**FAITHFULNESS OF GOD.**

“ GOD IS FAITHFUL , by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord “. (1 Cor:1:9)

“ If we are faithless, HE REMAINS FAITHFUL, He cannot deny Himself”. ( 2 Tim:2:13)

“ HE WHO CALLS YOU IS FAITHFUL , who will also do it” . ( 1 Thes:5:24)

“ Therefore know that the Lord your God , He is God, THE FAITHFUL GOD WHO KEEPS COVENTANT and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments” . ( Deut: 7:9)

INTRODUCTION:

What is faithfulness? “ Faithfulness is love hanging on”. Even in the most dangerous situation , it is love saying “ I will not quit”. “ Faithfulness is a stead fast commitment that follows through and completes the original intention whatever the hardships and whatever the cost”.

Phil: 1:6

Psalm:23:3.

“FAITHFUL “ is His Name.

The Name signifies two things : (1) His attributes (Character) (2) His action.

SCOPE OF HIS FAITHFULNESS:-

1. Extensiveness of His Faithfulness : “ It reaches to the Clouds”. (Psalm:36:5). Thei Height of His Faithfulness.
2. Everlastingness of His Faithfulness: “ To all generations” ( Psalm:119:90). The Length of His faithfulness. The duration of it. The permanency of it. He does not leave us in the middle and leave.
3. Exceedingness of His faithfulness: ( Lam:3:22,23) “ New every Morning…Fails Not”. The longsuffering of it. The freshness of it. The newness of it. The forebearance of it.

COVERAGE OF HIS FAITHFULNESS: “ called into the fellowship ( partnership ) of His Son”.

1. It Brings COMFORT: ( 1 Cor: 1:3-7). That He is with me. He is my partner. His yoke is on me. We pull it together.

Fellowship of His sufferings ! I am not alone.

1. It brings CONFIDENCE:
2. Confidence of His provisions. That he forgives, cleanses and saves. 1 John:1:9.

That in His Faithfulness He gives me a Home . (John:14:1-4)

That in His faithfulness He gives me Glory ( 1 John:3:1-3)

1. Confidence because of His PROTECTION: ( 1 Cor:10:13)
2. Confidence because of His POWER ( Phill;4:13, Acts:1:8)
3. It brings COURAGE: ( 1 Cor:1:9). The knowledge and assurance that He is in partnership with me gives me courage in every strom. It gives me trustfulness. It gives me a sense of relaxation in Him. “Stan still and see the Salvation of God” is the attitude we get out of this.

AREAS OF HIS FAITHFULNESS:

1. In Keeping His Covenant. (Deut:7:9). His unfailing love and eternal faithfulness even when Israel acted like a harlot. (Hos:2:20, 1:2ff)
2. In His forgiveness, Cleansing, Salvation & Redemption: (1 John:1:7,9)
3. In His Establishing me and Guarding me: ( 2 Thes:3:3)
4. In His Keeping His promises. ( Heb:10:23, 11:11)
5. In His Discipline and chastisement of me. ( Psalm:119: 75, Heb:12: 5-8)
6. In His interceding for me, as my High Priest and my Advocate; ( Heb:2:17, 1 John: 2: 1,2.
7. In His ultimate Triumph as the conquering King on a white Horse. ( rev:19:11)

EXAMPLES OF HIS FAITHFULNESS TO THE UNFAITHFUL:

1. Israel the unfaithful wife. ( Hos:2:20)
2. Lot who chose the wrong place looking around and forgetting to look up.
3. David the Adulterer and murderer.
4. Jonah the disobedient and rebel prophet.
5. Peter who denied Jesus and departed to the old business.

MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF GOD’S FAITHFULNESS:-

1. In Providing me my physical needs as I trusted him , knowing He is the God of Elijah who fed him with Ravens. For My bus fare in 1966, For flight in Calcutta in 1968, For Gilgal needs through Gordon Thomas, For my children education in Woodstock and USA, in buying land for TBC etc etc
2. In protecting me in dangers: 2005 when Paite & Hmar had the fight in Rengkai, When Military stopped me at Lower Lamka at night and I suspect they are underground people etc etc
3. In healing me: 1965 when I was almost at verge of death by liver problems, From Aircraft accident in 1972 when the flight fell in Assam.
4. In giving me strength and Grace in times of sickness and weakness: In Thinkeu, In Longpi, In Lia.

CONCLUSION:

Declare His Faithfulness. (Psalm:89:1). Demonstrate His Faithfulness. (Rev:2:10) . A story is told about a lad who was unperturbed in the storm, because his eyes were set on the window where he could see His Dad , the captain of the ship controlling the ship- who has handled many storms in the restless sea in the past. Our God is faithful and He is able.