



Welcome to the July August edition of the The Visionary 2010. May God continue to bless you in all you say and do, and open new opportunities of fruitfulness in your life.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ; according as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, (Eph 1:3-4 MKJV)

What a statement! We are blessed with spiritual blessings, secured in heaven itself, that were organised and determined even before the world began! And they are blessings that secured our holiness, righteousness and relationship in Him before we even knew it. And those blessings are not only experienced in the “spirit”, they are birthed, secured, and dispensed from a spiritual realm that can effect and empower everything you do for Him.

This is an “abundance of supply of ALL things pertaining to life and Godliness” for you and me, as Peter said. So what does this mean? It means that hooked into Jesus I cannot help but succeed!

In this edition we have “**A Word from Ken**” and “**A Moment with Alison**”, our **Missions update**, a report from our **Joondalup graduation**, our **Honour Roll**, and **College news**

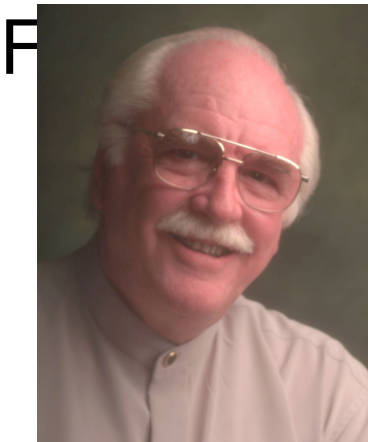
New Resource Centres

We are so pleased to welcome two more church Resource Centres (local church bible colleges) one from Perth in Western Australia, the South Central College a part of the Bull Creek Church of Christ, with Pastor Phil Kinney. In N.S.W. we welcome the Caves Beach Foursquare Church, with Pastor Colin Grigg. Both of the churches are a very welcome addition to the family of churches using Vision as their preferred material to grow and develop their people.

To you, and to every church working with us we do pray that you will be blessed, grow and see fruitfulness in all you do.

Word from Ken

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE?



or a Christian, to "believe" means to accept the witness that God has given of himself and of his will in the scriptures. In particular, we are required to accept two things –

1. what the Bible says about Christ;
and

2. what it says about us.

To believe either one of those testimonies without the other is largely futile. The purpose of scripture cannot be fulfilled unless you accept who Christ is in God, and who you are in Christ.

The second of those ideas is as important as the first; yet there are many people who fail at that point. They are willing to accept all that the Bible says about Christ, but they decline to accept what it says about themselves; consequently, they are condemned to spiritual frustration and to defeat, and the work of Christ on their behalf is rendered vain.

A vivid portrayal of what God has done for us in Christ, and of the new identity we have been given in Christ, is found in Paul's use of the phrase "in the heavenlies", which occurs only in Ephesians (1:3,20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12). The precise meaning of the phrase is uncertain; but it does convey the idea of that spiritual realm to which God has given us access by faith, in which all of our real spiritual warfare occurs, and in which every worthwhile blessing is found.

One lesson we can draw from this idea, is the difference between what might be called "situational" truth and "positional" truth. The first describes your actual situation here on earth; the second describes the way God sees you in the

heavenlies, your "position" in Christ. For example, on earth you may be incomplete in sin; but in the heavenlies you are complete in Christ (CI 2:10).

None of that "position" is future, for in Christ, all of that heavenly reality is already yours by right. In the reckoning of God, whatever Christ has accomplished through his crucifixion, burial, resurrection, ascension, and enthronement, belongs to you NOW! It is yours by right of the union with him that you have entered into by faith.

You should stir your imagination, in response to scripture, to see yourself where God has placed you: in the heavenlies, on the throne of Christ. Only

from that vantage point can you find the right kind of strength and authority to change your situation. **Prayer Needs**

* Ken and Alison as they continue to pastor the church in St Marys, pray for continued growth in the church, in addition to their College duties.

* For our existing distance student body around Australia and the world

* For new church based Vision Colleges here in Australia.

* Pray for the students in our mission colleges in Nepal, Papua New Guinea, China, Myanmar, Sth. Africa and India.

* We need someone who can promote the colleges locally.

* Ps Denis and Ros, and Steve and Trish, as they labour over the ministry of the church and the colleges.

* Denis and Ros as they go to the UK in August for a holiday and to recruit for Vision

**A Moment
With Alison**

Revelation 7:9-12



The white robes are a sign of victory. The palm branch is a sign of victory.

The shout of the triumphant faithful ascribes salvation to God. It is God who has brought them through their trials and their

tribulations and distresses: it is his power which has upheld them, and it is his glory which they share and receive. God is the great Saviour, the great rescuer, the great deliverer of his people. And the deliverance which God gives is the greatest deliverance of all, for it is

not the deliverance of escape; it is the deliverance of conquest. It is not the deliverance which saves a man from trouble; it is the deliverance which brings a man triumphantly through trouble. This does not make life easy, but it certainly makes life great. It is not part of the

Christian hope to look for a life in which a man is saved from all trouble and distress; the Christian hope is that a man or woman in Christ can endure any kind of trouble and distress, and remain strong through them, and come out to glory and victory on the other side.

The angels know their God and they shout his praises. He is:

* Blessing - God created us and then redeemed and blessed us so we are doubly his.

* Glory – He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Men must never forget the majesty of God.

God's love and his Fatherhood toward us must never be cheaply sentimentalised. God must be given the adoration and the glory which are his by right.

* Wisdom – God is the fountain of all wisdom and the source and the origin of all truth. He is the giver of all

knowledge.

* Thanksgiving - God is the giver of salvation and the constant provider of grace. Let us be forever grateful to him for his goodness.

* Honour – When we bow ourselves humbly before God let us remember it is not just so that he can do things for

us, though he does so many times. It is so we can offer ourselves as living sacrifices; all we are and have, to him.

* Power – God’s arm is not shortened, he does whatever he pleases in heaven and in earth, and his power never grows less.

* Strength – The

problems of life need strength and that strength is to be found in God. The Christian's cry should be, "I will go in the strength of the Lord."

There is no greater exercise in the life of devotion to God than to meditate on the praise of the angels.

To God belong blessing,
glory, wisdom,
thanksgiving, honour,
power, and strength. So
let us praise him today
with the angels above,
let us cry out with a joyful
shout. How can we not
give him glory for our
salvation? We are twice
bought, through creation
and by salvation through

Jesus Christ.

Let us shout with the angels: *“Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power and strength belong to our God for ever and ever. Amen”* **Korn Korner**

1. Prayer: God answers Knee-Mail.

2. The Boss: under the same management for over 2000 years.

3. Come As You Are: You are not too bad to come in and you are not too good

to stay out.

4. Insomnia Cure: If you can't sleep, try counting your blessings.

5. Nutrition: The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

6. Cosmetic Surgery: Come in and

have your faith lifted.

7. Refunds: Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will gladly take you back.

8. Seating Arrangements: Where will you be seated in eternity? Smoking or non-smoking?

9. Tithing: Give God what's right -- not what's left.

10. Which Way?:
Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope. **Book of the Month**

Throne Rights by Dr. Ken Chant, a series of studies on our position and spiritual authority in Christ, a must read for any Christian today. Ken has covered at least

some of the most important general principles of successful prayer, and in particular, throughout the book, he highlights those emphases that reflect a

charismatic
approach to prayer.

Church

Graduation

Joondalup

Perth

Although we
have a “national”
graduation
service in
Sydney each
year it is not
possible for all

students to
attend, which
was the case for
our students at
Joondalup,
Perth. We are
always willing to

come to local
church

Graduations
ceremonies, and
indeed, we
encourage them
as was this

case. For me it was a privilege to attend their first graduation service for “*Inspire Bible College*” in

Joondalup at the beginning of this month and to issue 16 Awards from a Cert of Attendance to a Certificate IV in

Christian Ministry and Theology.

I had visited the
church last year
to start Vision for
them and it was

a personal
delight to be with
the *C3 Church*
again, and to see
and hear of the
personal and
ministry

development in
the students
after my previous
visit a year ago.
Congratulations
to all of you, both
staff and

students, you
have done well
and we
congratulate
you. **Missions'**
News
India

David Jones is
back in
Kottayam city
in the Indian
state of Kerala
for the second

time
establishing
the work
there. It is
proving to be
an interesting

exercise and
there is the
possibility of a
second work
happening in
the mountains

just outside
the city where
the current
college is. As
at the time of
writing this

newsletter, the
student body
is growing and
there is
greater
interest from

local churches
there. Please
take time to
pray for David
and his family.
He may be

there for up to
two months
and that is a
long time
without your
family, and

they need him
too.

Student

Honour Roll

During the

last couple of
months we
were delighted
to see
twenty-two
students

graduate with
their awards,
see the list
below,
although they
will be able to

graduate at
our annual
graduation
ceremony, we
send their
awards to them

for a local
graduation
ceremony in
their church,
especially
when so far

away. Well
done all.

Student

Honour Roll

Name

Award

City

State

Shane

Doyle

Associate in B

Bundaberg

QLD

Debbie

McDonald

Diploma of Mid

St Andrews

NSW

Nicholas

Daniels

Advanced Dip

Kraaifontein

Sth Africa

Trisha

Orr

Diploma of Ch

Glennning Valle

NSW

Sandy

Alefosio

Certificate in E

Kingston

QLD

Paul

Choo

Associate in B

Selangor,

Malaysia

Colleen

Ryan

Certificate in C

Kingaroy

Qld

Daniel

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Joondalup

WA

Karl

Adams

Certificate in E

Clarkson

WA

Dawn

Freeth

Certificate in E

Edgewater

WA

William

Mitchell

Certificate in E

Merriwa

WA

Stella

Mitchell

Certificate in E

Merriwa

WA

Roney

Oomen

Certificate in E

Banksia Grove

WA

Sheridon

Robertson

Certificate in E

Ocean Reef

WA

Stephen

Rudolph

Certificate in B

Ellenbrook

WA

Ron

Tully

Certificate in E

Joondalup

WA

Rachel

Waters

Certificate in E

Clarkson

WA

Neil

Woolley

Certificate in B

Tapping

WA

Barbara

Snowsill

Certificate in E

Clarkson

WA

Matthew

Hassan

Award in Biblical

Perth

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Rachel

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Award in Biblical

Perth

WA

Camilla

Lindsay

Award in Biblical

Currambie

WA

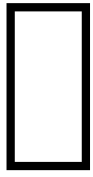
Danielle

Holden

Certificate of A

Joondalup

WA



The Last Word

Ph 4:11,
"whatever
the
circumstances
s, I have

learned to be content".

In Phil 4:11

Paul uses

the word
“content” in
the active
rather than
the passive

sense, which
changes the
meaning, for
many of us,
of what he is

saying. The
Greek word
is autarkeia,
which carries
the sense of

a person
who is
complete in
himself, able
to cope with

any exigency
without need
of help from
others, a
"man for all

seasons",
serene
under all
pressures,
without

reason to
fear any
day. A
complete
man. A

complete
woman.

One must
ask “Why

does Paul
claim
"self-sufficien
cy", rather
than

Christ-suffici
ency? Paul
saw himself
as so fully
united with

Christ that
distinction
was no
longer
possible;

what was
true of
Christ was
equally and
fully true of

him. How
could Paul
make such a
declaration?
Is such a

claim

boastful to

the extreme?

Some will

argue that

because
Paul was an
apostle this
kind of
language

may have
been
appropriate
for him, but
it cannot be

so for us.

But consider

the

following,

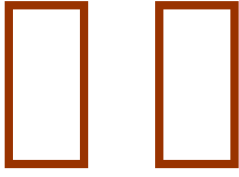
addressed to

ordinary
Christians,
and to every
Christian -

*"God is able
to cause to
ABOUND
toward you
ALL grace, in*

order that in
ALL things,
ALWAYS
having
ALL-sufficien

*cy, you may
ABOUND in
ALL good
works!" (2
Co 9:8).*



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