

THE EYES OF OUR UNDERSTANDING

Ephesians 1: 15 wherefore (1-the ground or reason by which something is done 2-this (thing) *I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,*16 *cease not to give thanks for you, making mention* (recollection) *of you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory , may give* (impart by the Spirit) *unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation* (eyes to see, unveiling of the Spirit) *in the knowledge* (intimate experiential knowledge, insight obtained by penetrating knowledge going down to the foundation-exact full knowledge) *of him; 18 The eyes of your understanding*(from two words 1- denoting separation 2- the mind-To perceive with thought coming into consciousness as distinct from the perception of the physical senses) *being enlightened* (the state brought about, to give light to);*that you may know*(the word means to see or to know) *what is the hope*(confident expectation) *of his calling, and what the riches*(rich supply, abundance, more than enough, source of power and influence) *of the glory*(the honor he receives in possessing his creation that loves him, that lives to glorify him) *of his inheritance* (a possession)*in*(intimate union) *the saints.*(set apart, consecrated)(the fullness of God dwelling in man).

The eyes of our understanding is speaking of the eyes of our soul (our mind or imagination).

When Paul heard of the Ephesians faith and love he continually prayed that that they would be given revelation to see the hope of the calling of God on them, the glory of Gods inheritance in them.

When the faith and love of God is flowing into our spirit, we are aware of the Spirit of God, it is called being in the spirit. It is through this intimacy that the revelation gate in our spirit opens and flows into

the mind, imagination, and emotion gates of our soul. We are enabled to see spiritual things on the screen of our mind.

That the eyes of your understanding. The eyes there mean vision. The vision of your understanding. The vision of your imagination. The word understanding, is the word mind and is associated with imagination.

Paul prayed that the vision of your imagination would be enlightened. The word enlightened is talking about pictures. We get the English word photograph from it.

The vision of your imagination – the screen of your imagination being enlightened – receiving pictures. The vision of your imagination might be lighted with pictures – of the spirit realm.

When we are filled with the Spirit and the eyes of our understanding are opened we begin to see the reality of the word of God on the screen of our mind, which becomes a gateway to enter into the spirit realm.

As the life of God is flowing through our spirit into the imagination gate of our soul, the hope gate in our soul opens.

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The eyes of our understanding being enlightened that we might see what is the hope of His calling: – the purpose of our being on earth.

God wants us to be able to enter into the realm of the kingdom

with our spirit. How do we get our spirit man into that realm? Through the focus of our mind and our imagination with a strong emotion of love. The emotion part is very important. Because if our love has grown cold we will not get in.

The gateway of first love in our spirit is the doorway into the kingdom realm.

So we set our spirit, we set our affections, we set our love with intensity, we set our mind in focus with our affections upon the kingdom of God and he will appear, he will reveal himself to us, and Our spirit man will eventually ascend into that realm where he is.

We set our focus upon the Lord, and we hold that focus in worship. And then our spirit man will break through into the reality of it. And then we can walk with him in glory.

We are to set our focus on things which are above in the kingdom realm. When Christ our life begins to appear our spirit will ascend into that and walk into that realm we will see what God has got for us for our future we will see where we are now. Our spirit man will ascend into those heavenly places and will begin to learn how to walk in those heavenly places.

The first law is focus. The second law is first that which is in the natural and then that which is in the spiritual. First the natural and then the spiritual. First Corinthians 15: 44 – it is sown a natural body and it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a spiritual body. How be it, that which is first is not spiritual but that which is natural. First that which is natural then that which is spiritual this is a law.

Our mind and our spirit are so closely knit; our soul and spirit are

so closely knit. Our spirit can be aroused by our mind. Our new creation man can be aroused by the focus of our mind.

Often when we are praying we are not in the spirit. We are praying along and suddenly it changes. What happens – our spirit man has joined in. It has ascended into it. Now we are in the spirit. Our spirit joins with the Lord, we are praying with the energy of our spirit, which is joined to the Lord and is one spirit. But we started in the natural; we start by choosing we are going to pray. We pray and we pray and we pray and suddenly another life, another power in our spirit man begins to join in with that- now we are praying in the spirit.

So we begin praying in tongues and our mind becomes aware of it. But then our spirit starts to get built-up and we start praying without being consciously aware of it. It totally bypasses the mind and we are in the spirit. We are praying in the realm of spirit. Most Christians don't ascend into that realm. Because they don't spend long enough to get into the flow.

But who started praying in tongues – we did. Was it in the spirit when we first started? – Probably not. There is a difference between praying in tongues and praying in the spirit. After a while our mind arouses our spirit, our direction and focus arouses our spirit. And our spirit starts flowing.

It is the same in worship, when we start worshiping are we in the spirit – probably not. We are in the flesh and our mind is probably miles away but our spirit man loves worship, our spirit man likes the things of God, likes anything to do with the kingdom of God realm. This is our spirit's realm. This is its thing.

When we start worshiping our spirit begins to ascend, real quickly. We are worshiping God without thinking of what we are saying and

what we are doing and it's coming from whom – the new creation man. It starts in the natural in order to bring us into the spiritual.

Some people say well I don't do anything until the Spirit moves me. And that is why they don't do anything. I will pray when the Spirit moves me. No – you pray and then the spirit will start to arise. First in the natural then we ascend into the spiritual. It is not first the spiritual and then the natural unless it is a sovereign thing of God that comes upon us, which can lift us up.

We must pray, we must do something, we must worship, we must see God. And then the spirit man gets into the act with us and begins to arise.

Now beholding the Lord starts with whom? It starts with us doing it. It starts with the natural man, it doesn't start with our new creation man. I'm going to behold the Lord, we set our focus, we set our emotions and then our spirit will come up real quickly into that.

Our imagination is the doorway which leads our spirit. And we really can't tell when it passes from our imagination into our new creation man. The difference is so slight we cannot tell. But our spirit man will ascend into that realm.