

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Defining Awareness

How many of you wear corrective lenses?

- Either glasses or contacts
- Mine changed my life

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How much do we rely on them to live our life more unencumbered?

- Mine are the first thing I put on in the morning
- And the last thing I take off at night

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Do we consider them an imposition we're inclined to ignore?

- Or are we thankful to wear them on purpose every day?

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Genesis 1:26-27

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Aware of God...

- Like Him in His awareness

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2:18-25, Now in relationship with God & each other

- They were transparent with each other
- Completely free to be completely known...
- Nothing to be ashamed of
- Shame is not of God

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2:21-24, Shared God awareness

- Aware of God & myself in God's eyes
- Aware of others & creation through God's eyes

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Genesis 3:1-13, The devil redirects Eve's awareness

- That's what she now has to influence her husband with

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Sin made them **self-aware**

- Now aware of **themselves first**, and ashamed (**Vs.7**)
- Aware through their eyes, mind & experience
- And they became **the standard** they assessed life by
- Blaming others for their distortions

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John 1:45-49

Aware of God's full awareness of who he is

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Please close your eyes and think of:

- Your family background
- Your economic situation
- Your social status
- Your cultural preferences
- Your political convictions
- Your life experiences, good & bad
- Your view of other people

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How do those influence your life awareness?

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How does Jesus see those things?

- How does He see other people?
- Does your awareness of how He sees people impact how you see them?

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Like Adam & Eve, and everyone else

- We need to **see God**; to be aware of Him as they were **before sin**

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Matthew 22:37-40

- How do you see yourself in God awareness? (Nathanael)

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Mark 8:22-25, He spit on his eyes!

- NFL players ejected for spitting on another player
- Restoring our God awareness may be a process we would not choose

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Acts 9:1-18, God first blinded his previous awareness

- Then He changed the awareness of someone else

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Vs. 13-14, Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

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Who might we balk at going to minister to?

- Do we have **God awareness**?

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Vs. 15, But the Lord said to him, "Go, for **he is a chosen vessel of Mine** to bear My name"

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Vs. 17, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, **has sent me** that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

- God awareness transformed him from villain to brother

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I Cor. 13:11-12, When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside childish things. For **now we see indistinctly**, as in a mirror (Ancient mirrors were made of polished metal)

- **I Corinthians 15:31**, I affirm... in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily**.

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Jesus still restores unobstructed God awareness

- To all who are willing, and embrace it on purpose

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John 5:1-6, "Do you want to be made well?"

- Are you willing to forsake your established life awareness?

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Do you want to see others as He sees you?

- Or... how you see yourself on your own?
- **Romans 12:2**

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Matthew 22:39, And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

- "Freely you have received, freely give."

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Philippians 2:1-5

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Our awareness shapes **our representation** of who Christ is

- "He is a chosen vessel of Mine **to bear My name**"
- Do we put on the lenses of His awareness every day?

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Defining our awareness:

- **I Corinthians 2:12-16**
- **John 14:26, 15:15 & 16:13-14**
- **Philippians 2:5**

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Which awareness will define us?

- **God Awareness**, or **Self awareness**

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Peter's message, "Unaligned" 11/16.

- Abraham Lincoln

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Being thankful for God given God awareness!!