

# Light in Our Darkness

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 36

Ephesians 1:18a

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<sup>15</sup> For this reason I, for my part, since hearing of your own faith in the Lord Jesus, and of the love which *you show* unto all the holy ones, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease giving thanks for you while making mention of you<sup>1</sup> during my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,

would give you a spirit<sup>2</sup> of revelation-based wisdom<sup>3</sup> in the full knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> **the eyes of your heart having been enlightened** — so that you would understand<sup>4</sup> what is the hope of His calling, what is the wealth of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ... [Eph. 1:15-18, DJP]

## Introduction:

### I. What Does This Phrase Do? (Briefly)

#### A. Does it Add a Request?

#### B. Does it \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_?

1. Similar to RSV, ASV, ESV, NKJ, understood correctly
2. “Having been enlightened” translates a *perfect passive participle*:
3. What this phrase does?”

### II. What Has God Done?

#### A. “...the Eyes of Your Heart”

1. “Eyes”
  - a. Briefly, the eyes (and ears) are the **gateway** to the heart
    - i. We use them to gain information (Gen. \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_)
    - ii. We use them to form judgments (Matt \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_)
    - iii. Our \_\_\_\_\_ use them to pick targets  
Job 31:1  
Proverbs \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_; Matthew \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_  
1 John \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_
  - b. So “the eyes of your heart” means...
2. “Heart”
  - a. Before Paul wrote Ephesians
    - i. It is the center of our being  
Proverbs \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_
    - ii. It’s a \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremiah 17:9
    - iii. In the New Covenant, God will transform it  
Jeremiah \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_; Ezekiel \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> Some manuscripts do not contain “of you”; if absent, it would be implied, regardless.

<sup>2</sup> Or “the Spirit.”

<sup>3</sup> Literally “wisdom and revelation”; a hendiadys. Or possibly “spiritual wisdom and revelation.”

<sup>4</sup> Or *know*.

- b. In Ephesians
  - i. In the \_\_\_\_\_
    - (1) It is *darkened* (here, by implication; more later)
    - (2) It is *callous*  
\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. In the \_\_\_\_\_
    - (1) God has shined His light on its “eyes” (here)
    - (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in it (3:17a)
    - (3) We \_\_\_\_\_ with it (5:19)
    - (4) It operates our \_\_\_\_\_ (6:5)
    - (5) It determines our *attitude* (\_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_)

3. The impact:

**B. “Having Been Enlightened”**

- 1. Light’s \_\_\_\_\_: *darkness*, which denotes...
  - a. God’s judgment  
Jeremiah 13:16; Matthew 25:30
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_’s preferred setting  
Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 1:13
  - c. Also \_\_\_\_\_’s preferred setting  
John 3:19–20; Ephesians 5:11
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_’s ignorant blindness  
Romans 1:21; Ephesians 4:17–18
- 2. Light’s **reality**: God’s light...
  - a. Banishes \_\_\_\_\_  
Psalm 27:1
  - b. Dispels ignorance and confusion  
Psalm 119:105, 130; Proverbs 6:23  
Ephesians 3:8–9
  - c. Represents the presence of \_\_\_\_\_  
Isaiah 60:19–20; Matthew 17:1-2;  
John 8:12; 1 John 1:5  
Ephesians 5:8–9
  - d. Characterizes God’s kingdom  
Revelation 21:23

**III. The Impact on Us**

**A. What God Does (2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 6)**

**B. What We Do**

- 1. For others: 2 Corinthians 4:5; 5:20
- 2. For ourselves: Ephesians 2:8-9

**C. How We Change**