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Seeing

2 of 5 from the teaching series "All In"
Ephesians 1:17-19 • Pastor Paul Bradford

Ephesians 1:17-19 (NET)

17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you spiritual wisdom and revelation in your growing knowledge of him, ¹⁸ —since the eyes of your heart have been enlightened—so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the incomparable greatness of his power toward us who believe.

All In

- Have you ever had your eyes opened to something you'd never seen before and it changed everything? Something similar takes place when we encounter the living God. When we see him as he is, everything changes in our perspective.
- How we see reality makes all the difference in our choices, passions, motivations, and purpose.

We need to choose to see and pray to see

- We need the Spirit to give us both wisdom and revelation. Apart from revelation, people are blind to the spiritual reality.
- Christians have the capacity to see spiritually - our hearts have been enlightened. *(1 Corinthians 2:12, 1 John 2:27)*
- Spiritual seeing is both a choice of faith and a work of the Holy Spirit - wisdom and revelation.
- Wisdom - an ongoing choice to see from God's perspective.
- Revelation - a special touch from God that enables us see what we've not seen before.

Do we see God's mighty work as David did?

- Through the Spirit, David had eyes to see the unseen work of God. *(Psalm 18:6-17)*
- God is at work all around us. Do we have the eyes of faith to see?

Do we see people as Jesus did?

- Jesus saw people as sheep needing a shepherd. He saw people ripe for God, but not enough workers. *(Matthew 9:36-38, John 4:35)*

Do we see the battle as Paul did?

- We must know who our enemy is, and we must be properly armored to fight. *(Ephesians 6:10-12)*

Do we see ourselves as Paul did?

- Paul saw that those in Christ are a new creation. *(2 Corinthians 5:16-17)*
- Paul saw in us an amazing hope, vast riches, and resurrection power. *(Ephesians 1:17-19)*

Our Response

Choose to perceive with the eyes of faith so that you might see God at work, see the battle for the souls of men and women, and see Christ's riches and power within you!