building. We need to get back to God and the Bible and to His community, the Church. May we become soul winning, discipling and nurturing Churches. We the Christians, who constitute the body of Christ called the Church, must rise up to the occasion and rekindle our eternal faith and our first love for God and give ourselves in love and devotion to win back our people and land for Christ. "Let us pray that God will frustrate and destroy the plans of those who intend evil and destruction, that we may see the power of His righteousness" (Psalm 95). If we love God and His Church, we will also protect and nurture the Christian community. More than programs and infrastructure, our churches need to become people oriented. Let us teach and raise our children at home and in Churches. Let us invest in Sunday School and the Youth ministries to save and nurture our generation.

CONCLUSION

Bravery is having the guts to say no to what is wrong and yes to what is right at any cost. Gideon with 300 men fought the enemies with the power of Almighty God. David defeated Goliath in the name of the Lord (1 Sam 17). What is your mountain or who is your Goliath today? Who and how do we kill the giants of our times? As for us believers, the battle belongs to the LORD. The dichotomy between the so called Sacred and Secular has taken a toll in our lives that we have even separated our lives and families and churches. What we do in the Church as believers and what we do elsewhere as citizens are worlds apart.

Joshua 24:14 & 15 : "Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

As for me and my family we will serve the Lord!
As for me and my church we will serve the Lord!
As for me and my people we will serve the Lord!



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

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City Church

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leader : Kaikhu Sumi
Speaker : Pastor Kedo Peseyie
Ushers : Vitoli Achumi & Rosemary Jamir
Keyboard : Vizolenuo Solo
Flower : Holin Sangtam

Call to Worship

Praise & Worship

Reading : Psalm 100

Mass Prayer

Announcement

Offertory

Hymn No.306 : How Firm a Foundation

Scripture Reading : Dr. Toshevi Kreditsu

Message

Hymn No.139 : The Solid Rock

Benediction



Information

- Enroute today at 3pm.
- Wednesday Evening Service (Prayer and Bible Study) at 5pm.
- Thursday Women's fellowship at 4:30pm in EGF Hall.
- There will be Executive meeting on 4th of March.
- Month End prayer on 28th February at 6am.

VISION statement of the City Church:

City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.

AIMS of the City Church:

Worship: *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

Fellowship: *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

Evangelism: *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God's great salvation.*

Discipleship: *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

Mission: *To send out people in obedience to God's call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

PSALM 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

And His courts with praise;

Give thanks to Him and praise His name.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Women' Fellowship on 1st March : Leader– Karen Peseyie,
Scripture Reading– Naro Tsüren and Sharing– Oponlumi Esaca.**

PRAYER

- Pray for the people of Nagaland as we go for polls on the 27th February.
- Pray for the Clean Election Campaign initiated by the NBCC, that through God's mercy and power, this would be a reality across the State.
- Pray that righteousness and truth would be remembered and honored across the State.
- Pray for all the candidates that the Holy Spirit would work to convict them and empower them to do what is righteous and good before God and before men.
- Pray for all our members and worshippers who are on election duty in different parts of the State.

Sunday, February 18th, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 1,02,620 Offering: ₹ 9,285 Thanksgiving: ₹ 1,000 Mission: ₹ 6,500
Building Fund: ₹ 52,000 Nagamese: ₹ 347 Total: ₹ 1,71,752

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Last Sunday message.....

“CHALLENGES OF BEING CHRISTIANS IN A SO CALLED CHRISTIAN STATE”

By: Colo Mero

INTRODUCTION

Christians are those who have taken personal decision to accept Jesus Christ as Lord, Saviour and God. They are called Born Again Christians. A Christian is born twice, will die only once and live forever. They are also known as followers and disciples of Jesus Christ. There are those who believe they are Christians because they are born to Christian parents which is not so. Christian faith is personal and someone else's faith cannot save you. If they are born only once (physical), they will die twice (physical and spiritual). Each one must be born again through Christ to be a Christian. Believers are the body of Christ- the Church.

NAGA CHRISTIANS

Christian living is becoming most difficult even in our so called Christian State of Nagaland. We proudly claim to be almost cent percent Christian State. But how many are born again and are disciples of Jesus? Will born again Christians be 80%? 50%? Or 10%? How can a Christian State be rated amongst the most corrupt in the country? We all know that action speaks louder than words. I am most unworthy to be shouting about Christian faith, especially from the Holy Pulpit and sanctuary. But with much prayer and burden I take this opportunity to share the concerns and challenges God has laid in my heart today. Can others see Jesus through our families, Churches, Ministries, Civil Societies, Governance, Naga Nationalism, Businesses? Or do we even see mere sparks of Christian testimony in each other today? What kind of testimonies are we portraying to the world through the broken homes, divided society, selfish nationalism, corrupted governance, dishonest businesses and godless lives? Naga Christianity is losing its power and fervour. We are no more attracting others, but rather dispelling them from coming to Christ because of our worldliness. We have become worse than non-believers in just too many ways. Christian life cannot be lived without Christ.

It is simply overwhelming to note that a large percentage of the present educated young people are turning against churches and even God. It is heartbreaking to see them even condemning the Church, mocking the Gospel and hating God. We were cautious of persecution from outside forces. But persecution is already here from amongst our very own villagers, tribesmen and Nagas. What on earth has happened to our Christian faith and churches that our own people do not want this faith at an alarming rate? Can anyone truly love God by condemning His Church? Our Almighty God, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and our historic Christian faith cannot be wrong. They are eternally true. What has become of us that our very own children do not want or even envy their parents' faith? Where citizens have total disregard for their civil societies? Where church members are the fiercest critics of the Church. Studying in the best of institutions in towns and cities only to destroy our families, society and the Church? The danger of this generation is not ignorance but knowingly doing wrong.

THE CHALLENGES

- Family:** The ever rising broken homes in our society are breaking many lives at an alarming rate. What we need in our society is God fearing education and Christian homes.
- Governance:** Clean governance should be our model. Government employees are servants of the people. Rampant corruption prevailing at all levels by so called Christians is disheartening. Corrupt officers and leaders are given so much respect and position in our society and churches today. Honesty seems to be even disregarded. Let us begin to regard honest people so as to inspire our young people to be likewise.
- Civil Societies (CSOs):** Tribalism in Nagaland is at its peak. Every tribe wants to lead, and benefit at any cost. We are first Christians then Nagas and Aos, Angamis, Sümis, Chakhesangs etc.

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