



“The Del-Haven Vision”

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

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“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” Jn.16:33

Jesus spoke this wonderful word of encouragement shortly before He went to the Calvary. When He suffered the affliction of the cross He endured the worst of conditions for those He came to save.

Although His outward condition was about to become one of unbelievable agony, His position was one of unshakable security. Earlier from Jn.14:10-11 He told the disciples that He was *“in the Father”* and that the things He said and did were not of His own authority, but of the authority of the Father. Even so are we in a like relationship with Christ.

In Jesus (who is our peace) we have peace; whereas in the world we have tribulation. But, praise His name, Jesus has overcome the world.

The grace of faith readily receives this word from God. What an understatement it truly is that in the world we will have tribulation. Everyday proves the veracity of this declaration, and it is certain that our Lord knew this to be true when He said it. What He means to convey for the strengthening of our faith is that although we must endure the tribulation that fills up the conditions of this world, we who are positioned in Him will have peace...because He has overcome the world of tribulation.

“Tribulation” connotes the pressures that we are under on virtually every level of our life. Whereas the word for *“peace”* communicates the thought of our being in union with our Lord. We are, therefore, by grace united with the only one who has indeed *“overcome”* the world. That is to say that He has subdued it and brought it completely under His reigning control...Hallelujah! It is no wonder, then, that He also encourages us to *“be of good cheer”* -- which literally means that we are to, in Him, be brave and courageous in the presence of all the world’s trials and pressures.

Is.48:10 declares that the Lord has literally chosen and tried His people *“in the furnace of affliction”*. We are reminded from this passage of the experience of the three Hebrew boys in the midst of the fiery furnace...with the Son of God. They came out without even the odor of smoke on their clothes.

And finally, Acts 14:22 relates to us how Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra, Iconium and Antioch *“strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, ‘We must through much tribulation enter the Kingdom of God’.”* And, positioned in Christ -- we cannot fail.

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

Glory of Christ Bible Conference Was A Blessing

So far, June has been a busy month for Del-Haven. We had a very blessed time at our Glory of Christ Bible Conference which was held at Sovereign Grace Baptist Church located at 6820 E. Truman Rd. Many who attended are saying that this conference was one of the best that we have ever put together. May the Lord be praised and glorified for it all!

A Big Thank You to Crest Bible Church

Friday evening (June 15th) Crest Bible Church, located at 4815 Gibbs Rd., closed out their 2007 VBS with their usual bountiful food shower and financial gift for this ministry. What wonderful allies for the cause of Christ they are with us. We love them very much!

Hazards on the Highway

Of course, Don Lee, driving our truck back to Del-Haven at 10:00 o'clock at night, loaded down with all the food, experienced a front end blow out in the fast lane on I-70. Praise the Lord he was not involved in any kind of worse accident. The tire got changed and the goods got delivered the next day. In this world we will have tribulation, but Jesus is indeed our refuge in times of trouble.

More Hazards on the Highway and Praises from Camp Session I

Our first camp also got off to a rousing start with it's share of many trials. Our van made it to the pick up spot for the campers, but then would not start so as to be able to get back to camp with the children. However, the protective providence of our omnipotent God proved to be governing even the adversity of this circumstance. It turned out that there was a bad accident on I-70 that our Sheri and the campers could have easily ended up right in the middle of if the van had started. After a little while, the silly thing started right up and everyone made it safely back to Del-Haven. And, as a result, we had a wonderful week of declaring the gospel of the glory of Christ to the children the Lord sent out for us to minister to.



Prayer Request

In short, dear ones, please continue to support us with your prayers...in all areas. The battle lines against us are drawn at every level of this whole operation. We thank you for your prayerful assistance.

“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer” Ro. 12:12