



“The Del-Haven Vision”

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

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“...suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me?’ So I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And He said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting!’ And those who were with me indeed saw the light -- and were afraid -- but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me.” Acts 22:6-9

This text tells of a day and time that totally changed a man’s whole life. An unexpected event that impacted the very existence of this man’s entire being. All of a sudden, He who alone is the Light of life, in a totally unexpected moment, intercepted and ended a certain Pharisee’s soul damning walk in spiritual darkness. Jesus says in Jn.8:12 > “I am the light of the world; he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of life.” Acts 22:6-9 is, of course, the testimony of the day and time that the Lord Jesus Christ revealed Himself unto Saul of Tarsus. And, as a result of this magnanimous experience this same man would be inspired by the Holy Spirit of Christ to pen as some of his very last words concerning the saving grace of God how that it “...has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” In this very light of saving grace Saul of Tarsus was indeed transformed into becoming Paul, the apostle of Jesus Christ!

Another very significant ingredient of his regenerating revelatory experience -- his sudden sight of the Light of life -- was his hearing the voice of the Lord specifically speaking directly to him. Jesus called him by name. In Jn.10:3 Jesus teaches us that the shepherd “calls His own sheep by name” and that, “the sheep hear His voice”. Once again, Paul the apostle would later be inspired to write: “But you have not so learned Christ if indeed you have heard Him, and have been taught by Him -- as the truth is in Jesus.” Indeed, experiencing a sighting of the light of truth is one thing, but being taught directly by Him who is “the Truth” is quite another.

The transformation of a real regeneration experience depends upon the both taking place. Those that were with Saul “saw the light -- and were afraid -- but they did not hear the voice of Him”. In other words, they had an emotional experience for sure, but it was not at all the same with them as it was with Saul because the Lord did not directly speak to them and He did not reveal to them who He is in truth.

Saul of Tarsus at one moment thought he was doing God a good service in his being an enemy of Jesus and His church -- and then, suddenly, by grace, he became Paul the apostle of Jesus who would spend the rest of his whole entire life building up and promoting the growth of His church! For this purpose -- to this great end -- he even declared that he came to the realization that it was for this reason that he was born!

He was led to write: “It pleased God who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me that I might preach Him...”

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

Deadline Approaches

Dear ones, we need your most earnest prayers regarding the outstanding balance that we currently owe to the bank for the work we had to have done on our water lines and lake renovation. Lord willing, with His guidance and His moving among many of you, we will be able to avoid having to become even more entrenched in an indebted relationship with the bank come this November. There is a deadline upon us of 11/15/09 for us to pay off the credit line that they have extended to us since April of 2007 when we officially launched the work we needed to have done. We continually thank and praise the Lord for His using you all to allow us to stay current with them to the extent that we have without having to put any kind of mortgage on the camp property. We hope and pray that we will be able to continue to avoid this kind of situation altogether. As we all are aware, this is absolutely not the financial environment to be caught up in just such an indebted condition. For this reason -- please join us in making it a matter of very special prayer that we be delivered from these times that we are now in, as well as the direction that this economy is obviously now headed. The credit line was opened at \$80,000 in 2007 and we currently owe the bank \$66,959.12.

Annual Del-Haven Banquet

The annual Del-Haven banquet is scheduled for **October 23 at 6:30 P.M.** The banquet will be at **Pleasant Grove Bible Church** and will be catered by **Bandana's Barbecue**. We look forward to seeing everyone once again for this yearly event. We will have more details at a later time.

Mr. Badger is from the Gideon camp in Warrensburg, MO. He has been coming to Del-Haven faithfully for over 14 years passing out New Testaments to all of our campers.



We appreciate The Waterhole in Independence who has faithfully donated all the chemicals needed to keep our swimming pool healthy and clean for our campers for many years.

Thank You!

A special thanks to the First Baptist Church of Oak Grove who donated life jackets, paper goods, and a VBS offering of over \$2,500 which we were able to apply toward the lake project.

“The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The LORD has made them both .”

Proverbs 20:12