

Derwin Hinson Ministries Newsletter



Psalm 150:4 - Praise Him with stringed instruments

Praise God for Love Even Through A Blown Bus Engine by Derwin Hinson

Before the foundations of the world - **God knew**. What did God know? Everything. Nothing has ever been a mystery to Him. For example, think of all your family members. God knows everything about them – their names, the color of their eyes, even the very number of hairs on all their heads. Now think about every person living on the face of this planet right now - God knows everything about them. Having established this thought, realize that God is in control in everything – big things, small things, ALL THINGS!



Getting ready to tow the bus

On June 1, 2008, we had the privilege of singing at Liberty Spring Christian Church in Suffolk, Virginia. Within this church was a great heart of love. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. You know, love is a big determining factor in how effective a church is in its community. 1 Corinthians Chapter 13 is sometimes called the "Love Chapter". The last verse (13) says, "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love."

Shortly after the concert, Liberty's Pastor, Rev. Allen Lancaster, asked us to come back to sing again in September. We questioned whether it was too soon to go back again, but you never know what God has in mind so we said "Yes!"



Derwin at the Virginia Baptist Men's Gathering with (from left to right) Dr. Billy Hutchinson, Dr. Tom Blackaby, and Dr. Henry Blackaby

Last Friday and Saturday (9/26 & 27) we had the opportunity to play for the Virginia Baptist Men's Gathering in Richmond. The guest speakers were Dr. Henry Blackaby (*"Experiencing God"*) and Dr. Tom Blackaby. The Blackabys are awesome men of God. They brought timely thought-provoking messages, and it was an incredible worship experience. We were "up on the mountain" as we left the conference on Saturday to head to Suffolk.

Just as we were rolling into Suffolk, without any warning, the bus suddenly cut off. We pulled to the side of the road, got out to investigate, and what we saw was not good. There was an oil spill under the motor and a trail of oil on the road behind us.

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Congratulations to Dr. Michael K. Moore, for being named Director of Missions (Interim) of the Wilmington Baptist Association in Wilmington, North Carolina. Dr. Moore is the author of "The Preachers Corner" (page 3) and President of Life Renewal Ministries, Inc.

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We called a friend of ours from Liberty Spring, Ronnie Green, and bless his heart, he was there within a few minutes ready to help. Ronnie arranged for a towing expert to come out and tow us the next morning. Bright and early, Todd Greene of Greene's Motor Sales arrived and towed the bus. We were even able to join our friends at Liberty Spring for worship. The concert went on that evening as scheduled, and praise the Lord, we saw several decisions for Christ. Throughout all this, we were showered with lots of love and prayers from everyone. What a blessing!

We could have broken down anywhere, but praise God in His infinite wisdom - He knew this was the right place for it to happen. We were safe. We were surrounded by a church that loved us. And above all, for whatever reason, the Lord is working through this trial. It's amazing how God's love, even in a bad situation, conquers all. We don't know how the bus is going to get fixed but God knows. At these times we're reminded of how big a God we serve and He is a God of love and He knows everything.

Lord willing, we do not plan to cancel any of our upcoming concert events. We might show up on a Moped with a harmonica, but the scheduled programs will go on! The cost to repair the bus is somewhere around \$25,000. A special bus fund has been created, and since we are a faith-based ministry, we would appreciate any help if possible, whether individually or through your church. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to Derwin Hinson Ministries, PO Box 767, Kure Beach, NC 28449. We can also accept donations by phone using Visa or MasterCard. Derwin and I thank you again so much for your prayers and support. We will keep you updated on the great things God is going to do, and please pray for God's guidance as we make some very critical decisions in the coming days.

Romans 8:28 And we know that **all things work together for good** to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Schedule of Upcoming Events and Concerts

Salem Baptist Church	Lincolnton, NC	October 4 at 6:00 p.m.
Maiden Wesleyan Church	Maiden, NC	October 5 at 11:00 a.m.
United Baptist Church	Valdese, NC	October 5 at 7:00 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church	Whiteville, NC	October 11 at 2:00 p.m.
Open date (a.m. service)		October 12
Godwin Heights Baptist Church	Lumberton, NC	October 12 at 6:00 p.m.
Mt. Carmel Baptist Church	Rocky Mount, Virginia	October 19 at 11:00 a.m.
Pigg River Community Center	Rocky Mount, Virginia	October 19 at 6:00 p.m.
Green Memorial United Methodist Church	Norwood, NC	October 25 at 4:00 p.m.
Open date (a.m. service)		October 26
Crescent Hill Baptist Church	Columbia, SC	October 26 at 6:00 p.m.
NC Baptist Assembly Senior Retreat	Ft. Caswell, NC	October 28 at 7:00 p.m.
Moore's Creek Baptist Church	Currie, NC	November 2 at 10:00 a.m.
First Baptist Church of Woodburn	Leland, NC	November 2 at 7:00 p.m.
Corinth FWB Church	Dunn, NC	November 9 at 10:45 a.m.
Open date (p.m. service)		November 9
Open date (a.m. service)		November 30
Singletary Baptist Church	Lumberton, NC	November 30 at 7:00 p.m.

THE PREACHERS CORNER

(NUGGETS OF GOLD YOU CAN USE)

"The Preachers Corner" is brought to you by Dr. Michael K. Moore, Director of Missions (Interim) of the Wilmington Baptist Association and President of Life Renewal Ministries, Inc., a non-profit ministry developing Christian leadership. Contact Dr. Moore at: PO Box 478 Kure Beach, NC 28449 or 910-458-7146

"...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." Romans 12:2

THE PASTOR'S CROWN

(I have used the heart of this and a variation of it many times for an ordination sermon, or on Pastors Appreciation Day. I most recently used on August 12, 2008 it at the funeral of my good friend, Pastor Graham Reynolds, at Sea Side Chapel in Carolina Beach, NC.)

Within a few hours the 2008 Olympic Games will be history and the gold medal winners will go home to bask in life long glory. I applaud them, and yet, their temporal victory, when laid beside the eternal victory of biblical truth, seems empty and less satisfying.

There is a great deal of difference between a trophy and a treasure. A trophy is something that you have won. A trophy fades with the passing of time. Sometimes they are put on display, turn into dust catchers and forgotten, or in the passage of time cast into a cardboard box lost among the clutter of an upper shelf in a closet of a back room.

Not so with a treasure. A treasure grows over time. A treasure comes from the wisdom and labor of investment. Where a trophy looks back to an event, the investment of treasure looks forward to reaping a harvest of dividends.

Of the substance of life that God gives us, we may do three things:

- (1) **Consume** it as did the prodigal son did when he "wasted his substance in riotous living". It was just gone never to return.
- (2) **Exchange** it. With the currency that comes from the fruit of your labor you buy goods that sustain you such as food, clothing, shelter, etc.
- (3) **Invest** it. Every farmer knows and the Bible teaches that planting a seed is an investment in a future harvest.

One of the images the Bible uses to convey this truth to us is that of a crown. Crowns were common symbols in the ancient world. They were worn by dignitaries, athletes, religious leaders, brides, soldiers, and politicians.

There are two kinds of crowns mentioned in the Bible. One is the "diadem". That word is made up of two words meaning to weave through. A blue-purple ribbon was woven through the turban of the one who was a ruler. It spoke of royalty. This word is used of God and Lord Jesus.

The other word for crown is "stephanos". It is from a verb that means "to encircle" as a crown encircles the head. This was the victor's crown woven of flowers and leaves placed on the head of the winner in an athletic contest. This is the word that is used most often for crown and is applied to the reward given to the Christian for the investment of their life in kingdom values. Where the diadem signified **position**, the stephanos marked **achievement**. It is an important point.

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Contact Alene Hinson at (910) 470-1291 or email at derwin@derwinhinson.com to schedule a concert for 2008 or 2009. Call Alene to use your credit card to make a tax-deductible contribution to Derwin Hinson Ministries or to purchase CD's. Mail your contribution to
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There are five crowns for the Christian spoken of in the Bible. Four may be won by any Christian, but the fifth is reserved for the faithful Pastor. There is:

1. The **Crown Incorruptible** for victorious Christian living (I Cor.9:25)
2. The **Crown of Rejoicing** which is given to the soul winner (I Thess 2:19)
3. The **Crown of Righteousness** for those who love and look for the second coming of the Lord Jesus (II Tim 4:8)
4. The **Crown of Life** is given for faithfulness and endurance (James 1:12)

And then there is the:

5. The **Crown of Glory** which is the Pastor's Crown. (I Peter 5:1-4)

There are three words in the New Testament that are used interchangeably for the one who is a Pastor (1) **Elder**, which speaks of the **dignity** of the office. It comes from a word meaning "beard". The office of pastor must always be given respect. (2) **Bishop**, which speaks of the responsibility of oversight and **leadership** demanded by the office. No one but a faithful pastor knows the weight of leading a church. (3) **Pastor**, which speaks of the **work** of the office.

The biblical job description is laid out in I Peter 5:1-4. His **motive**, **method**, and **manner** are mentioned. The Pastor's **motive** is to serve out of a love for God and the people rather than out of a love for money.

The Pastor's **method** as shepherd is to feed the sheep by preaching the Bible (II Tim 3:16). He is to care for the people he serves as individuals and not just as flock. But he is to guide the flock as an overseer as a helmsman steers a ship. And his **manner** of life is to be an example. It is hard to do but his life is to be a gold standard.

We shall not wear these crowns for eternity but I believe that we shall join with the twenty and four elders and cast our crowns at the savior's feet (Rev. 4:10-11).

He that had no cross will wear no crown. Trophies fade, treasures last. Invest your life in things eternal.

And remember, you will never have a positive life with a negative mind.

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