



“The Del-Haven Vision”

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

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“For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” “Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and you see me no more.” 2Cor.5:21; Jn.16:10

The substance of the believer’s faith is the Lord Jesus Christ...and His righteousness. We believe in God who justifies the ungodly. What an unconceivable proposition this is that a holy and just God “justifies the ungodly”!

The only way that this sort of justification can take place by God without His compromising His perfect and pristine holy justice is by His being able to satisfactorily exercise His justice upon a perfectly suitable substitute. This is the very principle that the Old Testament sacrificial system demonstrated throughout all the years of its existence – that is up until the coming into this world of the eternal Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Lord Jesus made the sacrifice of Himself at Calvary, He fulfilled forever, once and for all, the substitutionary requirements for all those that the Father had given to Him to save. Jesus said, “All that the Father hath given me shall come to me. And, him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out.” “I am come, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me; and this is the will of Him that sent me, that of all those that He has given me – I lose nothing, but will raise them up on the last day.” “Father, glorify your name...even as you have given me authority over all flesh that I should give eternal life to as many as you have given me.” Praise the name of God the Father, for the victory that is in Christ Jesus!

Romans three declares dogmatically that Jesus is our propitiation. He is both “just and the justifier” of all those that are (literally) “of the faith of Jesus”. It is His righteousness that we need in order to be a saved one. This “righteousness” of Jesus is received by His grace! Romans four refers to this “righteousness” as being “the righteousness of faith”. By referring to it in this manner it is totally outside of our being and capability to produce. For

true and saving “faith” is itself a grace bestowed upon us by our Lord God. “For this is the work of God that men believe in Him whom He hath sent.” “For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God.”

Therefore, according to the texts listed at the top, holy Jesus – “who knew no sin” — “became sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God, in Him” What a wonderful work of sovereign grace the Lord Jesus has completely wrought out on our behalf! He has become, for us, our sin – so that we, in Him, would become His righteousness. Praise His Name!

The John sixteen text is an explanatory quote of the Lord whereby He announces that His ascension after His death and resurrection is revealed by the Holy Spirit to us to have been essential for our being rendered in Him and through Him acceptable to God and able to be in His eternal presence. He is our righteousness before God and all of heaven. He is the Way, Truth and Life for us to be able to come to the Father. And, the Spirit of God convinces us of this fact even as He convinces us that we are sinners in need of Jesus to be our Savior/Substitute.

All in all, the eternal salvation of our soul is an harmonious cooperative work of the Great Triumvirate of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. It is, indeed, an activity of Triune God’s love and grace toward us that surpasses sin and death – time and space – and all of our sinful, fallen human condition. 1Cor.1:30-31 sums it up quite well, “But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption: that, according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”

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

Annual Banquet Was A Time of Testimony and Thanksgiving

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks to everyone who was able to make to our annual friendship banquet. The food was great and the fellowship was better! We thank the Lord for His blessing upon us.



John Carpenter, Board President, emceed the event.



Steve Carpenter gave a report of the mission of Del-Haven to proclaim the Gospel evangelistically to children by giving attention to the purity of God's Word.

Dan McElwain gave a testimony to God's call of service to help Del-Haven keep its vehicles in working order.



John Norris, along with other staff members, gave a testimony accounting their experiences from the summer.

Another year is quickly winding down and the campground is quiet and covered with leaves. The brisk fall air comes upon us in the evening, while the Indian Summer like temperature has been a blessing during the daytime.

Right after the banquet we had a staff retreat for that weekend to just renew the focus of our hearts on the missionary task that is ever before us in this ministry. Please continue to remember Sheri and the young staff that she directs for the cause of Christ. And, don't forget all the many children that have come to camp and heard the Word of the truth of the gospel. We must ever be patient and trust Him to bring to pass the increase of our efforts in sowing and nurturing the Word of the gospel. If you were at the banquet and picked up a bookmark, or two, with names of campers on them – then please remember – on a regular basis -- to pray for that specific child. Prayer is the means that the Lord has given to us in order that we may stay ahead of and ward off the attacks of the enemy who constantly seeks to disrupt and destroy the effectiveness of the ministry of the gospel of the glory of Christ.

Bank Offers Extension . . . God is Good . . . He Is Good All The Time

Praise the Lord – He has moved on the bank to give us yet another six month extension on the credit line loan that we currently have with them. This came as an unexpected blessing through the windows of heaven. This gives us a real opportunity to pay the balance off – Lord willing! Please pray with us that this may take place for His glory.