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New Horizons

This week I am at the 35th year of Horizons. It is a future church leaders workshop at Freed Hardeman University. The goal of this week is to train young men and women to be leaders in the Lord's church. There are over 1000 people here and it is an amazing camp. We are discussing the sermon on the mount with the theme "Inside Out". We are studying Jesus' instructions that show how God is concerned with more than our actions. He is concerned about our hearts.

Last night the minister from the church of Christ in Ferguson, Missouri spoke to us and did a wonderful job. He talked about the need to replace hate with love in our lives as Jesus taught in Matthew 5:43-45 in order to become sons of our Father in heaven. Love is such a powerful approach to use as we deal with an ever changing world. Hate will never change a heart but love will. At the end of his lesson he spoke about the time that the horizon stands out the most is at the dawning of a new day. The darkness that has filled the world is being eliminated by the light of God's sun. We are living in a time that there are a number of dark things happening. Morality is being ignored and sin is being accepted, but as this is happening our job as God's children is as important as ever. It is our job to project to the world a clear contrast of light and darkness. Our job is to draw attention to the Son of God and his ability to change others view of this world.

May we all take the opportunity to show God's love to this world and shine as lights in a dark world.

John

Matthew 5:14 You are the Light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Blessed (7) . . . Joe Macer

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

This is the seventh and final blessing recorded in the book of Revelation. Two blessings come to those who have washed their robes. What is meant by this phrase? It is used one other time in this book. Revelation 7:14 states, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." A robe refers to our lives and in Scripture dirty clothes represents sin. We must have sin removed from our lives. The verse following this blessing states sins that if they are not removed will prevent them from this blessing. The act of baptism washes away our sins. Baptism is a decision we make to obey the Lord but the blood that Jesus shed on the cross is what pays the price for our sins and cleanses us of our sin. Dirty clothes dipped in the blood of Christ are now white. As Christians, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us of our sins.

What are the blessings of having our robes washed? Two are listed in this verse. First, we have the right to the tree of life. The tree of life represents eternal life. Christians have the right to eternal life. What a tremendous blessing! The second blessing is we are able to go through the gates into the city. What city? We are able to enter heaven itself - the home of God! Think about how important the blood of Christ is to our salvation and how important that we obey the gospel by washing our sins away in baptism. Will you be blessed with eternal life and with a home in heaven? The Lord gave his blood and his life so that you can enjoy these blessings.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:
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If anyone needs to be taken off or added to prayer list, notify the office.

WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 12, 2015

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.

Welcome.....Richard Farris
 Song Leader.....Greg Lusk
 Prayer.....Donnie Davis
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Mike Lyle
 Rhett Heflin Daniel Thomas
 Ed Johnson David White
 Jason Kelley Jerry Williams
 Danny Lasater James Bolton
 Read: I Thessalonians 2:1-8..... Corey Massey
 Sermon: A Blueprint For Ministry.....John Thomas
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Richard Farris

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Sam Quirk
 Prayer.....Kevin Mick
 Read: I Thessalonians 4:1,2.....Trent Thomason
 Sermon: How To Walk To Please God.....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Jerry Wilson
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

Ushers: Alex Jones, Charlie Willis, Dave Coleman

Greeters: John, Debbie, Angie Massey

Audio/Visual: Jerry Thornton

Security Team: A.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Lisa Kelley, Linda Lasater
 P.M.....Lori Lee, Cheryl Thornton

VBS - WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015 - 6:30 P.M.

Announcements/Speaker.....Trent Hill
 Prayer.....Gary Boyd