

"As also in all [Paul's] epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." 2 Peter 3:16-17 KJV



To understand God's Word the Holy Spirit must give enlightenment. If God is not present, indwelling, and quickening by virtue of His Word in our thoughts, there is neither understanding nor Life. You can explain light and color to a blind man all day long, but he will never truly understand without sight. Those blinded with unbelief, know sight is a possible reality, but proudly resist it and attempt to destroy those who do see. To admit they are in need of a miracle removes any possibility they are blind! They speak great swelling words, which to other blind men make sense, because none of them have ever seen the Light. Believers warn of obvious obstacles, but the blind foolishly stumble over them in spite of warning, because their own foolish pride is the obstacle that prevents them from admitting their guilt and crying out to God as the blind beggars, *"Jesus, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us!"* They argue eloquently that sight is not really important and try to demonstrate its weakness through self-reliance. Yes, Faith is more than my crutch – it is my Everlasting Hope and guarantee of Eternal Life! *"God resisteth the proud, but giveth Grace unto the humble. For by Grace are ye saved through faith."* Faith heals blind unbelief and allows men to see with clarity the end of time and eternal death of every unbeliever! Sight is the added sense of the *"NEW creature in Christ."* He, now, sees the danger as God's Word directs his steps. Should we sin, a repentant cry of *"Lord, save me!"* is sufficient. Repentance is obedience to God's Word. Maintain two-way communication with God in mortal life through unceasing meditation and prayer. The blind cannot follow Truth, because *"hearing they hear not, neither do they understand."* They are ever slipping into the abyss of evil, because they cannot see their way. They are to be rebuked, pitied, and, if they will come, led to God's Word to receive the gift of sight. Jesus promised, *"Whosoever cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out."* Don't let the blind convince you the liberty of sight is trivial. How could they know? *"The entrance of Thy Word giveth Light."* Unbelief may grasp the concept of Light, but never the reality. Believing IS seeing!

The wicked blindly stumble through,
The path of Light they can't pursue,
Unless they come to Christ the Lord,
And trust completely in His Word. ~CGP

God's Word in thought gives sight to blinded minds of unbelief. *"The god of this world (Satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not. Without faith it is impossible to please [God] for by Grace are ye saved through faith...the Gift of God. Faith cometh by...the Word of God. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save your souls."* We can't stop the fiery darts of doubt, but with sober vigilance and the Shield of Faith (God's Word in thought) they will always fail!

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