



"The Del-Haven Vision"

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

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"In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and Word was God." "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." Jn.1:1,14

The opening of John's gospel pinpoints the beginning of the history of Jesus in timeless eternity. He is divinely declared to have been in existence -- as God -- before the dawn of creation. All things were in fact created by Him! This perspective is critical to an accurate understanding of just exactly who Jesus really is as the holy and almighty Son of God.

The first verse of John's gospel also tells us that the Word of God is eternal. But, we can only truly come to grips with this as being fact when we see clearly that John presents the Word of God to us as indeed being the eternal Son of God. Hence, it is the person of the eternal Son of God that, in turn, makes the Word of God to also be eternal. And, God's Word, being eternal, means that it is, therefore, immediately relevant and significant to each of us right here and now in time. All of time as we are living it out is completely and entirely encompassed by eternity. This makes the coming of the person of the eternal Son of God as Jesus of Nazareth into the history of fallen humanity relevant and significant unto every generation.

This truth is also what is being communicated to us from Heb.1:1-3 from where it is written: *"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds. Who being the brightness of His glory and express image of His person, and upholding all things by the Word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high." This text tells where the Lord Jesus Christ right now is in all of His reigning supremacy and glory. All Praise and Glory to His Name!*

Gal.4:4-7 makes the birth of Christ into this fallen world even more gloriously significant when it declares: *"But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Therefore, you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."*

Wow! The Son of God was born into the human race in order to be the means of our redemption from slavery to sin, and our adoption into His divine family! Praise the Lord for the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ! Thank you, heavenly Father, for the fullness of the grace and truth of the coming of your Son into the world!

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

Dear loved ones, all of us here want to wish all of you a wonderful and blessed Christmas celebration. The Lord is alive and on the throne and in absolute ruling control over all things. And, for all who truly love Him -- and who are the called according to His purpose -- all things will work out for good! Amen? Praise the Lord!

There is a brisk chill in the air. The campground has that typical December stillness all around. The only noise is the occasional roar of chain saws at work cutting up trees and limbs that need to be cleared. This time of year reveals right where this work needs to be done.

A Special Recognition

We want to give very special recognition and thanks to our dear friend and brother, Jay Edwards of Pleasant Grove Bible Church. Jay has for decades provided for us in the important area of printing jobs and supplies. He has retired from the printing business. We are sure going to miss his help! If any of you know of anyone else in the printing field that would be amiable to helping us with our needs along this line, please give us some direction in this regard. Jay has been so very gracious to us in donating a lot of his expertise and assistance with our newsletters and other special printing needs. Please pray for him and God's richest blessing upon him during his retirement.

Praise the Lord!

We praise the Lord for our being able to make a recent payment of \$2,000.00 against the indebtedness that we have for the lake project. Thank you, Lord, for all our friends and family in Christ whom you continually use to demonstrate your faithfulness in hearing and answering our prayers. All glory unto your Name!



“And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace”

Is.9:6