

Why the Eyes of Faith Are Necessary

A. What are the “Eyes of Faith?”

2 Cor 5:7

1. KJV -Walk by faith and not by sight.
2. Complete Jewish Bible version: For we live by trust, not by what we see.
 - a) Greek for “walk” is peripateō / Strong’s Concordance G4043 = to make one’s way, progress; to make due use of opportunities.
 - b) Greek for by “faith” is pistis / G4102 = conviction of the truth of anything; included idea of trust and holy fervor; faithfulness, which is the character of one who can be relied on.
 - c) Greek for not by “sight” is eidos / G1491 = the external or outward appearance, form figure, shape, form, kind.

B. Why are the Eyes of Faith necessary?

1. Trust God; don’t trust what your eyes see.
2. To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Acts 26:18
3. NKJV whom having not seen[a] you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. 1 Peter 1:8-9

C. How to use your Eyes of Faith with Faith Vision.

1. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. Rom 8:14
2. The Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth. Jn 16:12-13
 - a) I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.
3. Holy Spirit will teach you to understand the prophecies.
 - a) Since we are living in the last days, these prophecies in the books of Daniel, Ezekiel and Revelation are very important to study so that we can be aware of their forthcoming fulfillment.
4. God will use you to open the eyes of the unbelievers. 2 Cor 4:1 NKJV
 - a) Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.
 - b) ... 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. For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Cor 4:4-6

D. When you learn to see into the spirit realm, you will see your eternal future. 2 Cor 4:16a, 18

1. Therefore we do not lose heart...
while we do not look at (fix our eyes on - NIV) the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
2. How can the Bible tell us to fix our eyes on what is unseen – even though you cannot see the unseen with your physical eyes?
 - a) Answer: You are to see into the unseen or spiritual realm by fixing your Eyes of Faith, with your mind, which will cause you to have the power to understand, discern and perceive (the unseen realm).
 - b) Greek for “look at or fix our eyes” is skopeo / Strong’s Concordance G4648 = observe, contemplate, to fix one’s eyes upon, direct one’s attention to.
 - c) Greek for “seen” is blepo / G991 = to see with the mind’s eye, to have the power of understanding, to discern mentally, perceive, understand.
3. What are you to fix your spiritual Eyes of Faith on?
 - a) Answer: Fix your Eyes of Faith on your eternal future.
 - b) Greek for “eternal” is aiōnios / G166 = without beginning and end; and will never cease.

E. Biblical Visualization sees your victory with the Eyes of Faith.

Ps 20:5 (Amp)

1. We will [shout in] triumph at your salvation and victory, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
2. Biblical Visualization changes your future to a better outcome.
 - a) Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish... Prov 29:18(Amp)
 - b) And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. Habakkuk 2:2
 - c) I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Isaiah 6:1 (Amp)
3. The Israelites saw themselves with Eyes of Fear and Failure instead of with the Eyes of Faith. Num 13:1-2(Amp)
Num 13:30-33
4. Rahab used her Eyes of Faith to see her eternal future; and became one of the great grandmothers of Jesus!
 - a) Rahab, a Canaanite, is a heroine of faith. She married Salmon, an Israelite from the tribe of Judah. Her son was Boaz, the husband of Ruth. Ruth’s son was Obed, the father of Jesse. Jesse was the father of David. Joseph, is a descendent of David, the legal father of Jesus. Joshua 2:9-21
 - b) The scarlet cord symbolizes the protection of the Blood of Jesus over Rahab.
5. Laura Wilkinson, an Olympian High Diver changed her future by visualizing that she could get a gold medal although it seemed impossible to her physical eyes. Phil. 4:13
 - a) Laura focused her Eyes of Faith on the Word of God, which was firmly rooted in her heart and came out of her mouth to publicly affirmed, “I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.”—as she did before every dive!