

Message for Knanaya Priests & Bishops on Endogamy

Bible References against Endogamy

In Old Testament the Jews were a special people, chosen from among other tribes and they had to live according to the law of God as a holy nation distinct from others (Ex 33:16-singles out from others). We can find other many quotations from Exodus and Deuteronomy.

But with the coming of Jesus Christ this was broken down by the blood of Christ and there is no distinction between Jews and others in the new order (Church, the New Israel). In the new economy of salvation, all those believe in Christ Jesus as a chosen race (1 Pt 2:9). Read and interpret Eph 2:11 to 22-Members of the house hold of God, built together as a temple in the Spirit, hence all those who received the same spirit is one in Christ without any distinction of cast or blood. Read also Eph 4:4-6.

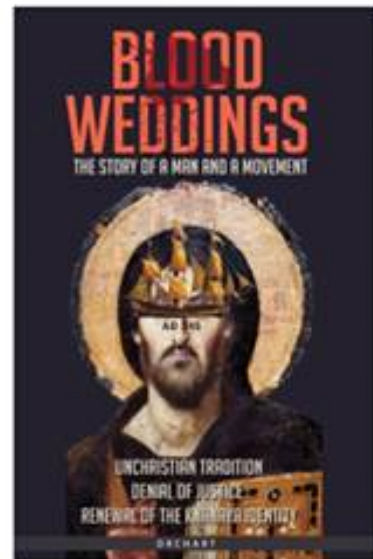
The church is the body of Christ knit together as one body. Read Eph 4:15, read Rom 12:3-5. Church is the body of Christ in which all should work as one without alienating anyone. Ref 1 Cor 12:12 to 27 (It is a beautiful passage). Ref also Gal 3:26 to 29. By faith we are Gods equal children and there is no distinction.

One of the greatest commandment of God is to love others (Mk 12:31). Love in unity was the greatest desire of Jesus about his followers and he prayed for it Jn 17:21 Jesus told the apostles to make disciples Mt 28: 19 but the world will know the disciples only through their love Jn 13:35.

When the Diocese of Kottayam on the basis of blood purity does not allow inter marriage and does not admit any other to their " Christian (is it Christian??)", community by evangelization, they are not the Disciples of Christ.

The world will know that the Father sent Jesus, his son as our savior of only Christians live together in love. Read Jn 17: 23. Today because of the fight between churches on basis of blood purity and rites, the world (non-believer) find difficult to believe that the Father sends Jesus! Also they don't see Christians as Disciples of Christ Jesus! The diocese of Kottayam stands against evangelization and the teaching of Christ Jesus and is a black mark on Christianity. Read Catechism of the Catholic Church No 813 to the following about the oneness of the church.

The arguments of the defendants are quotations from the Old Testament mainly. That do not hold good for the Church founded by Christ through the Holy Spirit where all the believers call God Father (Gal 4:6-7) They are equal as Gods children and heirs of Christ. There will be no separate heaven (inheritance) for the Believers of Kottayam and others; although they have separate cemeteries for burial here on earth.



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