
Week 3 — Open My Eyes

Introduction

- Jonathan Edwards: *Miserable is the condition of the Houssatunnuck Indians and others, who have lately manifested a desire to be instructed in Christianity, if they can come at no evidence of the truth of Christianity, sufficient to induce them to sell all for Christ, in any other way but this [path of historical reasoning]...The mind ascends to the truth of the gospel but by one step, and that is its divine glory.*¹

What Does “Supernaturally” Mean?

- Piper: *The act of reading, in order to be done as God intended, must be done in dependence on God’s supernatural help.*²

¹ Jonathan Edwards, quoted in John Piper, *A Peculiar Glory: How the Christian Scriptures Reveal Their Complete Truthfulness* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2016), 14.

² John Piper, *Reading the Bible Supernaturally: Seeing and Savoring the Glory of God in Scripture* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017), 183.

The Work of the Holy Spirit

- Wayne Grudem: *The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church...after Jesus ascended into heaven, and continuing through the entire church age, the Holy Spirit is now the primary manifestation of the presence of the Trinity among us. He is the one who is most prominently present with us now. From the very beginning of creation we have an indication that the Holy Spirit's work is to complete and sustain what God the Father has planned and what God the Son has begun.*³
- Calvin—"Tasting the Heavenly Gift"⁴
 - Heb 6:4–5—*For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come...*

³ Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine, Second Edition* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2020), 778–779.

⁴ John Calvin, *Walking in Faith: 365 Days with John Calvin*, ed. Joel R. Beeke (Grand Rapids, MI: Reformation Heritage Books, 2025), September 21, "Tasting the Heavenly Gift."

2 Enemies to Spiritual Sight

The Enemy Without

The Enemy Within

- Piper: *Our problem is not that there is insufficient light shining from the Scriptures. Our problem is that we love the darkness.*⁵

⁵ John Piper, *Reading the Bible Supernaturally: Seeing and Savoring the Glory of God in Scripture* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2017), 188.

Faith Seeking Understanding

Conclusion