EYES OPEN!

THAT THE EYES OF YOUR HEART MAY BE ENLIGHTENED, SO THAT YOU WILL KNOW WHAT IS THE HOPE OF HIS CALLING, WHAT ARE THE RICHES OF THE GLORY OF HIS INHERITANCE IN THE SAINTS, AND WHAT IS THE SURPASSING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER TOWARD US WHO BELIEVE. THESE ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WORKING OF THE STRENGTH OF HIS MIGHT

(EPH 1:18-19)

Our calling

- "We are called to be a prophetic community against fear"
- Christen Forster, Ashburnham 2014
- ► Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, (or perish)
- ► (Pro 29:18a)

- ► "We need a vision to sustain us as a people; a vision that shows us clearly how the promises of God are more than all the power of evil.
- ► Let us then be a people who will not perish, but walk together in hot pursuit of the Lord, that we too will be able to hold before our eyes an all consuming vision of the conquering Son of Man the Ancient of days sitting upon His throne."
- **▶** James Goll The Seer

Together as a body - corporate

- There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling;
- ▶ (Eph 4:4)
- ► For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.
- ▶ (1Co 12:12)
- But now there are many members, but one body.
- ▶ (1Co 12:20)
- ▶ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- ► (Col 3:15)

Open Heavens changes your view.

- ▶ Then Jacob departed from Beersheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and spent the night there, because the sun had set; and he took one of the stones of the place and put it under his head, and lay down in that place. He had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie, I will give it to you and to your descendants. "Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed. "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."
- ▶ (Gen 28:10-17)

Praying from heaven

- and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- ► (Eph 2:6-7)
- ▶ O God, You are awesome from Your sanctuary. The God of Israel Himself gives strength and power to the people. Blessed be God!
- ▶ (Psa 68:35)
- ► "Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.
- ► (Mat 6:9-10)
- ► Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
- ▶ (Col 3:1)

Open Door?

- After these things I looked, and <u>behold</u>, a door <u>standing open in heaven</u>, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."
- ► (Rev 4:1)
- ▶ 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
- ▶ (Rev 3:19-21)

Join with Paul's prayer.

- ▶ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.
- ► (Eph 1:18-23)