

Spiritual Optometry

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Introduction

1. Ephesians 1:18
2. The Bible has much to say about the eye. The word “eyes is used 501 times in the Bible
3. The eyes can communicate much:
 - a. Do you remember the “look” from your mother’s eyes
 - b. Love
 - c. Concern
 - d. Indifference
 - e. Hate
4. The eye reveals much about the health of the body
 - a. A doctor by looking in your eye with special instruments can detect diabetes, cataracts and health problems.
5. Jesus mentioned the eye. Matthew 6:22-23 context is 19-23;
 - a. One may suffer from a Cataract of covetousness
 - b. One may not see clearly spiritually because of an myopia of selfishness
 - c. Matthew 13:14-15; Acts 28:26-27 (Isaiah 6:9-10).
6. Let us look to the book of Ephesians to see what Paul wanted us to perceive.

II Discussion

1. Ephesians 1:18, “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened.”
 - a. Word meaning as used here in this passage.
 - i. The word “eyes” is used here to mean the base of understanding.
 - ii. The word “know” means to see by implication.
 - iii. Someone may explain something and the other person might say, “I see” meaning I understand.
 - b. Three things we need to know or see
 - i. What is the hope of God’s calling.
 1. God’s people have been called. 2 Thessalonians 2:14; Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:17.
 2. Without this calling we are without hope Ephesians 2:12
 3. There is one hope of this calling. Ephesians 4:4
 4. Saved by this hope 1 Peter 1:3; Romans 8:24
 - ii. What is the riches of this inheritance.
 1. Seen in the price paid Ephesians 1:7; 5:25-26
 2. Seen in the value of the soul. Matthew 16:26; John 3:16
 3. Seen in our relationship with God. 1 John 3:1-2
 4. Seen in the gift promised. John 14:1-3
 - iii. What is the greatness of His power
 1. The power seen in the resurrection. Romans 1:4
 2. The power working in us. Philippians 4:13; Ephesians 2:10; 3:20-21
 3. The power in the word. Ephesians 3:1-7; Romans 1:16
 4. The power to stand against Satan Ephesians 6:10-7

III Conclusion

1. Can you see or understand what God has for us?
2. Who would want to miss all of this, yet many have and will
3. Will you be one who cannot see and thus miss what God has done for and what God has in store for us?

4. Come now don't be blind

Sources: Kittles Theological Dictionary of the New Testament; Spiritual self-examination
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