

***They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything all she had to live on.
(Mark 12:44)***

Peace originates with God. He first chose to establish peace with humankind; therefore he gave his only son as ransom. In turn, he has laid upon us, the responsibility of being peacemakers. To be a peacemaker is a hallmark of being his sons and daughters. And Psalm 133:1-3 says 'where there is unity, God commands his blessing.' Today on Unity Sunday we need to renew our mindset. Paul in 1 Corinthians says that we need to abound in everything –in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in diligence and in love, so that we will have grace towards others.

The widow in Mark 12:44 gave abundantly out of her poverty. Jesus set her as an example to his disciples. Being a peacemaker involves an attitude contrary to the world's attitude of stinginess. It is an attitude birthed at the altar of our ego, selfishness, self-centeredness being sacrificed. Such an attitude can only be imbibed when we have a revelation of the abundant nature of God himself. Ephesian 3:20 says 'God is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think'. Psalm 65:11 further says that 'The Lord crowns the year with his bounty'. He came to give life of abundance. When the God we worship, is not stingy, but abundantly and graciously generous towards us, then we too should show abundance of grace towards others, to maintain unity at all cost, so that we might experience his blessing.

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making peace with me through the blood of Jesus and also for the unified stand of the churches in the communion. Help me too, to be a peacemaker wherever I go. Amen.