

Open Our Eyes

Sunday Feb 1, 2009

Eph 1:15-23

Intro

Binoculars

See

What Do Christians Really Need?

- Here is what Paul Constantly Prays for Christians

Know Something – ‘See’ Something

- Assumption – Many Must Not See It

Not Just ‘Head Knowledge’

- Know Him – Relational Knowing
- Eyes of Heart – More than Head – Whole Being
- Enlightened – Implies ‘Getting It’

See What

- Hope / Calling – God’s Image Bearers in World
- Inheritance – Resurrected Bodies in New Heaven & Earth
- Power – Toward Us

Resurrection

- Hope / Calling – Jesus the True Image Bearer
- Inheritance – Jesus the First Fruits, More to Come
- Power – A Different Kind of Power

See How

- Spirit – Living Connection With God
- Wisdom – Knowing How to Live, Guidance
- Revelation – Seeing What We Can’t See by Ourselves

So What

The Spring – All of Christian Life Flows from Knowing Him

Getting It – Calling, Inheritance, Power

The Spirit – We Can Ask!

Take it Home!

Read Eph 1:15-23.

What would you say Christians need the most?

Consider:

- Christians in Third World Countries
- Christians who are persecuted
- Rich Christians in the West

This is a prayer that Paul prays for Christians in general. What does he seem to believe that these Christians need?

List the things Paul asks for in this prayer.

Think through the list you have made. What would an answer to this prayer look like in your life? Can you think of examples?

Paul speaks of the power of God that is ‘for us’. How does he describe this power? What does this mean for our lives now? Can you think of examples?

Take It Home – Take this home and use these questions to think about the ideas shared today. It is even better if you can use these questions in a conversation with someone else.