

When the Bible speaks of the heart, it does not mean the organ in our chest that pumps blood. Rather, it speaks of the inner person — our spirit.

“The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.”

— Ephesians 1:18

You see, it says “the eyes of your heart.” The physical heart cannot have eyes; therefore, this verse speaks about something spiritual — our spirit man.

Our spirits are similar to our physical bodies — they have eyes, ears, hands, and feet. They can see, hear, eat, and even die if placed in environments that deny them life.

A person who is spiritually blind is one whose spiritual eyes cannot see. But this does not necessarily mean someone who cannot see angels, demons, or visions. No! It refers to someone who does not understand the Word of God.

A person who does not understand the Word cannot be helped by it. It becomes meaningless and powerless in their life. When you read a book you do not understand, you easily ignore it — even if others praise it. The same applies to the Bible. If a person does not understand it, it becomes just another book to them.

To understand means to recognize the purpose and application of what you are reading in your life today.

THE STORY OF THE TWO DISCIPLES ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Let us turn to the Scriptures and learn more about what it means to have our spiritual eyes opened.

On the day Jesus rose from the dead, two disciples were walking to a village called Emmaus, and on the way, Jesus Himself joined them — but they did not recognize Him.

“Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

And they talked together of all these things which had

happened.

So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them.

But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him.”

— Luke 24:13-16

Jesus asked them what they were discussing, and they told Him about His own crucifixion — not knowing it was Him!

They said,

“But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened.”

— Luke 24:21

Then Jesus said to them:

“O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the

prophets have spoken!

Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?"

— Luke 24:25-26

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them all the Scriptures concerning Himself.

When they reached the village, they urged Him to stay with them. And when He sat with them at the table, He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them — and immediately:

"Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.

And they said to one another, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?'"

— Luke 24:31-32

Notice — even while Jesus explained the Scriptures to them on the road, they still did not fully understand what He was saying.

But after He broke the bread, their understanding was opened, and suddenly everything He had taught them made sense.

They realized that those Scriptures were speaking about Him! First, their spiritual eyes (understanding of the Word) were opened — then their physical eyes recognized Him.

This means that if they had not understood the Scriptures, even if Jesus had revealed Himself plainly, they still would not have believed.

UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES OPENS THE SPIRITUAL EYES

This truth is confirmed in the Gospel of John:

*“But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke:
‘Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?’
Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:*

*‘He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts,
Lest they should see with their eyes,
Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them.’”*

— John 12:37-40

So you see, having your spiritual eyes opened is not about seeing demons, witches, or visions. Neither is it about having prophetic dreams.

To have your spiritual eyes opened means to understand why Jesus came, what He desires now, where He is today, and how to walk in His will.

When you understand His Word and do His will, you will begin to see Jesus every day in your life — not with your physical eyes, but with the eyes of your spirit.

*“Then He said to them, ‘These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you,
that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.’”*

And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.”

— Luke 24:44-45

TRUE SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

A murderer, an adulterer, a fornicator, or one who dresses immodestly is still spiritually blind — no matter how many visions they claim to see or prophecies they speak. According to the Bible, they are still in darkness.

So how can one have their spiritual eyes opened?

First, by acknowledging that we are sinners, humbling ourselves before God, and asking for His mercy and forgiveness.

Then, by obeying His command to be baptized — in the true baptism, in the Name of Jesus Christ — and receiving the Holy Spirit.

It is the Holy Spirit who opens our spiritual eyes and enables us to understand the Scriptures. Without Him, we can never truly know God.

Without Him, we are like animals who have eyes but cannot see.

May the Lord bless you and open the eyes of your heart.

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