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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

15-167-49 Ephesians 1: 15-18

SEEING WITH THE EYES OF THE HEART

- 2:55 Paul expresses many times his care and prayers to those to whom he is writing. He ties the Love for God together with the Love for the brothers and sisters. He joins the vertical and horizontal relationships. Examples are: Philippians 1:3ff I thank my God every time I remember you....4:00 Colossians 1:3ff We always thank God...when we pray for you..because of our faith in Christ Jesus and the love you have for the saints. Ephesians 1:15ff, ever since I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.
- 11:00 1 Jn 4:1 Don't believe every spirit only the one that acknowledges that Jesus is God become man to dwell among us.
- 25:00 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 Paul makes it clear that when proclaiming the word there is to be no manipulation or watering down the clear message to suit the temper of the times.
- 34:00 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 Man, without the Spirit of God in him, can not understand the ways and wisdom of God. The veil can only be removed by God's Spirit being active within you.

- 38:30 Matthew 13:13 Though seeing they do not see. The hardening of the heart which is the condition that results from continually rejecting and over-riding the Spirit.
- 45:00 Ephesians 1: 15-18 Paul prays for three things for those in the church at Ephesus. **1**. That the eyes of the heart will be enlightened so that they may understand God. **2**. That they receive the Spirit of Wisdom. **3**. The revelation of Jesus and the truth.

- Eph. 1:15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,
- Phil. 1:3 I thank my God every time I remember you. $\underline{4}$ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy $\underline{5}$ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, $\underline{6}$ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- Col. 1:3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—
- <u>1John 4:1</u> Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- <u>2Cor. 4:1</u> Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. <u>2</u> Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. <u>3</u> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <u>4</u> The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <u>5</u> For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <u>6</u> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.
- <u>1Cor. 2:11</u> For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <u>12</u> We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. <u>13</u> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words

taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

1Cor. 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Matt. 13:13 This is why I speak to them in parables:

"Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.