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All words spoken by Jesus Christ are in **red text**.

How do you define the word “see.” Take a few moments to formulate your answer.

Many may define the word “see” as looking through our eyes at something. For example, right now you are seeing these words as you read. Our eyes, combined with our other four senses (hearing, touch, taste and smell) provide a means for external physical “things” to enter into our body, heart, soul and spirit—where they are internally processed and influence us in various ways.

However, the definition of the word “see” greatly transcends simply looking at something with our eyes—because it is possible to “see” without our eyes—which is an attribute designed within us by God. For example, the word “see” may also be defined as a:

- Perception and understanding of meaning or importance (i.e. I “see” what you mean).
- Visualization of things that are intangible (no present physical existence), such as:
 - What may occur in the future.
 - What we would like to eat for dinner.
 - Recalling a wonderful or bad past experience.

However, those who ask Jesus to be their Savior and Lord are able to visualize an entirely new dimension as their eyes are opened to see the spiritual realm. This foundational truth was declared by Jesus when He sent Paul, **“To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God.” Acts 26:18**

As our born-again eyes are opened we are able to see:

- Spiritual light and darkness.
- The miraculous transformation that is occurring within ourselves.
- Others and the world around us from a different perspective.

This transformation from within—including the ability to increasingly see within the spiritual realm—is because those who are born again receive the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus. For we are not only forgiven, God also gives us the Holy Spirit as a personal helper, teacher and guide—who dwells with us, in us, and opens our spiritual eyes to God’s truths.

“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:15-18

Those who accept Jesus Christ will receive the Holy Spirit who:

- Causes a behavioral transformation that emanates deep from within our heart.
- Teaches us God’s word—as we discover His revelatory truths that were previously unseen.
- Removes the “cataracts” upon our “spiritual eyes” so that we can recognize the influence of the spiritual world upon ourselves, others, and throughout the world.

“Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 13:11

Seeing the spiritual realm may be compared to the production of a movie. For what we see and experience has been “created” by people who are not visible in the movie—including writers, set creators, lighting technicians, graphic artists, costume designers, musicians, and directors. Even the persona portrayed by each of the actors are influenced by those who are “behind the scenes.” In a similar manner, there is an invisible spiritual realm that actively attempts to influence us every day. However, the spiritual realm that is “behind the scenes” is segmented into two opposing forces: one obeys God, the other obeys Satan; one seeks to open our eyes, the other seeks to keep them closed; one seeks to free us from sin, the other seeks to strengthen bondage to sin; one seeks our eternity in Heaven, the other seeks our eternity in Hell.

Scriptural Evidence of God’s “Behind the Scenes” Spiritual Influence:

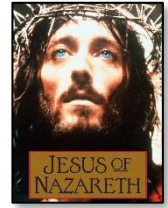
- “But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.” 1 Corinthians 2:10-12
- “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” 1 Corinthians 6:19
- “Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?” Hebrews 1:14
- “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28
- “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” John 10:27
- “Blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear.” Matthew 13:16

Scriptural Evidence of Satan’s “Behind the Scenes” Spiritual Influence:

- “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12
- “But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.” 1 Corinthians 2:14
- “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” 1 John 4:1
- “You once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.” Ephesians 2:2-3
- “We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.” 1 John 5:19
- “That they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.” 2 Timothy 2:26
- “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.” 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

We Are All Spiritually Blind From Birth

Jesus of Nazareth is a movie that wonderfully depicts the life, ministry, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Click on the picture to view a 9-minute segment that depicts [John chapter 9](#)—when Jesus restored the sight to a man who was blind from birth—which is analogous to our inability to see spiritually from birth, and why we must be born again.



Jesus was confronted by the Pharisees after He miraculously restored sight to a man who was blind from birth. The Pharisees were unable to see the truth that was before them because they had been blind since birth, and because their sins had reinforced their inability to see. They rejected the healing by Jesus; they declared it was not from God because the blind man was healed on the Sabbath; they then declared Jesus was a sinner for what He had done. Then Jesus declared, **“For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”** John 9:39

We are all like the man who was blind at birth. But what’s more, we were also like the Pharisees, **“Whose minds the god of this age has blinded.”** 2 Corinthians 4:4 For it requires the direct intervention of the Holy Spirit to transform our blindness into sight—so that we can see the spiritual realities that exist within us and around us.

As we grow and mature in Christ; as we fervently **pray** for spiritual insight and wisdom; as we diligently **read the Bible**; as we **obey the Holy Spirit**; and as we seek **fellowship with believers**—our spiritual eyes will increasingly open so that we are able to:

- Recognize the influence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Discern:
 - Between our own thoughts and His direction.
 - Those things within our heart and soul that:
 - Obstructs God from working through us.
 - Glorifies God.
- See the:
 - Activity, influence and consequences of Satan and his minions.
 - Global events that are facilitating the fulfillment of end times prophecy.

Pray for Spiritual Insight and Wisdom

- **“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened.”** Ephesians 1:17-18
- **“Call to me, and I will answer you; I will tell you wonderful and marvelous things that you know nothing about.”** Jeremiah 33:3
- **“In all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart.”** Philippians 4:6
- **“Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”** Hebrews 4:14-16

Read and Internalize the Bible

- “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16
- “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

Obey the Holy Spirit

- “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” Ezekiel 36:27
- “And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” Acts 5:32
- “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” Ephesians 4:30
- “Whoever is faithful in small matters will be faithful in large ones; whoever is dishonest in small matters will be dishonest in large ones.” Luke 16:10 (Good News Translation)

Fellowship with Believers

- “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20
- “As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.” Proverbs 27:17

Visual Discomfort

As your eyes are spiritually opened...be prepared to see things that are unpleasant and difficult to look at.

In truth...it can be disheartening to spiritually see the various consequences of sin and darkness.

- Spiritual death and misery of someone who succumbs to Satan’s lies.
- Caustic words that spews forth from hardened hearts.
- Blind, obstinate, misdirected, and ineffective attempts to fill their empty souls.
- Incomprehensible behavior that results in division, destruction and death.

However, this is when our God given attributes of empathy, compassion and the ability to forgive—combined with our memories that we were once spiritually dying in the same darkness—that motivates us to share God’s love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the lost.

Note: If you experience any form of condemnation, criticism, or self-righteousness...your heart is not in the right place. Remember the response of Jesus—as He was dying on the cross He asked the Father to, “Forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” Luke 23:34

In truth...it can also be scary to spiritually see the global events that are leading to the last days.

- The world is being increasingly manipulated by the god of this earth.
- Global economic foundations are failing due to unsustainable debt.
- Political infrastructures are in turmoil.
- The degree of division and strife between nations is rising—thereby increasing the probability of an unprecedented global war.
- Those who are responsible for the increased global instability are being manipulated by demonic entities—because every war, every battle, every skirmish, every murder, every argument, and every sin...began as a deceitful lie...from the father of lies ([John 8:44](#)).

However, as we witness these events it will strengthen our resolve and will magnify our faith in God.

For additional information read “21 Signs of the Last Days” on [UniqueBibleStudies.com](#).

Spiritual Sensitivity

Spiritual sensitivity is an aspect of the opening our spiritual eyes that is difficult to describe—but many can relate to it. In addition, I am not able to identify scripture that directly speaks to this aspect of our spiritual growth. Therefore, the following content is based upon my personal experiences—and other Christians who have had similar experiences.

Spiritual sensitivity is when we become more sensitive to (and aware of) the presence of spiritual entities. This is when we can “feel” the presence of the Holy Spirit and/or the presence of evil.

My best attempt to describe the experience of being in the presence of the Holy Spirit is a feeling of being enveloped in love, forgiveness, acceptance, and a warm illuminative light. This is when tears of joy will often emanate from the depths of my heart and soul as I recognize how unworthy I am to receive God’s grace, mercy and love. We may encounter these experiences while in church, in a bible study group, and during personal prayer and worship.

Whereas, when in the presence of evil, I have felt hatred, condemnation, repulsive anger, and an oppressive darkness. We may encounter these experiences when we are in an area where sin abounds, or when we are with someone who is demonically controlled.

Our enhanced spiritual sensitivity is due to our “internal” workings by the Holy Spirit—which provides us with two benefits:

1. We are able to experience blessings that are a “taste” of what it will be like on the “other side.”
2. Warns us of potential danger, and to put on the full armor of God ([Ephesians 6:10-18](#)).

“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.” 1 John 4:4, 6

In summary, it is important for every Christian to be aware of the need to open our spiritual eyes. For as we are able to see “behind the scenes,” it will:

- Enable us to discern between the enlightenment of God’s truths and the darkness of Satan’s lies.
- Strengthen our hope, belief, faith, and trust in our Savior and Lord.

I pray that, “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.” Ephesians 1:18

All for His Glory,
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