

Enlightened Eyes
Ephesians Part 7

*I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened
in order that you may know
the hope to which he has called you,
the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints
and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*
Ephesians 1:18-19

I love studying Ephesians. There is so much to being a believer that I have not realized or even come close to using. In the passage above Paul is asking God to make the church aware of her hope, her rich inheritance and her incomparably great power. In order for the church to get a clue, he asks that the body of Christ has “enlightened eyes.”

These eyes Paul refers to are in your heart. We have to realize that the Father has a way of communicating to us. It can be missed if you don't know what to look for. Many of us are so used to using our natural eyes. We haven't a clue about our inner eyes. Some call it intuition. Have you ever had someone say that they have a “check” in their spirit? They mean that there is some warning within but they are not sure why. There are other times that you just know something good is about to happen and you move forward without fear. Some call it a feeling. I get what I call Holy Spirit nudges in my spirit; I know that I am to talk to a person about the Lord. Sometimes the Lord will lead me to take a different direction than I had planned and find out that the Lord helped me avoid trouble. There are many ways that the Lord speaks to us but in this particular prayer request, Paul prays for enlightened eyes. This is more than nudges or intuitions.

Paul is very concerned that the church develops and grows in their inner being (Eph.1:16-18) and that our inner being is able to pick up on the signals of heaven. I wanted to know more about how we see with our inner eyes so I did a little study on the word enlightened. The word enlightened comes from the Greek word *photidzo*. Sound familiar? It means to shine, to shed light on, to give or bring light to, or to illuminate, i.e., to light up. If you have inner eyes that pick up on light signals from above than you are a cool person indeed! Paul gets as excited as I do about this when he says to the Corinthian church, “For the God who said, ‘let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have the treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us” (I Cor 4:6-7). The light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ? Shining in our hearts? Wow!

For the sake of space, indulge me here. I'll try to squeeze some huge revelation into a small space. Think of the invention of photocells. They are sensors that allow you to detect light. When light strikes the cell it allows current to flow more freely. The cell can detect large or small illuminations of light levels. These cells are found in cameras, photocopiers, toys and many appliances. They pick up on light and make it useful. You have a light sensor in you. Light (the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus) comes to you every day. Actually, anytime you want it to. When you open your heart's photocell you will be able to pick up on revelation from heaven any time you need it and make it useful. Large amounts of light (wow, the glory!) and small amounts of light (the still small voice). Read Eph. 1:18-23 and see what He wants you to pick up on. We'll talk more next time.