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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 203

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **His enlightening love**. **Eph. 1:18**, ***“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people.”***

The Greek word for *enlightened* is **pephotismenous** which means *to bring something to light, to make evident or to reveal*. As we close these last few days of December, I would like to encourage you to just think about all the ways God has shown you how much He loves you. Every day of this year has been a reminder to me of His glorious and steadfast love. In this passage, Paul exhorts the church of Ephesus to open their eyes and behold the amazing hope and inheritance we have in Christ. There is no doubt that we only see what we are willing to look for. In other words, we must be willing to ask God to open our spiritual eyes so that we can see and understand His will and His purpose.

As we do, God will then lead us into the areas of ministry that are all around us. An example might be that neighbor you see on a regular basis. Maybe you say hi or wave, but that's about it. Now ask yourself this question; who does God see when He looks at my neighbor? The answer, no doubt, is that your neighbor is someone God loves so much that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life. That puts a totally different light (a spiritual light) upon what you see and perceive. As we look into the next year, may our prayer be that we can take this incredible love that God has poured out upon us and share it with people everywhere we go. Has God turned the light on for you? Let's do the same for others.

Dear Father, thank You for shining the light of Your glory upon us. Thank You for showing us the way that we should go. Thank You for giving us the ministry of reconciliation by bringing others to the knowledge of the gospel of Christ. In Jesus Name, Amen