



“The Del-Haven Vision”

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

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“Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, a good conscience and sincere faith...” 1Tim.1:5

It is interesting, here, to see that the divinely desired and designed result of the law is love. Whenever one is confronted with a command of any kind from anyone, it is the usual understanding that the desired result would be strictly and singularly obedience to it. But that is not the case here. That which is divinely purposed in the issuance of the commandment is love.

Oh let's make no mistake about it -- obedience to the command is very much expected. And, if obedience to the command is not given, there will be dire consequences that will have to be paid -- there's no question about that! But, it is the motivating source of the obedience that is here being stressed. One may very well obey the command of their commanding officer, per se, strictly out of fear of heavy reprimand from the commander if they don't. In this case, the obedience is delivered and performed strictly and only out of obligation -- that may easily also include dread and an underlying resentment toward the commander. This kind of obedience, however, is not, here, what is being described.

At the very outset of this letter the apostle Paul declares that he is an apostle of Jesus Christ “by the commandment of God our Savior” (vs.1). In doing so, he declares not only *what he is* as a messenger of Christ, but also *why he was there* (in Ephesus) in the first place...as a minister of the gospel of the glory of Christ. True ministers of the pure and glorious gospel are obedient to the commanding call of the Spirit of Christ -- not out of dread of not doing what they are told to do -- but out of a God given love of the truth that has been used of the Lord in His bestowal upon them of the grace of faith. And, true faith works by love (Gal.5:6).

This is why Timothy is here being charged to remain in Ephesus and contend and defend the sound doctrine of gospel truth lest it become compromised and corrupted by those who give untoward heed to things that engender divisions and disputes “rather than Godly edification which is in faith” (vs.4).

It is being revealed from vs.5 that God has, in truth, done something really great and grand. He has divinely purposed that the ultimate end -- aim -- goal -- of His commandment be: “... *love from a pure heart, a good conscience and sincere faith*”.

“*Love from a pure heart*” once again, points to love that flows from a heart that has received a love of the truth (see 2Th.2:10). “*A good conscience*” can only, truly, be produced out of a regenerated and converted lifestyle. And, “*sincere faith*” is, in essence, an un-hypocritical faith; a faith that is rooted and grounded in the grace of the Lord Jesus who is its very source and substance.

For Christ's glory only!
A. Carpenter

There Shall Be “Food” Showers of Blessing

Well, dear ones, we are right in the midst of this year’s camp season. Already we have been blessed in getting off to a wonderful start. We were blessed once again by much needed and appreciated food showers. This year two different churches helped to keep the Del-Haven food pantry well supplied. Between our ever faithful friends from Crest Bible Church and their annual VBS program and, for the first time, Piper Bible Church of Kansas City, KS we have received 21 boxes of food and other necessary supplies. Brother Dwayne Henry and his daughter Tina were used of the Lord to spearhead those two food showers. We thank and praise our Lord for them.

The Caring Christian Clowns



We also thank the Lord for his sending our way the Caring Christian Clowns. They have become a regular part of our camp program and ministry to the children. They have been coming out here every summer for over 14 years! The boys and girls really love them...and so do we.



Report from the Camp Journal and Prayer Requests

Once in a while the Lord sends us a rare, but real jewel. This year a little girl named, Nyla has been a genuine encouragement. When she was at camp she continually displayed a zealous desire to glorify the Lord. On one occasion she asked if she could read a verse from the Psalms to everyone before the Bible class began. She read Ps.98:1> *“Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things: His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.”* On another occasion she asked if she could say the prayer before dinner. Then on yet another time she had written on the board two questions. She wrote: **“Do you love Him? Do you praise Him?”**. She asked Sheri if she could, again, start the Bible class. Sheri related in the camp journal: *“So, before I started, I asked the girls to give their attention to Nyla. So they all looked at her as she stood by the board with her two questions. All she said was, ‘Well, do ya? Raise your hand!’ I guess she just wanted to give them something to think about. I thank the Lord for this precious girl and pray that she will prove to be good ground that the seed of God’s word will produce eternal fruit in her life.”* Let’s all be praying with Sheri in this same way for little Nyla.

Dear ones, please remember to be praying for us to be able to meet the expenses that we are progressively facing by virtue of the general camp season operation, and the extra expensive renovation projects that are being done. Thank you all for your faithfulness. We know it is a reflection of our God’s great faithfulness. Praise His Name!

“Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God” 2Th.3:5