



"The Del-Haven Vision"

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

Newsletter of Camp Del-Haven

Turning Kids from Crime to Christ

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"...the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. The first man was of the earth made of dust; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust: and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly man." 1Cor.15:46-49

It appears to be a general principle that is everywhere demonstrated in and throughout human history that the lower natural life precedes the higher spiritual. This is typified quite plainly from the distinction that is made between Adam and Jesus -- who are the first and last of their rank as heads of their kind. Adam of all the earthy lost and fallen and Jesus of all the heavenly saved and exalted. Right now, we all bear the image of the man of dust, but ultimately it is certain that all who are in Christ will come to bear the image of Jesus, the heavenly Man.

The beloved apostle John wrote: *"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."* 1Jn.3:2

We have been by grace adopted through the Lord Jesus Christ into the heavenly family of God. And, even though we do not right now appear as truly being His children, we nevertheless are right now, by virtue of the righteousness of Christ, true children of God. It is a promise of God that we shall ultimately even appear as being such. And, for God to promise something makes it certain for it to be fulfilled! The promise of God includes for all who in Christ are His children a mansion in glory -- a crown of righteousness and of life -- a kingly throne of divinely appointed dominion and stewardship. And even though all of this does not yet manifestly appear to be so, it is certain to come to pass because our Lord God has said that it would...just like His word declared would happen regarding the reality of the resurrection and glorification of Christ Jesus.

"For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2Cor.5:1

The apostle Paul tells us dogmatically that we know that if our body of this world comes to destruction, then we, without a doubt, have an eternal body made by God just waiting to replace it. What a truly blessed assurance this indeed is! And, why is this so true? Even because it is so that: *"...our citizenship is in heaven from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body..."* Phil.3:19-20

All of this great grace is bestowed upon all of His true children by virtue of the glory of His resurrection. Let us live each day of the year in celebration of this event!

All of us here at Del-Haven hope and pray that all of you enjoy the blessings that only accompany true worship of our Savior throughout this Easter Season. It is always good to have times of special fellowship that are focused on specific Christian themes, even though they may not be completely accurate according to the calendar.

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

Camp Work Days

Every Saturday from now on until June 17th is considered a camp season workday. We already have church groups that have targeted specifically April 29th and May 20th to come and help, but any and all are welcome to come on these days, or others of their choice. Just let us know what your preference might be. There are always things that need to get done.

Prayer Request

Please do not forget to be in prayer for the many children that the Lord has laid before us to invite to camp this coming season. They are more in number than ever before. Whatever staff we will have available will be a major determination as to how many children we may be able to accommodate during each camp session on our schedule.

Glory of Christ Bible Conference: April 20-21

Please do not forget to pray for our up and coming Glory of Christ Bible Conference on April 20-21. This will prove to be a very special time of spiritual enrichment and great fellowship. The only way that you won't experience this is by not being there. Our Thursday and Friday evening sessions will begin at 6:30 and 8:00 P.M. respectively, and our Saturday schedule includes a fellowship breakfast at 8:00 A.M., with a question and answer time, and then the final two meetings will begin at 9:00 and 10:30.

Our featured speakers will include Pastors Tony Buford of Grace Church in St. Joseph, Mo. and Jim Elliff, the president of Christian Communicators Worldwide. We especially look forward to having Dr. Gary Long who is the Executive Director of Sovereign Grace Ministries, Inc. His keynote theme will be on "The Glory of God's Revelation in His Son".

There will be excellent special music and a greatly discounted selection of books and other written materials available as well. We put these conferences together to exalt the proclamation of the gospel of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is our sole end and goal. This will be our seventh year in doing this and each year has proven to bring forward a very special blessing for all who have been able to attend. Here is another way that you may show support for Del-Haven Ministries -- simply by being in attendance. We hope and pray that you, too, will plan to be there with us.

More information about the conference can be obtained from our website at www.campdelhaven.org. From there you may also print out church bulletin inserts for distribution on Sunday, if you wish.

"For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection..." Rom. 6:5