

Mt Lebanon Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal unto you that which he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Spiritual Senses – The Sense of Sight

Ephesians 1: 15 – 18

The spiritual gift of sight, what is it? Spiritual sight is the reality to see that which is unseen. Our spiritual sight allows us to see all things with an eternal perspective, and it is this that helps us to see God's planning for our life in his appointed time. Every situation and circumstance that we encounter has an unseen spiritual perspective. Our spiritual sight is not just about our awareness that there is a God, but it is also about focusing on God's spiritual realities in our life. Perception is the awareness of our spiritual reality, and the reality of that, is that the life of a man is the vision of God. Now, we need spiritual sight so that we are not deceived by the world, for it is our spiritual vision that helps us to see the truth, to walk in the truth, and to live in the truth. It is our spiritual sight that helps us to seek after the truth of the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of God. Our spiritual sight is based upon our relationship with God, and if we have no relationship with God through Christ Jesus our Lord then we have no spiritual sight. To see the truth, we must have Christ living within us, and even then, we must grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Therefore, it is due to the lack of the believer's knowledge in Christ that makes him or her clueless to what it means to have an inward declaration of Christ Jesus. For this reason, there are many doctrinal disagreements in the body of Christ concerning the truth of God's word, for without spiritual sight we cannot see or know the truth.

Ephesians 1: 15 – 18,....wherefore....after I heard of your faith in the Lord....cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ....may give unto you the wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of his glory of his inheritance in the saints....

As believers, we already know the facts about our salvation, which is our future hope with God, but do we understand the importance of that which we possess. Understanding the importance of our salvation is the key to maintaining our love and compassion in Christ, so that we do not find ourselves becoming spiritually joyless. Often time, this will happen when our salvation becomes just a familiarity unto us, which means that we are no longer striving to grow and to mature in our relationship with God. For this reason, our heavenly calling, which is the eternal hope of his glory, that has been set before us, our heavenly calling has become complacent in our hearts, and our spiritual sight has become blind concerning our glorious inheritance in Christ Jesus, who would have us to come to a real understanding of God's grace and his mercy, so that we might be enlightened once again to the hope of which God has called unto us to be.

2 peter 1: 3 – 10,....his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and Godliness....whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises....if these things be in you and abound....ye shall neither be....unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ....but he that lacketh these things is blind....and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins....wherefore....give diligence to make your calling and election sure....

Through our faith in Christ, God has made it possible for us to possess the same qualities and characteristics that Christ himself demonstrated and was an example of while walking here upon this earth. Sadly, our existence, does not utilize the demonstrated being of Christ, this great gift of God, therefore, we have missed the whole point of his example. We live a significant part of our life in Christ as one who is spiritually blind because we are so preoccupied with the here and now, that we have lost the ability to see life with any kind of eternal perspective. The good news is that through Gods word we are reminded of the many promises that belong to us in Christ. We have been given all that we need to live a life of godliness, a life firmly established in our faith, free from the slavery of sin. This means that everyday should be a reminder unto us that we are positioned in Christ, therefore, we abide in him and he in us, so that we might not only produce good fruit, but that we might produce much fruit to the glory of God.

Psalm 119: 16 – 18,....I will delight myself in thy statutes, I will not forget thy word....deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live and keep thy word....open thou my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things out of thy law....

Good spiritual eyesight focuses upon the word of God, for it is our guide, it is our strength, our life, our health, our peace, our joy, and our eternal hope. We are not just servants of God and his word, but we are family, the bride of Christ, and this proven reality should stir up within us a passion to search the scriptures daily so that we might discover the truths that the Lord desires to teach us. We need to ensure that our spiritual eyes are wide open, for when our eyes are open and earnestly looking unto Christ, then we are not searching out the lustful things of the world. We spiritually see with prayerful expectations, so that we might observe the promises and commandments contained within the word of God.

1 Corinthians 2: 9,....as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him....

As believers, we must learn to compare the difference between worldly wisdom and Godly wisdom. Worldly wisdom is based upon what we can observe through our own natural senses, but Godly wisdom is revealed unto us in various ways through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and then through our wisdom, knowledge, and understanding from God as we believe upon his revealed truth. Godly wisdom has been in place since before time as we know it, and it always includes God's plan of forgiveness through redemption for all of mankind. True wisdom, no ordinary human eyes can see, for the human eyes can only search in worldly places for discernment, all the while ignoring the instruction of God's word. But God in his mercy and grace chose to give unto us spiritual wisdom, knowledge, and understanding through his written word, so that we might love and trust in him through every circumstance in our life.

2 Corinthians 4: 18,....while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal....

Only through our spiritual gift of sight can we focus upon the things that cannot be seen in this life. The things which can be seen we should not focus on, for they are temporary, here for a moment and then gone, for that which is visible unto us in this world will come and go quickly, but those things that exist with God will never end, therefore, we must keep our inner focus on that which is eternal.

Colossians 3: 1 – 4,....seek those things which are above....set your affections on things above....for....your life is hid with Christ in God....who is our life....then shall ye also appear with him in glory....

Christ is not only the giver and sustainer of life, he is our life, and he is the source of true life for all who will believe. Therefore, it is Christ that should be the focus of our spiritual eyesight. In everything, we should see Christ, for we should see everything through Christ. This then is the reality of our life in Christ, that our life is hid with Christ in God.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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