

Revelation Changes Our Perspective

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Revelation changes our perspective. The apostle, Paul prayed in Eph. 1:17 “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.” When something is revealed to us, it means that we see something that we did not see before. There are many examples in the Bible of individuals receiving revelation, and how that experience completely transformed their lives. The Lord spoke to Abram in Gen. 12:1, and said, “Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will *show* thee.” As a result of Abram’s obedience to what was revealed to him, he was truly blessed and God changed his name to Abraham. Revelation changed his life and made him a blessing.

Another account of revelation transforming someone’s life was in the New Testament when a man named Saul was persecuting the church. As he was on his way to Damascus, “Suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” (Acts 9:3-4) Saul was absolutely astonished and asked the Lord what he should do. As a result of this experience, Saul was born again and his life was completely transformed, including the use of the name, Paul, instead of Saul. Revelation changed him on the road to Damascus.

Revelation changes the way we see God and the way we see ourselves. As believers in Christ, we have been given the Holy Spirit, and Jesus said in John 16:13 that he would show us things to come. The Barclay translation says, “He will tell you all about the things which are going to happen.” The Weymouth translation declares, “He will make known the future to you.” The Holy Spirit is in “show business” because He wants to show us things that will transform our lives, making it possible to fulfill the plan of God for our lives. Here are some examples of what the Holy Spirit wants to show us.

1) The Reality of Our Redemption

Our redemption is not a philosophy or creed but an actual redemption. Mark Hankins says, “The good news of the gospel is not that God can help us or wants to but that He already has.” Galatians 3:13 says, “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law.” Our redemption is legal, complete, and eternal. As a result of seeing the truth of this revelation, we can walk in victory every day because of what Christ has already done.

2) The Reality of the New Creation

The beauty of the gospel is that we are not forgiven sinners because there is nothing left of the person we used to be. The Living Bible in 2 Cor. 5:17 says, “When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun.” The Holy Spirit wants to show us the new

person we have become because of our union with Christ. As a new creation, we are made in the image of God.

3) The Reality of Righteousness

The gospel is a revelation of righteousness. We have right standing with God just as if we had never sinned. The scripture says in 2 Cor. 5:21, “For he hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” We have been forgiven, accepted and made righteous because of the blood of Jesus.

4) The Reality of our Authority

The Holy Spirit will show us of our rights, privileges, and authority that we have in Christ. Jesus said in Luke 10:19, “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” The Holy Spirit shows us that we have power and authority over the Devil and his works.

We’ve been given spiritual eyes so that we can see things that the Holy Spirit desires to show us. When we receive His revelation and see things the way He does, it will change our whole perspective.