Mike Martin - Bethel Baptist Church May 15, 2016 Message Notes

Spiritual Blindness

Sermon Text: 1 Cor. 2:9-16

What is spiritual blindness?

Spiritual blindness is the inability to know, believe, see, or perceive spiritual truths.

Four causes of spiritual blindness that keep you from seeing God:

1. Pride

Solution: drop the pride

2. Habitual sin

Solution: repent of the sin

3. Preoccupation with worldly matters

Solution: gaze at God

4. Ignorance

Solution: know who God is

I. The heart of man imagined

What no heart has imagined

Prov. 16:25

Jer. 17:9

Isa 6:10

II. Those without the Holy Spirit are **blind**

What no eye has seen

Isa. 64:4

John 1:1-5

John 3:19-21

III. Those without the Holy Spirit are <u>deaf</u>

What no ear has **heard**

Deut. 4:28

1 Cor. 12:1

IV. Those who have the Holy Spirit walk by **faith**

What we cannot **see**, **hear**, smell, taste, or touch

2 Cor. 5:7

Heb. 11:1

Believers have something **better**!

Gal 4:4

Rom 8:14

Gal. 5:16

Rom. 7:25

Acts 9:17-20

My new ministry

Isaiah 42:16, 29:18, NASB

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Closing: With the Holy Spirit you can see, hear, smell, taste, and touch

The Thought for the Week:

Those who have spiritual sight **gaze** at the spiritual, and **glance** at the world!