Sermon Notes for Sunday, August 17, 2025

“I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light

so that you can understand the confident hope he

has given to those he called—his holy people

who are his rich and glorious inheritance.”

**(Ephesians 1:18 NLT)**

**“Paul’s Prayer for the Church”**

**(Part 4)**

 **(Amplified Version)**

And **[I pray]** that the eyes of your heart **[the very center and core of your being]** may be enlightened **[flooded with light by the Holy Spirit],** so that you will know and cherish the hope **[the divine guarantee, the confident expectation]** to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints **(God’s people)**,

**1. “The Eyes of your heart May be Enlightened”**

 A. **“Eyes of your heart”**

 When the Apostle Paul speaks of the 'heart,' he refers to the core of a

 person's inner being, the source of their thoughts, desires, and

 intentions, encompassing what we might understand today mind

**Proverbs 4:23**

 “Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”

 B. **“May be Enlightened by the Holy Spirit”**

 Revelation: to reveal, uncover, or understand divine truth the Lord

 God is saying to us

**1 Corinthians 2:10**

 10 But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God’s deep secrets.

**2.** **You will know and cherish the hope** [**the divine guarantee, the**

 **confident expectation] to which He has called you**

 A. We were called to be transformed into the likeness of Christ—**Romans**

 **8:29 (NIV)**

 B. We’re called to be adopted as sons and daughters of God our Father

 **John 1:11-12 (NKJV)**

 C. We are to share in His glory—when we get to Heaven **Romans 8:16-**

 **17 (NKJV)**