

Seeing with Your Heart
Ephesians 1:18-19 **June 24, 2019**

INTRO: **FEDEX Logo**

Paul points us to an inner awareness. In Scripture “**The Heart**” is considered the seat of **Thought** and **Moral Judgment** as well as **Feeling**.

Ephesians 1:18-19 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

When the **Eyes of our Hearts** are **Opened** we begin to **See as God Sees**.

I. **When You begin Seeing** with Your Heart You Can Have **Assurance** of Your Salvation (**18b**) that **you may know** what is the hope to which he has called you

When you begin to see through the eyes of your heart you see that there are **three aspects** to His calling You.

A. **The Hope of His Calling** has taken place in Your **Past Calling**

2 Timothy 1:9 who has saved us and **called us** to a holy life-- not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus **before the beginning of time**,

➤ **This Calling is Your Personal Relationship with Jesus**

1 John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and he has given us understanding so that we can know the true God. And now we are in God because we are in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the only true God, and he is eternal life.

B. The Hope of His Calling is still at work today in Your Present Calling

1 Thessalonians 2:12 We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you into his Kingdom to share his glory.

➤ **This Calling is Your Personal Holiness**

Peter 1:16 For he himself has said, "You must be holy because I am holy."

Holiness a[giōj hagios: set apart to or by God, consecrated; holy, morally pure, upright;

C. The Hope of His Calling looks to Your Future Calling

Titus 2:13 while we wait for the blessed hope-- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ

2 Peter 3:10-11 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. 11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives

➤ **This Calling is Your Personal
Commitment**

1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. **Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.**"

Matthew 23:27 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! **You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.**

APPL: You can make yourself look good on the outside, but God sees the dirt on the inside.

II. When You begin Seeing with Your Heart You Can Have Access To His Resources (18c) that you may know...what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints

A. You have Access because of Your Position in Jesus

There are only two positions You can hold.

You are either a **Sinner** or a **Saint**.

➤ **We are all born Sinners! As a Sinner we are Paupers**

“The prince and the pauper” is an old story about two young boys who look identical. One is the son of the king, the other of a drunkard and thief. After a chance meeting, they exchange clothes and are

forced to live the life of the other. The book reveals that self-image had a large role in how they responded to adversity and responsibility. The pauper, forced to act as a king's son, and treated as a prince, never stopped **feeling like a pauper**. The prince living the life of a pauper, treated as a pauper and seen as a pauper **refused** to be and feel anything but a prince.

- **When we come to Jesus** we become a Saint and are now a **Prince** or **Princess**

John 1:12 Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become **children of God**

B. You have Access because of Your Possession

- **Through Jesus Christ** You Posses **Eternal** Life **1 John 5:13**

1 John 5:13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that **you have eternal life**.

- **Through Jesus Christ** You Posses **Everything** God Owns **Romans 8:16-17**

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.17Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and **co-heirs with Christ**, if indeed **we share in his sufferings** in order that **we may also share in his glory**.

III. **When You begin Seeing** with Your Heart You Can Have Appreciation for the Power of God (19) & what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might

A. **The Power of God** is Unlimited: (19)
immeasurable greatness

➤ **Unlimited Power** of God has Unlimited Abilities (19) power

Power (du,namij) “*dunamis*”, strength; act of power, miracle; supernatural power(s).

This power is given to “*us who believe*”.

➤ **Unlimited Power** of God has Unlimited Energy (19) working

Working (energiah) *energeia* refers to “*energy*”. It speaks of the energizing power of the Holy Spirit within us that enables us to live for Jesus day by day. As the Lord works within us, He gives us the energy to live for the Lord.

➤ **Unlimited Power** of God has Unlimited Strength (19) great

Great (Iskhoos) “*ischus*” speaks of “*ability, force and strength*”. The power of God within our lives gives us supernatural spiritual ability, force and strength. God enables us to do things that would be impossible for the natural man.

➤ **Unlimited Power** of God has **Unlimited Control** (19) Might

Might (Kratos) “*kratos*” speaks of “*dominion, or great power and strength*”. The Spirit of God gives us the **ability to have dominion over our lives**. We have the power to live for God.

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

You have been given the Ability to Control Your Own Lives!

You do so through the Choices you make!

The Choices You make will determine your destiny.

Remember:

His Calling = Your Hope

His Inheritance = Your Glory

His Power = Your Help

APPEAL: How about You!

Have You answered His Call?

Will You Received His Inheritance?

Have You Received His Power?

To See with Your Heart Come to Jesus Today!

Praise Team Takes The Platform!