



“The Del-Haven Vision”

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

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“But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit...Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.” 1Cor.2:9-10, 12

In this chapter of the scripture from 1st Corinthians the apostle is descriptively declaring the divinely ordained role and function of the Holy Spirit in the gospel ministry that he was called to do. From vs.4 he has already stated the fact that his speech in general, and his preaching in particular, were not structured by, and then performed with, persuasive phrases of words of human learning and training. No -- that is not at all the reason for the positive spiritual results of his ministry to the Corinthians. Rather, the spiritual success of his ministry was due, entirely, to a demonstration of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit of God (see vs.4)!

Only the Holy Spirit can cause the speech and the preaching of His ministers to be effective in preaching the gospel of the glory of Christ. Only the Holy Spirit can reveal to sinners the benefits and blessings of the grace of the Savior Lord God. Flesh and blood have neither part nor lot in this matter.

It's especially interesting that Is.64:4 is alluded to and quoted in 1Cor.2:9-10. This is interesting because the actual words of the Isaiah passage are: *“For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides you, who acts for the one who waits for Him.”*

The inspired apostle is led by the Spirit to interpret for us that spiritual hearing and seeing is an act of God entering into the heart and revealing to the sinner the wonderful things of His eternal salvation for their soul. This must mean that He reveals to them that He does indeed love them, for they are, in turn, described as being *“those who love Him”*. And, everyone knows that 1Jn.4:19 says: *“We love Him because He first loved us.”* In fact, it is taught to us here that Is.64:4 equates the activity of *waiting* for the Lord with that of *loving* Him as stated in 1Cor.2:9.

This portion of scripture reveals to us that even in the Old Testament it was only by the Holy Spirit that the saving revelation of the Christ of God could be revealed to the heart of a sinner. For it is only by the Holy Spirit that coming to know the things that are freely given to sinners ever even happens -- *“no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God” (2:11)!*

The Holy Spirit's divine mission is that of revealing to the family of God the great grace of God. For it says that we have received the Holy Spirit so that, by Him, we might know *“the things that are freely given to us by God”*. Praise His Holy Name!

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

Fall Banquet Reminder

September has delivered to us the beginnings of Fall 2007. The campgrounds will very soon become aglow with the brilliant colors of the Autumn leaves. By now you will have hopefully received notice of our up and coming annual Banquet. We all hope and pray that you will plan to attend this regularly scheduled event. It is where we look forward to fellowship with each other on a much more personal basis. This is also an opportunity to introduce someone new to this Christ-centered ministry. What better way to do this than around a table of great food and in an environment of good music and testimonies of an effective ministry declaring the good news of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please come and join in making this event truly wonderful.

Child Care

Child care will be provided the night of the banquet. Christina Morton has graciously volunteered to provide this service for parents so they can better enjoy the banquet program.

Prayer Concerns

Your ever faithfulness to continue to pray for us is needed more than ever. The company that we have contracted to complete the work on our water lines and lake renovation project has seemingly run into some sort of stall in their being able to secure the needed heavy equipment to get these tasks finished. They possess the know-how to get the job done, and profess to have the willingness to get the job done, but it seems that they have just, for one reason or another, not been able to get the job done.

Praise the Lord! We know Who is able to do anything -- but fail. There is nothing too hard for our Lord. Please pray with us that He show Himself to be willing to move on to the scene where these projects are concerned and get these undertakings completed before the weather makes it impossible to finish for this year. This is what we would like to see happen...IF, of course, it is God's will.

Also, please do not forget to pray with us about getting another mini-van. Remember we lost ours just this last summer during a run to pick up campers for a camp session. It served a noble purpose for the ministry right down to it's last mechanical mile. This is an asset to our operation that we can really use.



“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God”