



# “The Del-Haven Vision”

“Without vision, the people perish” (Proverbs 29:18)

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*“But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also quicken your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.” Ro.8:11*

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In this text the Holy Spirit is specifically identified twice as the one who raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. And, there is communicated the certainty that He will also quicken our mortal bodies. Our resurrection is sure because Christ our Savior was raised up from the dead...Praise His Name! 1Co.6:14 tells us: “*And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by His power.*”

Our bodies, indeed, are not exempt from the death which sin has made certain for us, but our souls even now, by God’s grace through Christ, have in them the gift of God -- eternal life. That being true, therefore, even though these bodies of ours will succumb and die due to the inevitable consequences of sin -- yet they shall also experience the same resurrection as that of their living Head - their eternal Surety -by virtue of the indwelling of the same Spirit that quickened Him. The Holy Spirit is in us as a pledge that God will raise us, even as Christ was raised from the dead!

Jesus, Himself, three times from Jn.6:39,40 and 44 said that He would raise up all the ones given to Him by God the Father. This is, in fact, an integral part of the mission that He, as Christ the Lord, is to fulfill in His doing the will of the Father.

There is delivered in the message of Ro.8:11 the truth that the quickening that our mortal bodies are destined to experience is by virtue of our union with Christ in His death and res-

urrection. For it is to happen to us by the same Spirit that raised Christ Jesus from the dead. There is certain to take place a union of our now regenerated souls with a quickened incorruptible body. 1Co.15:42-44 declares: “*So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.*” This is that which awaits us -- and with great joy do we anticipate it! What glory that will be!

The glorious work of the Father, Son and Spirit is, indeed, a coefficient performance by each of them on our behalf. Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians in Eph.1:17-20 describes this in detail. He prayed: “*...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of your understanding being enlightened that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places...*” Hence, our believing in Him is an exercise of the same power as His resurrection!

*For Christ's glory only!*  
A. Carpenter

This is the time of year that the world has set apart to celebrate Easter bunnies and egg hunts and such. All of this is supposed to be done in conjunction, however, with the blessed event of our Lord's triumphant resurrection from the dead by the glory of God the Father...Praise His Name! And, as true believers we celebrate that victory of grace every day of our existence in this world.

## We're Getting Ready

Preparations are underway for the beginning of the camp season once again. 2010 holds the prospects of great things where the ministry of gospel truth is concerned.

The new lake will now have fish ready to be caught and cooked. What a great platform fishing creates from which to tell about the Lord Jesus who spent so much of His earthly time and ministry in that element. Also, already many of our staff have made commitments to once again be on the front lines with the children for this coming year. This is a wonderful encouragement to us as we are ever praying for the Lord to send us laborers for His gospel cause in this regard. We know that you all have offered up many prayers for God's provision in this way as well.

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Now is the time to be thinking of things like food showers and/or work day help if you can. Each weekend we will be gathering at 8 AM at the Dining Hall for breakfast, prayer and devotional time -- then tackling the tasks that need to be done to be ready for camp. Yes -- we can use your help as the Lord leads and provides. Just give us a call for details, confirmation, or directions (if you need them).

## Loan Balance Update

Our outstanding loan balance at present is **\$61,372.00** (down from \$80,000). We greatly appreciate all of you who have already responded to the tally of everyone giving \$200 extra by our May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline (some of you have even given more than that -- which really helps) in order to pay this indebtedness off. We're getting closer -- and we still have a ways to go -- but, praise the Lord, we are making progress. Please keep praying with us -- that Lord willing -- this goal will be reached.

In the early days of the founding of this nation there was sounded forth from an appropriate sermon delivered by Puritan minister, John Cotton, these words that serve to illustrate very well a divine principle that also related to this ministry of Del-Haven. Cotton proclaimed from his pulpit:

*"What He (God) hath planted, He will maintain. Every plantation His right hand hath not planted shall be rooted up, but His own plantation shall prosper and flourish. When He promises peace and safety, what enemies shall be able to make the promise of God of none effect? Neglect not walls and bulwarks and fortifications for your own defense, but ever let the name of the Lord be your strong tower, and word of His promise, the rock of your refuge. His word that made heaven and earth will not fail, till heaven and earth be no more."*

So, there you have it, inspiring words of truth to say the least. Words that fertilized the soil in which our great country was planted and cultivated. And, they are still words for us to live by! May our God grant us all the grace to do so.

*"That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection"* Phil.3:10