

A Prayer for Spiritual Sight

“Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power...” Ephesians 1:15-19

1. This prayer is for practical application of the spiritual blessings of verses 3-14.
2. This prayer is for wisdom and revelation of the knowledge we have already been given.
3. Knowledge is up to us to gain. Wisdom and revelation come from the Holy Spirit and can be asked for (James 1:5).

A Prayer for Spiritual Enlightenment Verse 18

1. Under Jesus’ ministry a blind man was prayed for twice before receiving full sight.
 - a. The sinner is mentally blind and spiritually dead (Matthew 13:15-16, Acts 26:18, 2 Corinthians 4:4).
 - b. Like a newborn baby, a Christian is enlightened at salvation but needs to see clearly (Hebrews 6:4, Luke 24:45).
 - c. Prayer is necessary for illumination into things of God (Psalm 119:18, Isaiah 28:11, John 16:13).
2. The eyes of the heart is a reference to the mind.
 - a. Illumination and revelation take place in the mind.
 - b. To “see” is to receive understanding of the word by the Holy Spirit.
3. Once the eyes of the heart are open to receive revelation three things can be understood.
 - a. The hope of His calling (future).
 - b. The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints (present).
 - c. The exceeding greatness of His power (past).
4. “The hope of His calling.”
 - a. Each one of us has a calling that comes from the Lord.
 - b. Each one of us has a unique ministry to fulfill.
 - c. There is a hope to our calling.
 1. We are called to win souls and there is a crown in Heaven for doing so.

2. We are called to live a godly life and there are rewards in heaven for it (1 Corinthians 3:14, 9:25, 2 Timothy 4:7-8, 1 Peter 5:4).
3. We are called to endure temptation and there is a crown in heaven for doing so (James 1:12, Revelation 2:10).
4. Crowns and rewards are results we have with people. Here people are our rewards (Philippians 4:1, 1 Thessalonians 2:19).
5. "The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints" (present).
6. "The exceeding greatness of His power" (past) (vs. 19).