

Is Any Light in You Darkness?

- *The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. **35 Look therefore that the light which is in you is not darkness.** Lk. 11:34-35*
- ***23 If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!** Mt. 6:23*
- How often do we do this?
- When is the last time we did this?
- Is our eye good and whole body full of light?
- Is there any light in us that is actually darkness?

The “Heart” of the Problem

- *The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? Jer. 17:9*
- It rationalizes or compartmentalizes.
- It seeks willful ignorance or minimizes.
- It justifies and make excuses.
- It understates or changes the subject.
- It ignores or forgets as quickly as possible.
- It hides /conceals or makes itself the victim.
- How can we truly know such a deceitful and desperately wicked seat of our being?

Are we Guilty?

- *This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. 20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God." John 3:19-21*
- Not universally or fully.
- It only takes one thing to bring us into the darkness.
- When a sermon is preached and we refuse to heed.
- We are there.

What Israel's Eye Saw

- in themselves:
- *Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, 18 and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law.*
Rom 2:17-20
- Every disciple in every church and in every denomination views themselves in this way.
- We see it in them but can we see it in ourselves?

Bad Eye = Body Full of Darkness

- *You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? 22 You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? Rom 2:21-22*
- The true indicator of the quality of our eyes
- It is not all the things we do/see that are right.
- It is the manner we do/see evil.
- Though each had a different issue still in darkness

Light in you is Darkness

- Israel with Jesus
- Saul of Tarsus
- Persecuted church could see – he couldn't
- The Corinthian fornicator & the church
- Paul could see what they could not see
- Galatians turning away so quickly
- This can't happen to me is best way for it to actually happen to you.
- He who thinks he stands, take heed...

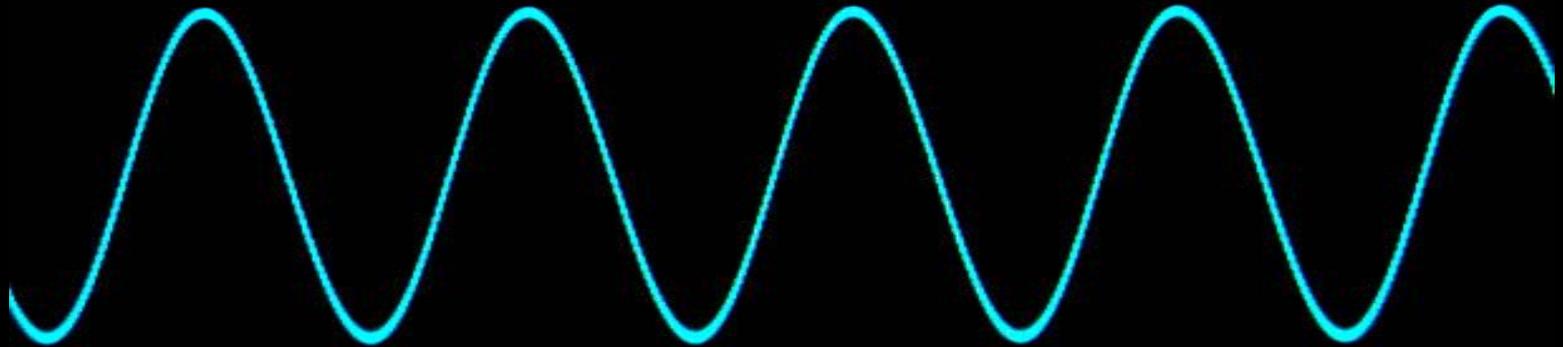
What is This Eye?

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- ***eyes** of your hearts **enlightened**, Eph 1:18*
- *walk by faith, not by **sight**. 2 Cor. 5:7-8*
- *faith is... **evidence of things not seen**. Heb. 11:1*
- *we **do not look at the seen, but at the unseen**.*
- ***seen are temporary, unseen eternal**. 2 Cor 4:18*
- *Eyes of heart see by the evidence of faith unseen*
- *If that is is full of light... If full of darkness*

What is a “Good” Eye

- *good* NKJV *clear* NASB *single* KJV ASV
- *healthy* ESV *sound* AMP
- *haplous* occurs only twice in the N. T. (Mt. 6:22 Lk. 11:34); ... **quite impossible to improve on ‘single’** ... being as it is *haploo* ‘*expando*,’ **that which is spread out**, and thus **without folds or wrinkles**; ... compare ‘*simplex*’ (not ‘without folds’; but ‘**one-folded**,’ ... **not ‘sine**,’ ... This notion of **singleness, simplicity, absence of folds**, which thus lies according to its etymology in *haplous* is also predominant in its use (Trench NT Synonyms; 573)

Not Sine



- This eye is not:
- *good NKJV* *clear NASB* *single KJV ASV*
- *healthy ESV* *sound AMP*

Good, clear, single, healthy sound eye has no folds

Light In You is Darkness

- What exactly am I looking for? It might be impossible for me to see right now!
- *The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! Matt 6:22-23*
- What is a “*bad eye?*” How Can I identify it?

When People Argue

- *To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work. Titus 1:15-16*
- This is seldom absolute.
- Generally it covers one or two lusts that have captivated and control us.

Take heed Light in you isn't Darkness

- *He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. 1Jn. 2:9-11*
- Agape love vs hate = light and darkness
- Yet this is not clear to those afflicted with it

Light in you is Light

- *4 Love suffers long and is kind...5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ...7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1C 13:*
- When we do these we are walking in the light.
- When we violate them we are in the darkness.
- A Dangerous Paradox:
- What we can't see in ourselves others can see in us
- What we can't see in ourselves we see in others.

The Paradox

- I can see in you what you can't see in yourself
- You can see in me what I can't see in myself.
- As we interact with each other and spend time in one another's homes, things come to light.
- Not necessarily things we are trying to hide, but things we just don't yet see in ourselves.
- People don't see us as we seek to portray ourselves. They see us as we really are.

A Single Eye

- Be Aware!
- See it in yourself
- No folds; no wrinkles; no sine wave
- Recognize it as soon as it appears
- Repent/confess and return to the light
- Realize that others see it in you.
- Don't shame yourself to others.
- Don't be like Israel.
- Don't let light within you become darkness

What a Single Eye Has Done

*if you do not **believe** that I am He, you will die in your sins." Jn. 8:24*

*unless you **repent** you will all likewise perish. Lk. 13:5*

*if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe** in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Rom. 10:9-10*

*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who **believes** and **is baptized** will be saved; Mk. 16:15-16*

***Repent**, and let every one of you **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins Acts 2:38*

*If we **confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*