



**DEVELOPING  
ETERNAL  
PERSPECTIVE**

## A PERSONAL STRUGGLE:

- ▶ We have a body and senses which know this world.
- ▶ We have a spirit and faith which seek something more.
- ▶ A familiar struggle ensues:
  - ▶ 1 John 2.15-17
  - ▶ 1 John 2.28
  - ▶ 1 John 3.2-3
  - ▶ 1 John 5.2-5,13



## A DIVINE CHALLENGE:

- ▶ The challenge is to keep this world in a proper perspective.
  - ▶ We are called to look at unseen and eternal things - **2 Corinthians 4.18**
  - ▶ We are called to walk by faith, not by sight - **2 Corinthians 5.7**
  - ▶ We are called to make pleasing God our highest priority - **2 Corinthians 5.9**





# MAINTAINING PERSPECTIVE:

- ▶ How do I develop an eternal perspective within myself?  
(Ephesians)
  - ▶ I don't do it by myself - 1.15-18; 2.4-9
  - ▶ I make God an inextricable part of my life - 2.10
    - ▶ This includes His word - 3.4-7
    - ▶ This includes following Christ - 4.17-21
    - ▶ This includes a new life - 4.22-24
    - ▶ This includes Bible study and baptism - 5.26
  - ▶ I associate with people who will foster this perspective within me - 5.6-14

